

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 8.9.23



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Welcome back!

On Monday, the staff were very excited about the return of the children and quite right too! We have had four fabulous days with them and an excellent start to the term.

It is wonderful to be welcoming so many new pupils to our school family and all of our newest recruits look as if they have been here for years! Now they are into the swing of things and know where to meet their teachers on the playground, today is the last day that we will make use of the bus stops for Year 3. From Monday, to ease congestion, we ask that all parents 'kiss and go', dropping children off at the gate.

The safety of our pupils is paramount and so, when picking up at the end of the day, please enter the site to the left of the cones and then turn left after the wooden gate and walk along the end of the playground, behind the barriers and along the far side of the playground. This will enable the teachers to line classes up safely, ready for collection, without adults walking through the middle of children being led out to line up. It gives clear sight lines for staff to monitor the children in their care.

Earlier this week, I wrote to you regarding RAAC. Our school was surveyed at 7.45am yesterday and I am very pleased to be able to advise that there was no evidence of this type of concrete found in the main building or in the Learning Lodge.

Along with this Newsletter is an Online Safety, Parental Controls Booklet to assist you in helping your child navigate their digital world safely.

The amber weather alert continues into the weekend and so it promises to continue to be very hot and sticky. Whatever you get up to, have a lovely time!

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

PE and Swimming

Swimming Lessons commence next week. Pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. We ask that swimming trunks are close fitting and not long, baggy Bermuda style shorts and that girls wear a one piece suit. Swimming hats can be purchased from school.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Friday |
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| 5D 3D 3H | 5K 3B 4P | 5M 4R 4B | 6T 6B 6S |

The PE timetable will be sent out when swimming finishes. This is usually at October half term, weather permitting.

Outdoor Games

All classes will have outdoor Games on Thursday. **Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit.** (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). Games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their uniform too, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

Outdoor Games
Thursday - all classes

Nut Free and Healthy School



St Paul's is a **nut free school** and as a number of our pupils have severe nut allergies, please ensure that your child does not bring any food item into school which contains nuts. If you are unsure, please check the ingredients or leave it to be enjoyed at home – thank you.

As a school, St Pauls has healthy school status. We teach the children about the importance of healthy diet and exercise. We understand that pupils like to celebrate their birthday with their classmates. However, we do not permit them to hand out birthday sweets or cake. This is for a number of reasons, including the fact that we cannot guarantee that these treats will not contain ingredients that could make another child unwell. It is not because we don't want our children to have fun. It is to ensure that we keep them safe. Thank you for your understanding.

Dropping off Items

Please don't worry if your child forgets their water bottle packed lunch or pencil case we can provide them with the things they require for the day that they may have forgotten. We do not call home for any forgotten PE or swimming kits and if we have any available kit we will offer it to your child.

Clubs

Information about clubs will be sent out to all parents via Parentmail this evening, Friday 8th September at 8.00pm. The limit is two clubs per child to ensure that as many pupils as possible are able to participate in extracurricular activities.

Absence and Updating details

If your child is unwell, we need a written record from you of why they are not at school for our register. Absences should be reported via the absence section under Parent Mail, or by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk, detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day.

If you need to update your personal details please do this by using the SIMS Parent APP. If this is not possible please email the admin team.

School Lunches

The new price of a Caterlink school lunch is £2.53. Caterlink operate a cashless system and for your child to have a school lunch, their SCOPAY account must be in credit.

Open Morning – Thursday 5th October

We will be holding our open event on Thursday 5th October, giving you an opportunity to see our school during a normal working day.

School will be open from 9.00am to 9.55am and should you wish to drop in during these times, please sign in at the Oxford Road entrance, where you will be issued with a visitor's badge. We make no changes to the timetable and lessons run as normal for this event to give you a feel of what learning is like at St Paul's. If you are unable to visit on the 5th, we will be holding further open events throughout the year.

Curriculum Information Evening – Wednesday 13th September 2024

Each teaching team will give a short presentation on the curriculum and talk about ways in which we can work together to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child this year. They will also briefly touch on 'housekeeping' matters such as homework etc. Each year group will deliver the same presentation twice (5:00pm & 5:45pm) so parents with children in different year groups have the opportunity to attend. For this event, please enter school via the Murray Road entrance as the office will be closed. There will be staff at the doors waiting to direct you to where the presentations will take place.

Parents' Consultations – 11th and 12th October 2024

Parents' Consultations will be face to face meetings and you will have the opportunity to look through books and visit classrooms. Meetings with teachers will take place in the main hall.

