



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

Today we said goodbye to the most amazing group of Year 6 pupils who are now officially 'too cool' for primary school! Other pupils leaving us today are Emily and James Anderson and Harry Kerr, who are all off to new schools. It is not just pupils who moving on, but also members of our staff team too. It is farewell to Miss Brown (3F), Mrs Bunn (Inclusion Manager) and Mrs Quartermaine, who after 30 years of service to St Paul's, has decided now is the time to retire. This morning's Leaver's Service was a very special event, despite the pyrotechnics, and gave us the opportunity to celebrate each leaver in our own special way. Our parting wish for everyone moving on from St Paul's is that they are strong, brave and fearless on the next leg of their journey.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

September 3 – Inset Day –
School Closed

September 4 – Start of Term

September 17 – Curriculum
Information Evening

September 24 – 6G Visit to River
and Rowing Museum

September 25 – 6W Visit to River
and Rowing Museum

September 30 – 6B Visit to River
and Rowing Museum

Holiday Homework

Today, the children brought home their Holiday Homework – a reading challenge sheet from Mrs Wilson - a log on and password for Typequick, an online touch typing course that the school has purchased for all of our pupils, including our outgoing Year 6 children.

The benefits of touch typing extend beyond mastering the home keys and increasing speed, it also strengthens reading and spelling skills, and prepares students for the longer and more complex writing assignments that will be required of them as they move to secondary school and beyond. To get the best out of this programme, the recommendation is 10 minutes of practice once or twice a day, as little and often works best when learning to type: using the course just once a week for an hour or so is unlikely to be as successful.

St Paul's PTA



Our PTA have done a fantastic job of fundraising throughout the year, providing Fairs, discos and other events. Last Saturday's Summer Fair was a huge success and a good time was had by all. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day, especially those parents who filled in all the time slots on stalls where we had no cover. Well done to Miranda Purle (Y4) who launched her start up business, ' The Gorgeous Gift Store' at the fair!

This Fair was very swiftly followed by the Year 6 Leavers' Disco and BBQ. Both events were a lot of fun and testament to the commitment and hard work of the committee and parent volunteers. The funds raised through events such as these fund special resources that we would be unable to provide for the children from the school budget.

At the AGM in September, we will be able to give you a short summary of the total monies raised by the PTA this school year, and what the funds raised have been spent on to date.

Donation

Thank you to those Year 6 parents who made a generous donation from the money raised through the sale of a 'Class of 2019' Memory Lane Movie organized by Mrs Hopkins. We will be using the funds towards giving the swimming changing rooms a bit of a face lift as this will benefit every pupil in the school.

Mrs Burch

After 9 years as our Crossing Patroller, sadly Mrs Burch hung up her 'lolly' for the final time today. All three schools fought hard to keep her but after this year's stay of execution, the decision has been made to remove the last 4 crossing patrollers servicing Wokingham schools, replacing them with automated systems. Works have been scheduled for Murray Road this summer and a Puffin Crossing will be installed and in use by the time the children return after the holidays. We presented Mrs Burch with a beautiful Samaritan Jo wisteria for her garden, as a reminder of the children and families of St Paul's that she has taken such good care of and 'crossed the road' for over the last 9 years.



House Captains and School Council



Well done to the School Council and House Captains. Both teams have had such a successful year. Their hard work and ideas have helped improve the school in many different ways and as a result, plans are underway to try and make some improvements to the swimming pool changing rooms towards the end of the holiday.

Volunteers

Thanks to our parent and governor volunteers – Becky Simpson, Jackie Marotto, Alan Harrison, Jan Norbury, Gill Underwood and Penny Wallace, who give up their time each week to come in to school to hear children read. Everyone benefits from this; the children, the school and the volunteers themselves, who gain a great deal of pleasure from seeing what a difference a little of their time makes to a child's reading ability, confidence and enjoyment. We are always on the lookout for reading volunteers and if you feel that you would be able to spare an hour one afternoon a week, please contact the school office. Training will be provided.



Governors



Thank you to all our governors who give up their time to support the school with their expertise, hard work and ideas. Their guidance, challenge and attendance at our half termly meetings is greatly appreciated, as are their visits to the school and the work they put in alongside the staff and children. We are looking forward to welcoming some new members to this group in September.

500 Words Competition Winners

Congratulations to our 500 words winners and runners up.

Year 3

Winner - Micah Robertson
Runner up - Maxim Hannaford

Year 4

Winner - Evelyn Duxbury
Runner up - Marnie Richards

Year 5

Winner - James Threlfall
Runner Up - Lauren Wesley

Year 6

Winner - Izzy Simpson
Runner up – Emma Saffin

The quality of entries was very good and it took our judges some time to reach a decision as to who the overall winners would be for each year group. The winners were each presented with a collection of books in assembly earlier this week. Well done to the winners and runners up and all the remaining competition entrants. We thoroughly enjoyed reading every one of your stories and are already looking forward to next year's entries.

