

St Paul's Newsletter - Spring: 06.05.22

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

I often open with what a busy week we have had - this one has been no exception!

As a member of the School's Learning Alliance, we work collaboratively with other schools on challenge and improvement work. On Wednesday, we welcomed the Headteachers from Emmbrook Infants and Hillside Primary, who spent the morning reviewing every aspect of our child protection and safeguarding procedures. During the morning, they met with a cross section of staff, audited documentation and spoke to the School Councillors. The audit went extremely well but what impressed our visitors most was the way in which the children could articulate the different ways in which they are kept safe in school and how safeguarding is taught within the curriculum. Thank you Councillors!



Miss Gilder and Miss Plumley accompanied our WASMA choir to the first massed rehearsal at Waingels on Thursday evening, where the children got to sing alongside pupils from many of the other schools who will be participating in the concert in June. The excellent behaviour of our pupils made them stand out from the crowd and they were exemplary ambassadors for St Paul's. Well done to our choir!

Today was Y5 Evacuee Day and our Billeting Officer (otherwise known as Mrs Keen) was at the gate, clipboard in hand, directing the children to their correct train platform, ready for departure. The children and staff spent almost all of the day in role, enacting some of the experiences that children faced during WWII. It was a busy, hands on day and included food tasting, drama and learning what life was like for an evacuee. Thank you to all of our Y5 team for giving the children such an enjoyable and knowledge packed day. Thank you to our Y5 parents for supporting with costumes and the gas mask homework. We will let you know once the photos from today have been uploaded to the Year 5 area of the website.



3B rounded off the week with a fantastic assembly this morning. It was apparent that the children are thoroughly enjoying their learning and it was a really interesting presentation, which every member of their audience enjoyed. Not only did they teach us about a range of remarkable people and their impact on the world but they showed us what a remarkable group of children they are!



Next week, our hard-working Year 6 pupils will sit their SATs. They will be the first pupils to take these tests since May 2019 and we are very proud of how sensible and mature they have been in the run up to the tests. The children will complete papers in Reading, Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation, Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning, and all by Thursday lunchtime! Those Y6 children attending our pre-SATs breakfasts should arrive at school at 8.20am and enter via the Oxford Road entrance. The presentation from Thursday's Year 6 SATs Information Evening for Parents is available on our website and can be accessed from the Year 6 button on the Home page.

We will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 27th May and the children and staff are invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue.

The May edition of our Online Safety Newsletter can be found on the Home page of the website and contains lots of useful information and advice, including a social media update and information regarding TikTok and pop up adverts <https://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/web>

To the parents of 3H, Mrs Hamer was delighted with the messages from the children and parents and with her gifts. She has asked me to thank you on her behalf. Our get well wishes to Mrs Nisbett and Miss Richardson who are also unwell.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Taylor

No Nut Policy Reminder

We do not permit any items in school containing nuts. Please check packaging carefully when choosing items for lunch boxes and break time snacks. Playtime snacks can be any of the following - fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and nut free cereal bars. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and sweets are not permitted at break.



Well done!



Liam made the selfless decision to grow his hair throughout the COVID-19 lockdowns and when it was cut, donate his long locks to the Little Princess Trust. The trust provides free real hair wigs to children and young people, up to 24 years, who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions. We are proud to have such thoughtful and caring pupil at St Paul's. Well done, Liam!



If you are inspired by Liam and would like to know more, follow the link <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>

Congratulations to Jessica on receiving a Blue Peter Badge this week! Jessica enjoys writing poetry and decided to submit her latest composition to the programme.



There are eight different Blue Peter Badges that can be awarded. Blue ones, like Jessica's, are given for interesting letters, stories, makes, pictures, poems or, good ideas for the programme. If your child is itching to get their hands on a badge, more details can be found here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

Golden Certificates

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All of Class 3B

Evelyn & Mahathi (3H)

Jordan, David & Katerina (4C)

Rohan, Theo & Rufus (4R)

Emma & Eloise (4P)

All of Year 5

Natalie & Sophie (5G)

Kofi & Ismail (6L)

Ellie (6B)



Happy Birthday

Many happy returns to our pupils celebrating this week:

Ruby (4R), Max (6N), Izzah (4P), Myra (5S), Lincoln (3K) and Finley (3K)



Road Closure – 16th May 2022

We have been advised that on Monday 16th May, Oxford Road will be closed from 08:00 am 6:00pm. Please bear this in mind as it is likely that many of you will need to make alternative arrangements for dropping off and picking up from school that day.

We can help

If you are experiencing difficulties, we can help with gas/electricity vouchers, school uniform, shoes, PE Kits and school trips. Please get in touch on 0118 978 5219. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.



Forest School News

This week's groups started to get to know each other through a game which gave them opportunities to develop their skills of leadership, teamwork, communication and determination.

We've been busy in the allotment, preparing the soil before planting our potatoes, strawberries and courgettes. The children also planted carrots, peas and pumpkins which they will transplant into the ground in a few weeks' time. Thursday afternoon also saw the children scatter wildflower seeds on an previously unused area of ground and we look forward to seeing the fruits of all of their labour.