Booking will open on Wednesday 27th September and close on Wednesday 4th October. Instructions of how to make an appointment will be sent out the week before, via ParentMail.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 22nd September 2023

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Jeans for Genes Day on Friday 22nd September is a fundraising event to support scientific research into genetic disorders. This is a non-uniform day to which the children are invited to dress in jeans, as part of an outfit of their choice. Donations for this worthy cause to be made via our [Jst Giving](#) page which will go live at the end of next week.

Book Fair



The Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 27th September - Monday 2nd October, with over 200 new children's books to browse and buy! If you are unable to join us, gift vouchers are available at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents.

St. Paul's earns **FREE BOOKS** for every book sold at the Fair, so this is a great opportunity to support the work of the school and help us stock up our classrooms with new resources. We hope to see you there!

Wokingham Childrens Book Festival

The Wokingham Children's Book Festival will be held on the weekend of Saturday October 14th to Sunday October 15th. Put a note in your diary and don't forget to book some events! Sessions will be held at Wokingham Town Hall and Wokingham Library, with a mixture of storytelling, crafting and singing.

Tickets remain priced at £3 per person and can be purchased from the [Wokingham Children's Book Festival website](#)

Wokingham Traffic Cameras Outside Schools

Drivers have been warned to watch out for new automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras that will go live outside two Wokingham schools next week. In the trial scheme which is aimed at improving road safety, the new ANPR cameras will monitor the School Keep Clear markings daily and a PCN will be issued to offending vehicles.

Read the full article here: <https://wokingham.today/cameras-to-monitor-keep-clear-zones-outside-schools/>

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations if you have already completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. For those of you who have not yet completed the challenge - you have until Saturday 16 September. Please remember to visit the library and collect your certificate and medal.

Everyone who has completed the challenge will be invited to a special Summer Reading Challenge swim at one of the Places and Leisure. Details will be emailed shortly.



Junior Jam

'Calling all 8-18 year old musicians! Would you like to play alongside a live band? Would you like to be a more confident performer?

If this is music to your ears, the monthly Junior Jam at The Outlook in Reading is the stage for you!

To find out more, say hi to us on IG @music.made.fearless and check out when the next jam is happening'



| Diary Dates | |
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| Wednesday 13 th September | Curriculum Information Evening 5:00pm & 5:45pm |
| Friday 22 nd September | Genes for Genes Day (Donations via Just giving Page from 18/9) |
| Wednesday 27 th September - Monday 2 nd October | Travelling Book Fair |
| Monday 2 nd October | Flu Immunisation Years 3 - 6 |
| Tuesday 3 rd October | Portrait Photographs Cardwell and Simon |
| Wednesday 4 th October | PTA Annual General Meeting 2:30pm – 3:15pm in the Learning Lodge |
| Thursday 5 th October | Parent Open Morning 9:00am-9.55am |

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| Friday 6 th October | Harvest Festival at St Pauls Church 9:30am. |
| Wednesday 27 th September | Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations 7pm |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Online booking for Parents' Consultations closes 3.30pm |
| Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th October | Walter / Jameson / Lewis / Selwyn Hustings |
| Wednesday 11 th October | Parents' Consultations 3.50pm -7.40pm |
| Thursday 12 th October | Parents' Consultations 8.50am - 11.10am |
| Monday 16 th October | House Captain Election |
| Tuesday 17 th – Friday 20 th October | Y6 Liddington Residential Trip |
| Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October | Half Term |
| Friday 24 th November | Non-Uniform day WADE, Wokingham |
| Tuesday 12 th - Wednesday 13 th December | Christmas Celebration, St Pauls Church 6-7pm |
| Thursday 14 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| Friday 15 th December | End of term – 2pm finish |
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UNIVERSAL VOICES

Director: Dr Rebecca Berkley

First rehearsal Wednesday 20th September, 16.00 – 17.30

Come and sing with Universal Voices, the free children's community choir at the University of Reading - singing, games, laughter, fun and performance

Universal Voices is a community choir open to all boys and girls in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (7-11 years old) in the Reading area. No auditions are necessary. Children can join any time through the Autumn term.

We rehearse on Wednesdays in term time, 16.00 – 17.30, in Building L29 on the London Road Campus.

Universal Voices is free for all children, thanks to the generous support of our donors and the University Alumni and Supporter Engagement Office.

To book your child's free place at a rehearsal, please [click here](#) or use this QR code.

You can also email universalvoices@reading.ac.uk



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| <p>All Years Mixed Multi Skills Club</p> <p>Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>£7.50 a session</p> | <p>All Years Mixed Football Club</p> <p>Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>£7.50 a session</p> |
| <p>All Years Mixed Football Club</p> <p>Monday Lunchtime</p> <p>£6.50 a session</p> | <p>All Years Girls Football Club</p> <p>Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm</p> <p>£7.50 a session</p> |

Book online at bit.ly/stpaulsclubs

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