St Paul's Newsletter - 4.11.22

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

The children have worked extremely hard over the last half term and our year group teams are raring to go with all of the lovely learning they have planned in the run up to Christmas. Each year group sent out a mini newsletter, reminding parents of what is on the agenda for the remainder of the term (Thank you to our Parents' Forum for the suggestion – we hope that you found them useful). We thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the children's progress with you at our recent Parents' Consultations and our pupils were over the moon at finding your feedback in their trays.

Last Tuesday, our governors spent the day in school, working in classrooms for the morning, looking at our new resources and approach to Guided Reading, observing lessons and working alongside the staff and pupils. They then had lunch in the dining hall with pupils and then visited the staffroom and playground to talk to as many colleagues and pupils as possible. Events such as this, give governors an invaluable insight into what learning is like at St Paul's and assists them in their work challenging and supporting the school.

The House Captains did a magnificent job of selling poppies and other items to raise money for the British Legion; we very much appreciate your generosity in supporting this cause. Our Captains have also been thinking about how to mark this week's Antibullying Week (14th – 18th November) and have opted for Friday 18th to be Odd Socks Day as a fun way to celebrate what makes each of us unique. No donation is necessary for this special day, as we will be focusing on celebrating our differences, something which makes our school family extra special. The Captains have put up posters around school to remind everyone about the importance of reaching out if they are worried about bullying and they will be leading a special assembly for the school on this very important message.

The Year 3 Team would like to extend a massive thank you to 'Keep it Spotless', a local window cleaning firm, for the extremely generous offer of books to support Guided Reading next term. Given Y3 will be studying Roald Dahl's 'The Giraffe Pelly and Me", which is all about window cleaning, they felt that this might be 'a little nudge from the universe' to get involved! If you work for an organisation that might be happy to support our school with much needed resources, please get in touch.

Sadly, some of our pupils are off to pastures new: Matilda Forde, who is moving to Winnersh Primary and to Eveie Rose, Harvery James and Millie Mae Dean Savery, who are off to Lamb's Lane Primary – we wish them all well at their new schools.

Finally, thank you very much to all of the staff and Miss Edwards who did a marvellous job of holding the fort whilst I was unwell last week!

Mrs Taylor

National Sleep Helpline





Grassroots fixture – Message from Reading Football Club

"Over 5,000 tickets were sold for local children, parents, teachers and coaches for our 1st Schools and Grassroots fixture of the season when we beat Huddersfield Town on Saturday 1st October. As our manager Paul Ince said after the match: "We won't always win games. But I hope these kids keep coming again and again and that we see them here again for the years to come!" With that in mind, we would be delighted if you could join us for our 2nd schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23.

When?

Reading vs Coventry City Saturday 10th December 2022, 3pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

What's happening?

This will be our first fixture back after the World Cup break, so a great opportunity to welcome the team back to league football with a bumper crowd and invite all your all your friends and family, your school teachers and your club coaching staff for just £1 for all those aged 12 and Under and only £10 for adults!

12 and Under: £1 17 and Under: £3 18 to 24: £5 65 and over: £5 Adult: £10

That's right, with this special offer your children can come to watch our Championship match against Coventry City for just £1!

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

Please reply to this email and we will provide your School with a unique code for all those affiliated to St Paul's CE Junior School to book online. There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased by your School, you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win the School a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes! Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupons codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

We hope to see you all on Saturday 10th December!"

Reporting an absence

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 ParentMail, 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.

Break Time Snacks

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 allowed.

Cost of living crisis

If you're struggling to pay your bills or feed your family help is available. The Hardship Alliance, a group of voluntary organisation's working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council, have created the cost of living help hub for those who need support.

It outlines financial support, how to get help with your bills, health services and more you can use. These include:

 Parents with children who get means-tested free school meals can get £15 per week, per eligible child during all school holidays (this applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter). Apply through First Days Children's Charity to the Household Support Fund

Anyone struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other household essentials can also get help. This is for people struggling rising costs of living as well as people in receipt of benefits. You could get £120 in the form of a food, fuel or cash voucher. Apply to Citizens Advice or Age UK Berkshire through the Household Support Fund

PE Timetables

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit (shorts, t shirt and trainers) with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

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

Thursday		
Outdoor PE – all classes		

Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

17 th Oct	7 th Nov	14 th Nov	21st Nov	28 th Nov	5 th Dec	13 th Dec	14 th Dec	15 th Dec
4R	6D	4P	6T	6B	5K	3K	3B	3H

Diary Dates			
Next Week			
Fri 18 th November	Odd Socks Day		
Fri 18 th November	6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am		
Upcoming			
Thurs 24 th November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am		
Fri 2 nd December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am		
Fri 2 nd December	St Paul's Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 5.30pm		
Tue 6 th December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm		
Mon12th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm		
Tues 13 th & Wed 14 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm		
Fri 16 th December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am		
Tues 20 th December	End of term – 2pm finish		



Christmas Camp and Inset Fun Day a St. Pauls Junior School

Open To Boys and Girls Aged 4 - 11

Venue: St. Pauls Junior School, Wokingham RG41 2YJ

Dates:

Christmas Camp: Wednesday 21st -Friday 23rd December

Inset Day: 4th January

What We Offer: Football, Multi Skills, Cricket, Dodgeball Rounders, Tennis, Tournaments, Competitions and Mini Olympics!

Book now at info@justplaysports.co.uk

More Information...

Timings:

Normal Day: 10:00am - 3:30pm Extended Day: 08:30am - 5:30pm

Prices

Full Week Booking Normal Day: £76.00 Full Week Booking Extended Day: £103.00 One Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00 One Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

Inset Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00 Inset Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

All Prices Include VAT

10% Sibling Discount!

Open for 4 year olds from 10am - 2pm: £23.00

We are now Ofsted Registed so can accept childcare vouchers!

Head to the website below and you can book your space there!

Book now at www.justplaysports.co.uk



