



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear all,

The Newsletter was delayed slightly in the hope that the guidance reflecting the government's latest announcements for schools would have arrived – it has not and so for the time being, the local authority has advised Wokingham schools to continue to follow existing guidelines.

Many aspects of daily life are beginning to resume some sort of normality and we are hopeful that we will be able to safely welcome all of our children back in the Autumn, fingers crossed! It is what we are longing to do as we have desperately missed seeing and helping all of our pupils learn.

The tragic event which took place in Forbury gardens last weekend was hard to comprehend and our thoughts are with the staff and the students of The Holt School at this very difficult time. Many of our Year 6 girls move on to Holt and a number of their existing pupils have siblings attending St Paul's. If there is anything that would be helpful for parents of our pupils in terms of support in the aftermath, please do not hesitate to contact us.

As part of our schedules, we include outdoor learning opportunities from time to time. This week, at the suggestion of one of our parents, we have included an additional page of ideas for things to do outdoors. Hopefully, the weather will be kind enough for the children to get outside and enjoy investigating for themselves – most activities require very little or no equipment and the sheet can be found at the very top of the schedules page.

Providing more interactive online opportunities has always been our direction of travel and our IT technician, Mrs Brook, is setting up our systems and pupil accounts so that we can trial the use of virtual class drop-ins for pupils with their teachers. We have had some teething problems with our initial attempt and a few hiccups of late with our network but we are working hard to resolve these. All being well, with virtual drop ins established, the next step would be to arrange for classes to 'meet' their new teacher online towards the end of term, as part of transition.



On Friday, we wished Mrs Hamer 'Love and Luck' as she left us to commence maternity leave. She was presented with a stunning bouquet of flowers on behalf of the pupils and a John Lewis Voucher for £125 from the staff. She also received a beautiful book full of messages from children in 3F and from all of our colleagues wishing her well. With just a few weeks to go, the arrival of baby Hamer is imminent. We will of course keep you posted about any developments and will include a picture of the baby in an upcoming Newsletter.

Have a good week,

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

Support

For families struggling to pay for food – we can help. Please get in touch by ringing 0118 978 5219 or send a message to admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

First News Online Edition

We subscribe to *First News*, the UK's national newspaper for young people. During lockdown this publication will be available online. It is full of interesting articles containing age-appropriate information and a great way to introduce some non-fiction reading material into your child's diet. The latest edition can be found [here](#).



Bling Your Bike Competition



Bling your bike or scooter and send in pictures of the finished work. The prize is a brand-new micro scooter and the deadline for entries is Sunday 19th July 2020. For details on how to enter please see the flyer below.

School Travel Adviser, Traffic & Transport Team, WBC

Information from the Local Authority

Students may have concerns over news coverage and online footage regarding the recent incident in Reading.

The following online resources may be of specific assistance to parents and children with discussions about terrorist attacks:

- [LGfL: Talking to Children about terrorism \(for parents\)](#)
- [NSPCC: How should you talk to children about terrorism? \(for parents\)](#)
- [Childline: Worries about the world page \(for children\)](#)

Wokingham Food Bank

Effective from Monday 6th July Wokingham Foodbank will be reverting back to its pre-COVID-19 opening hours.

Opening hours for collection will be as follows:

Monday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Wednesday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Friday 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Bling Your Bike or Scooter Competition



Win: A Brand New Micro Scooter!



How to Enter

This competition is open to primary school aged children attending a Wokingham Borough School. We are asking children to decorate their scooters or bikes with craft materials and send us photos of what you create. Be as creative and imaginative as you like with paper, glitter, tinsel and other materials. Once finished, please send photographs of your decorated scooter or bike to myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk.

Please include your child's name, age and school.

The deadline for submitting entries is Sunday 19th July 2020.

The winner will be contacted after this and asked to provide their email address, which will be given to Microscooter so that they can deliver the prize.

Good Luck!

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