

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 20.10.23

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It has been a quieter week than usual and we thoroughly missed Year 6! They had an absolute whale of a time at Liddington and you can follow their adventures on our website [here](#).



They say that every picture tells a story and the photos are proof of what a fantastic time the children had - and how happy and well cared for they were whilst away. They were shattered by the time they arrived back at school but extremely proud of all that they had achieved.

Huge thanks to our brilliant staff team: Mrs Brodie, Mrs Foster, Mrs Hallows, Mrs Holt, Mrs McBain, Mr Jex and Mrs Thornhill. Congratulations to Mrs Armstrong, Party Leader, for organising the trip and ensuring it was a great experience for everyone!



The Year 6 children who stayed behind worked their socks off all week and to say a big thank you and well done, we celebrated them with a tea party of cake, biscuits and hot chocolate. It was a delicious way to spend a Friday afternoon.



The Hustings for House Captains are now complete and the candidates worked exceptionally hard on preparing for their speeches to the whole school. The pupils and staff were enthralled by the calibre of the candidates and by their presentations. The election took place on Monday and every pupils had an opportunity to cast their vote for the girl and boy they would like to see represent their House. The candidates with the highest number of pupil votes will be appointed. Well done to the school for being a supportive and encouraging audience and thank you to all of the candidates who stood this year.

Today we said farewell to Mrs Chiu, Learning Mentor in 5M. Although only with us for a relatively short amount of time, we thoroughly enjoyed working with her and wish her well for her return to Hong Kong. Our best wishes also go with Mrs Adeel who leaves our Lunchtime Team to join the team at Reddam. On behalf of the pupils and staff, we would like to thank both for their care and support.

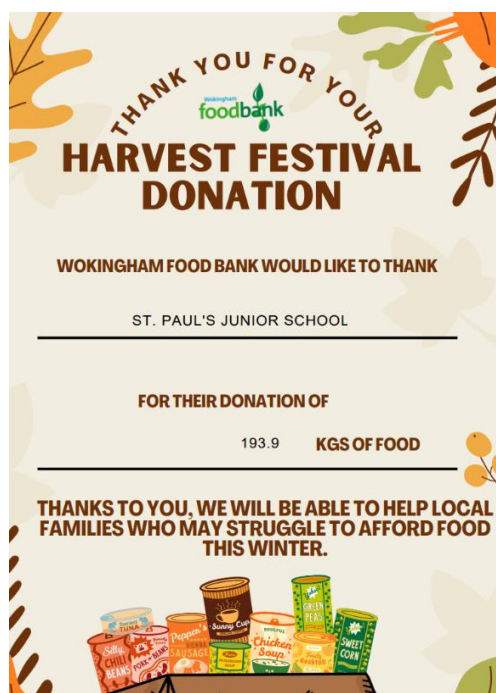
We are currently recruiting for Learning Mentors, a School Secretary and a Site Assistant. For more information see the vacancies section of our [website](#).

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back after a well-deserved break on Monday 30th October.

Happy half term!

Mrs Taylor

Harvest Festival Donations



Dear St. Paul's Junior School,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Harvest donation to Wokingham Foodbank. It is heart-warming to know that in spite of everything else going on in the world there is still so much compassion for others in our community who are less fortunate and struggling with the cost of food.

As you may be aware Wokingham Foodbank remains incredibly busy, which has placed significant strain on our stocks. This year has been our busiest on record but thanks to the generosity of donations such as yours we are in a strong position to face the challenges ahead.

With kindest regards,

Wokingham Food Bank

Wow!

We love to hear what our children achieve in clubs and events outside of school, as well as any exciting exploits such as the one that Charlie, Riley and their little brother got up to. The boys attended a family festival at St Crispin's and had the chance to handle a range of reptiles, including a very long snake!



PE & Games

Indoor PE

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into.

Outdoor Games

All classes will have 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.

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

Outdoor Games
Thursday – all classes

Message from the Governors

We Need You

There are 3 vacancies on the governing body of our school for Parent Governors. The governing body is made up of people from different groups including parents, teachers, local authority appointed members and foundation governors who are appointed by the diocese. A term of office lasts for 4 years – you will be amazed at how quickly the time flies. Depending on interests and expertise each governor sits on at least one of the three committees: Learning & Teaching, Health & Safety and Finance & Personnel. Our current governors have introduced themselves on the [governor page](#) of the school web site.

What do governors do?

School governors:

- are responsible for the strategic management of the school;
- oversee its aims, values and ethos;
- promote high standards of educational attainment;
- monitor pupil progress and attainment;
- ensure compliance with the National Curriculum;
- manage the budget, including deciding the number of staff and pay;
- participate in the appointment of the Headteacher and Deputy Head;
- regulate school conduct and discipline.

The governors act as a team, but the amount of time that each is able to give to the role varies. The full governing body meets every half term and committees between 3 and 6 times a year. The governors support the school in practical ways throughout the year by joining in with events. Once a term they are invited in to spend a whole day in school observing how their discussions and decisions are being put into practice. The highlight of these days is always talking to the pupils in their classrooms, over lunch and in the playground.

What will I get out of being a governor?

You will get:

- the knowledge that you have played a significant part in improving children's education and supporting the staff;
- a chance for continuing professional development and to develop new skills, such as chairing meetings, asking questions, making suggestions and monitoring the budget;
- A chance to work as part of a dynamic team.

If you think that this is a way in which you would like to contribute to the school please get in touch with the clerk to the governors by email Pauline.wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. There is a legal process to follow in appointing governors but the clerk will be able to help you through this process and training for your future role will also be available. We look forward to hearing from you.

Playtime Snacks



As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not permitted.

Naming Items

Please ensure all items brought to school, including water bottles and lunchboxes, are named. We have an abundance of lost property that we cannot reunite with its rightful owners.

My Journey

Our latest My Journey Wokingham schools competition is out now!

This competition is open to all Wokingham primary school children and the winner will have their design printed onto a high vis jacket for each member of their class.



Make sure you use the template at the end of the newsletter to design a black and white logo for a high vis jacket.

Please send your designs to us by 25th November to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk

Please see template attached which has all the details of how to enter and an image of the winning design from last year's competition.

Link to it on our website too: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/design-a-logo-for-a-high-vis-jacket/>

Good luck!

BBC Audition

This is an incredible opportunity for boys between 10 and 13. No previous acting experience is necessary and this adaptation of 'Lord of the Flies' is by Jack Thorne.



Jack is an award winning playwright and screenwriter who wrote His Dark Materials for the BBC and Harry Potter and The Cursed Child for the stage. With him in charge of the script you know it's going to be brilliant! The team behind the casting and production look amazing too and it is shooting in Australia!!

All the information is in the link below. Go for it boys - this is your chance!

<https://www.bbc.com/mediacentre/2023/lord-of-the-flies-open-casting-for-boys>

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'

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits your child may be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium funding:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit – Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact the office to find out more or follow the link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

Dates for Next Week	
Monday 30 th October	6S Forest School Session
Diary Dates	
Thursday 23 rd November	PTA Winter Disco
Friday 24 th November	Non-Uniform day - WADE
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm -5.30pm
Sunday 10 th December	Annual Primary Schools' Carol Concert 5pm Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
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

DESIGN A LOGO FOR A HIGH VIS JACKET



This competition is open to all primary aged pupils in Wokingham borough. The winner's class will each receive high vis jackets with the design printed on.

Simple black and white designs will look best.

Send your designs to us by
25 November to:
myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk



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