The staff and children have worked hard this year and are ready for a well-deserved break from school. I couldn't be prouder of their efforts and appreciate all of the support that you have given them since September. I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back for the start of the autumn term, including the pupils new to our school, on Wednesday 4th September.

Sporting News

For a round-up of sporting news, please see the separate Sporting News! which has been sent by ParentMail and can be found on the website [here](#).

Run the World



It was a good week for run the world, the children ran 5,431 laps of the playground which is equivalent to 1,357 miles.

Congratulations to 4B for running the most laps in the week (938) and to Year 5 for running the most laps across the week (2,112) – great work!

Our journey takes us from Portland in Oregon to Phoenix, Arizona.

Thank you again for motivating the children to do so well.

The world map on the PE and Games noticeboard is updated every week to show our running journey.

Mrs V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

Bikeability Summer Course

There are a few spaces left on a Bikeability Level 1/Level 2 course in Woodley in August for children aged 10+ years. The course runs on 21st – 23rd August and costs £20. For further information please see <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-level-12-course-21st22nd23rd-august-2019/>

Space Chase – Summer Reading Challenge at Wokingham Borough Libraries

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

The Rockets are a futuristic family living in space, and they are hot on the trail of a mischievous band of aliens! The aliens have been jumping from galaxy to galaxy, helping themselves to whatever they like. Now books have mysteriously started to vanish from the Moon Library and the Rockets are on the case.

With lots of help from children taking part in the Challenge, the Rockets will go on a mission to try and find the missing books and introduce the aliens to the wonders of the library, where they can share stories together. There's plenty of peril along the way, from black holes and shooting stars to the murky depths of the alien ship. Let the Space Chase begin!

The challenge will run from Monday 1 July to Sunday 1 September 2019 – For more details visit <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/reading-schemes-for-children-and-adults/summer-reading-challenge/>

Wokingham Borough Libraries, Young People and Families Outreach

Summer Holiday Family Learning Courses – Wokingham Borough Council

The following summer holiday family learning courses are available:-

- Fun Healthy Eating for Families, 30th August, Ambleside
- Learn with Lego, 31st July or 28th August, Wokingham Library
- Learn with Lego, 31st July or 28th August, Finchampstead Library
- Storytelling and Puppets, 27th August, Wokingham Library

For further information go to <https://tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-ed>

iRock School of Music

Please see the letter below giving more information about iRock music lessons at St Paul's.

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Diary Dates	
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Medieval Market Day



Celebrating 800 years of the Market



14th September

10am - 4pm

**Town Hall
Market Place
Howard Palmer Gardens
& Wokingham Library**



Follow us [@lovewokingham](#) on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for more details as they are released





Medieval Market Day



Oyez Oyez!

Wokingham Town Council and partners are celebrating 800 years of the Market with:

Modern Meets Medieval Market
All your favourite regular traders, plus others with goods that would have been around in past times.

Get involved with medieval themed activities such as **archery, falconry, weaving, apple pressing** and learn about **Wokingham's history and traditional crafts**.

Plus strolling minstrels, performers and lots more.

Also, as part of our Market & Heritage Open Days Celebration



9th - 22nd September
Medieval life & fairs display in Wokingham Library

15th September 12 noon to 4pm
Tours of All Saints Belltower

19th September 10:30 - 11:30am
Talk on Wokingham Markets by the Wokingham Society









How to reserve a place

0800 634 9310

www.irockschool.com/parents-form

info@irockschool.com

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Limited spaces available. Please reserve your child's place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Your child now has the chance to join their very own rock band and become either a drummer, keyboard player, vocalist or electric guitarist. Our in-school band sessions make learning music fun for every child. Our sessions build confidence, promote musical progression and explore the importance of teamwork when performing in a band.

How it works

- o Children choose to become a vocalist, drummer, keyboard player or guitarist. Please let us know what your child's preference is.
- o 30-minute weekly sessions which run throughout the school day with iRock providing all equipment and instruments.
- o Lessons are available to children from foundation to year 6 and are run by a dedicated and experienced musician.
- o End of term concerts organised by iRock - A chance for every child to perform and showcase their new found confidence and perform to all parents.

Our sessions are made to be accessible for all children so no prior musical experience is necessary to join. Your child can experience all the benefits from our weekly sessions for a monthly subscription of just £29.99 with no payment due in August. There is no minimum sign up period giving you the flexibility to stay with iRock for as long as it suits you.

To reserve your child's place please visit www.irockschool.com/parents-form, email us on info@irockschool.com or call us on 0800 634 9310.

Kind regards,

Joshua Franklin
Head of iRock School of Music

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St Paul's C of E Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment.

Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.