Back in the woodland, child-led learning has seen trees being climbed, dens being created and some whittling projects getting started. We are already looking forward to next week and are keeping our fingers firmly crossed for some overnight rain to keep our new plants watered.

Mrs McBain and Mrs Gray



Wokingham Launches its new Emotional Wellbeing Hub

The Emotional Wellbeing Hub provides free support and advice. It is a central point of contact for young people, families, and professionals to access mental health services. This service is for people who have concerns about the emotional or mental health of a child or young person aged between 0 and 19 years. The service is also available if you're a young person needing support.

<https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/health/health-services-and-advice/emotional-wellbeing-hub/>

How the hub can help

- Offer advice and guidance;
- Discuss concerns / needs;
- Provide support from local support services including Primary Mental Health Team 4 Youth, ARC Youth Counselling and Kooth Online Counselling.

Make a referral

The hub is aimed at children and young people (up to 19 years of age) with mild to moderate emotional wellbeing needs. If you are a young person seeking help or referring a child or young person and would like more information, or you need help completing the referral form, call 0118 974 6000 (Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4:00pm).

Air Quality Project Update

We are progressing well towards our Modeshift Environmental Accreditation. Thank you to all the families who have participated and are supporting us with these initiatives. You will have noticed our anti-idling banners at the Murray Road entrance. These were designed by St. Paul's pupils and seem to be a good reminder to parents about turning off engines whilst parked outside school. A number of parents and staff have noticed an improvement since the banners appeared and we are appealing to all vehicle owners to join us in making the surrounds safer for the children attending St Paul's, Walter and Meadow.

Did you know?

Running your car engine while your vehicle is stationary is known as idling;

- An idling engine can produce up to twice as many exhaust emissions as an engine in motion;
- Exhaust emissions contain a range of air pollutants such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter;
- These can affect the air quality of the surrounding environment and the air we breathe.

As part of our feedback to DEFRA on this Air Quality project, parents are invited to complete a very short survey and will have the chance to win a £25 Decathlon voucher.

Please click on the following link to complete the survey.

[Wokingham Active Travel Banner Survey](#)



EnergyKidz

Energy Kidz holidays clubs are the perfect solution to ensure your child enjoys a school holiday like no other. With a brilliant mix of skills for sports, energising activities to get children moving, creative sessions that encourage children to express themselves and much more, you can ensure your child doesn't miss a moment by securing their place today.

Claim 10% off Half Term Holiday Club - Use code: EBMA5CAMP22 to claim your discount! Offer ends Sunday 15th May. Confirm your booking now at: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/>

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to call 0333 577 1533 or email info@energy-kidz.co.uk



Forest School Class Timetable – Summer 2022

These sessions will take place in our woodland area, so please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing with them on that day i.e. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

09/05	16/05	23/05	13/06	20/06	27/06	04/07	11/07	12/07	13/07	18/07
4P	6N	3B	6L	6B	4C	3H	5S	4R	3K	5G

All children should come to school dressed in their kit. PE & games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their uniform to school too, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

Diary Dates 2022	
Monday 9 th May – Thursday 12 th May	KS2 SATS (Year 6 pupils only)
Monday 23 rd May (NEW DATE)	Pupil Photographs – Cardwell & Son
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 3 Victorian Day
Friday 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebration - children invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue. No donation necessary.
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term
Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY – school closed
Thursday 9 th June	Sports Day (9am – 12:30pm) Parents welcome to attend
Sunday 12 th June 2022	WASMA Concert – tickets should be purchased via Hexagon Box Office https://whatsonreading.com/
Saturday 18 th June	PTA Summer Festival
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y2 to Y3 Parents' Information Meeting 2pm
Monday 27 th June	3H Wokingham Walk

Tuesday 28 th June	3B Wokingham Walk
Wednesday 29 th June	3K Wokingham Walk
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Production 6.30pm
Wednesday 13 th July	Pupil Reports sent home
Friday 15 th July	Y6 Enterprise Day
Monday 18 th July	Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Y6 parents welcome
Tuesday 19 th July	End of Summer Term – 2pm finish

Term Dates can be found on the website [here](#)




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MAY HALF TERM CAMP!

Fun sporty activities for 5-12 year olds at
Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, RG6 4GD



Camp Dates:
Monday 30th May, Tuesday 31st May & Wednesday 1st June 2022

Book now for 10% off using code MAY10 at checkout
Valid until Friday 20th May 2022

Book a date in May and Summer and receive 15% off!
Use code SUMMER15 at checkout. Valid until Wednesday 1st June 2022

For more information including the activity timetable and to book:
www.wokingham.gov.uk/power-up-kids-activity-camps
wakbookings@wokingham.gov.uk
 0118 974 3728





Take a look at what fun sporty activities we have on offer!

- Pool fun
- Inflatable fun
- Hockey
- Football
- Cricket
- Trampolining
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Dance
- Badminton
- Children's yoga
- Martial arts
- Rounders
- Athletics
- Dodgeball
- Basketball
- Soft play
- and many more!

New! Summer Camp Dates 2022:
 Wokingham Leisure Centre at Carnival Hub: Monday 8th August - Friday 2nd September
 Loddon Valley Leisure Centre: Monday 25th July - Friday 2nd September

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