

# St Paul's C of E Junior School



Dear all,

I am pleased to say that despite the miserable weather, the children here have had a good week and school feels and sounds a little more like it should with pupils in classrooms and fun and laughter out on the field at break and lunch.

Today saw the first of the series of class drop-ins taking place and the staff were very excited to see so many of their pupils after being apart for so long. From the smiles on the children's faces, it is clear that they too loved seeing their teacher and many of their classmates. The remaining class drop-ins are scheduled for early next week and on Wednesday, we will Parentmail out details of the timings for the next round. Hopefully, the Learning Mentors will be able to join these too. Thank you to our IT Technician, Mrs Brook, for setting up all of the pupil accounts and for producing the User Guide and Code of Conduct. This made things as simple and streamlined as possible, and made it easy for pupils to join the sessions.

Yesterday, the government published its plans for the return to school of all pupils and we are so looking forward to welcoming everyone back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 😊😊😊. Nothing could dampen our excitement about having the children back in school where they belong, not even the tremendous amount of work that lies ahead of us in, once again, rearranging the whole school and implementing a new system of controls. I am sure that you will have lots of questions about what arrangements we will need to have in place in September and over the coming weeks, we will be planning on how to move from having 145 pupils and staff on site each day to almost 450, without compromising safety. Inevitably, this will take careful planning and coordination, particularly around the suggestion that schools consider staggering the start and end of the day and breaks and lunchtimes, to reduce the risk of transmission. We will write to you as soon as we have the finer detail of what the 'new new normal' will look like here. In the meantime, a copy of the latest government guidance for parents is available [here](#).

In a previous newsletter, I wrote about this term's Parents' Consultations taking place via telephone, having forgotten that the last meetings were held on 4<sup>th</sup> March. As the children were only in school for a further 12 days before lockdown occurred on 20<sup>th</sup>, it would be impossible to provide any meaningful sort of update to the information that was previously shared with you by the class teacher. Therefore, our revised plan is to send out the end of year report for each pupil and any parent who wishes to discuss this in detail should notify school that they would like the class teacher to contact them.

Our Virtual Sports Week was a great success - thank you to all of the children who participated. Mrs Foster is currently calculating the scores and both the winning Year Group and House will be announced in next week's Newsletter.

Next week's schedules will be available on the website from 4pm today.

Have a good weekend,

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](mailto: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](#).



## Football Season Update



Unfortunately, COVID-19 brought an abrupt end to our football season. The Y5/6 Boys' team have been magnificent this year. Qualifying for the semi-finals in both the Wokingham District League and the Berkshire FA league was an incredible achievement and it is very disappointing not to be able to finish our cup run!! Unlike the Premier League, we do not have the luxury of completing the season and both tournaments have had to be cancelled.

The team have all played very well, demonstrating exceptional teamwork, drive and determination as well as skill and dedication. Each and every player has played a part in the success of the team and they should all be very proud of what they have achieved. It has been very difficult to select just one player from this outstanding team; however, we would like to nominate Rhys Littleford as the St Paul's Player of the Season 2019/2020 for his outstanding work ethic, footballing skills, leadership and positive attitude. Thank you to Mr Wiard who has coached the boys this season, along with support from Mr Smith, Mr McMenemy and Mr Littleford. Thanks also go to Mr Millen and Harry and Josh McBain for refereeing the matches.

The Girls' team have also been excellent this year. As a relatively inexperienced side, they have shown tremendous progress, worked hard and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. This team have an excellent attitude and have improved on every aspect of their game. Despite losing the first couple of matches, against two teams that went on to play in the Berkshire semi-finals, the girls were not downhearted and continued to work hard, resulting in winning some matches. St Paul's Girls came second in their group, but lost in the quarter finals of the Wokingham District League. We would like to nominate Samantha Sehejpal as the St Paul's Player of the Season 2019/2020, not just for her incredible skills, but for her unselfish play, inspirational leadership and teamwork.

Congratulations to Rhys and Samantha and we will look forward to seeing your progress as you move onto Secondary School. Let's hope we will be able to restart our competitions next year!

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

## Water Safety Message from RNLI



This summer, our Lifeguards cannot be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers. Although you may be a fair distance from the beach, we are seeing an increase in distances people are travelling to visit the coast, therefore it is important that we share the messaging inland as well as coastally.

- Download and use our [Water Safety from Home Resources](#). Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity.
- Take a look at the [RNLI & MCA's Beach Safety Campaign](#). Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.
- Our [beach safety resources](#) are also available for download to use on social media and online.

*James Woodhouse, RNLI Water Safety Education Manager, South East*

## Big Music Day – Berkshire Maestros

**BERKSHIRE MAESTROS PRESENTS**  
**THE BIG MUSIC DAY**  
Find the instrument that's right for you  
Saturday 11 July  
**JOIN US LIVE ON FACEBOOK:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/161276920071964/>

**Does your child enjoy music?  
Are they curious about different instruments?**

Come and join us LIVE on Facebook for a fun discovery session. Learn about our instruments, our lessons and ensembles and the amazing things you can do with music.

Learn how instrumental lessons can help your child to grow, encouraging key skills such as confidence, perseverance, teamwork, concentration and communication.

Berkshire Maestros is the county music service and the leading provider of instrumental lessons across Berkshire.

**11.00am Welcome**  
**11.05am Woodwind**  
**11.30am Piano/keyboard**  
**11.50am Brass/percussion**  
**12.25pm Guitar**  
**12.50pm Strings**  
**1.20pm Q&A**

How easy is it to play guitar?  
How big is a double bass?  
What's the difference between a cornet and a trumpet?  
What does a bassoon sound like?

Big Music Day is an online event raising awareness of all the instruments we teach at Berkshire Maestros. Between 11am and 1:30pm on Saturday 11th July there will be talks and demonstrations from our woodwind, piano, brass, percussion, guitar and strings department as well as time for questions. Parents can learn how instrumental lessons will help their child to grow, encouraging key skills such as confidence, perseverance, teamwork, concentration and communication. This FREE event LIVE on Facebook can help children discover which instrument is their perfect match, and is suitable for anyone aged six and over.

## Uniform Size Guide

The following is the size guide for uniform. Orders should be made via your online scopay account, preferably by 14<sup>th</sup> July. Once your order has been processed, your items will be delivered to your door. Should we attempt a delivery and find that you are not at home, we will contact you to arrange a suitable drop-off time.

### Sweatshirts

Size	5/6	7/8	9/10	11/12	13	Small Adult
To Fit Chest	26	28	30	32	34	36
Length <i>(shoulder to hem)</i>	19	20	21	22	23	25
Sleeve <i>(under arm)</i>	15	16	17	18	19	21

### Cardigans

Size	5/6	7/8	9/10	11/12	13
To Fit Chest	26	28	30	32	34
Length <i>(shoulder to hem)</i>	18	19	20	23	25
Sleeve <i>(under arm)</i>	13	14	16	17	19