

St Paul's Newsletter - Spring: 04.03.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Welcome back and a special welcome to Miss Bonner, our new School Secretary, and to Aiden and Sophia who joined their classmates in 5D and 4R respectively. We also welcome Mr Foster, who joins Mr Walsh, as part of our Site Team.

Sadly, we are still without Mrs Hamer and Miss Osborne to whom we send our very best wishes. We are hoping that they are soon on the road to recovery and that we will be able to welcome them back in the near future.

We certainly hit the ground running this week! With mid-year assessments out of the way, we held our first round of pupil progress meetings. This is the chance to review the progress of each child since September, and for those in Y4, 5 and 6, look at progress made since joining the school. This naturally paves the way for Parents' Consultations and although later than normal because of staff absence due to Covid-19, it will now take place towards the end of March. Meetings will be held on MS Teams and further information will be sent out next week, via ParentMail.

Earlier this week, we sent you links to resources for supporting discussions with children regarding the situation in the Ukraine. First News also have a range of age appropriate information for primary pupils, which pupils are able to access via their Class Page on MS Teams.

Monday saw our first assembly in the hall in a long time and it was wonderful to see our whole school gather as one. We learned about the ancient Japanese art of Kintsugi and its use in restoration, which led us to thinking about how we might begin restore elements of St Paul's that have been 'on hold' because of the pandemic. On that note, School Council meetings restarted this week, and as well as red noses, Council Reps are inviting pupils and staff to 'Dress to Impress' on Friday 18th March in return for a donation for our fundraising for Comic Relief. Red noses will be on sale in school from Monday 7th March (£1.50)

Now it is much safer to bring children together from across the whole school, we have also reinstated meetings for House Captains. They have decided that this half term's treat will be film and popcorn for the children in the House with the highest number of housepoints by noon on Wednesday 6th April.

This week's totals are: **Selwyn – 718** **Lewis – 616** **Jameson – 603** **Walter – 655**

Thank you for supporting World Book Day – as you will see from the photographs, we had great fun yesterday celebrating reading! The children looked fantastic and the left the Book Swap armed with new reading material. The winners of the Potato Competition were judged by Ms Edwards, who announced our winners in today's assembly. Congratulations to Fraiser Yr 3, Aalayah Yr 4, Avani Yr 5 and Tom W Yr 6 and thank you to Mrs Tustin, our Reading Lead, for coming up with some great new ideas as to how we could celebrate this event!

Well done to our Y3 and 4 pupils who took part in the Indoor Athletics Final this morning. They were fantastic competitors and outstanding ambassadors for St Paul's School! Thank you very much to Mrs Foster for organising our team and also to Mrs McBain for accompanying the trip.
Have a good weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

We can help

For any family facing financial difficulty, please get in touch on 0118 978 5219. We would be happy to help in any way we can. We have access to a range of support, including an 'on the day' emergency delivery of a school food parcel directly to your door or a referral to Wokingham Foodbank, for a more substantial family food parcel, including specialist items such as nappies and cleaning products. We are also able to make referrals for top up fuel vouchers as well. If you think we might be able to help you in some way, do not hesitate to get in touch. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.


Social Media

If permitted by parents to have social media accounts then it is vital that our pupils know how to keep themselves safe. The following setting options can be applied to decrease the chance of your child being exposed to inappropriate or explicit imagery via their accounts:

Social Media Settings

Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.

Instagram



Settings → Privacy


PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY: allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.

Tiktok



Profile → Settings → Privacy


PRIVATE ACCOUNT: when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers **(recommended: on)**

SAFETY: Tiktok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts **(recommended: friends)**

COMMENT FILTERS: you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in **(recommended: on)**

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.

WhatsApp



Settings → Account → Privacy


PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS: You can change who can see a profile photo and status **(recommended: my contacts)**

GROUPS: allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups **(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)**

BLOCKED: can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!

Snapchat



Profile → Settings → Privacy

CONTACT: decide who can message you and send you snaps **(recommended: my friends)**

VIEW MY STORY: restrict who can see your story **(recommended: my friends)**

GHOST MODE: if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map **(recommended: on)**

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more

The March edition of our Online Safety Newsletter is now available and contains a range of information, including items about Poppy Playtime 2, Smartwatches and Fitness Trackers. It is well worth a read!

No Nut Policy Reminder

We have a number of pupils with acute allergies and for safety reasons, we do not permit any items containing nuts. Please check packaging carefully when choosing items for lunch boxes and 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 permitted.



Happy Birthday!

Many happy returns to all our pupils celebrating last week and this week:

Darsh (4C), Sophie (5D), Oscar (3H), Oliver (6N), Kofi (6L), Laura (3B), Elvis (3B), Ibrahim (3B), Aarohan (4R) & Charlotte (5G)!



World Book Day Fun





Junior Bake Off Reminder



Love Productions has opened applications for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**. Filming takes place from July 2022, but **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at - www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Golden Certificates

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awarded to

Evan, Yolie and Gabija 4C

Sophia and Tiah 4R

Jack, Isabel, Sinclair, Emily and Ajitesh 5D

Tiana 5G



Forest School News

It was 4C's turn to come down to the woods on Monday afternoon. They impressed us with their creativity, teamwork and problem-solving skills while building stick towers. They reflected on what had gone well, what they would do differently next time, as well as sharing their biggest challenges – well done 4C!

Our afternoon sessions have been focused on World Book Week, each group has shared stories which have animals in them, recommended books for others to read and spoken about their favourite genres.

We retold the story of The Three Little Pigs before going off to build houses for them. Some built houses of sticks, others from stone (sadly there wasn't any straw in the woodland). One stone house even had a moat surrounding it as the children didn't think the wolf would be a good swimmer!

What a surprise the children got when the Big Bad Wolf appeared and proceeded to try and blow their houses down!





After all the rain this week, the woods are starting to get quite muddy. If you are out for a Forest School session next week be prepared to get dirty!

Forest School Class Timetable – Spring 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.

| 07/03 | 14/03 | 21/03 | 28/03 | 04/04 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 5G | 3K | 5D | 3B | 3H |

PE Timetable – Spring 2022

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--------|---------|-----------|-------------|--------|
| 3K | 3B | 4P | All Classes | 4R |
| | 5S | 3H | | 5G |
| | 6L | | | 5D |
| 6N | 6B | | | 4C |

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 | |
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| Tuesday 29 th March | iRock Concert – 11:15am (Parents of iRock pupils are invited to attend) |
| Monday 7 th March | Red Noses go on sale - £1.50 |
| Friday 18 th March | Dress to Impress – non-uniform day for a donation to our Comic Relief fundraising |
| Tuesday 29 th , Wednesday 30 th , Thursday 31 st March | Parents' Consultations – booking information will be sent out via Parentmail next week |
| Tuesday 29 th March | PTA Easter Discos |
| Friday 1 st April | PTA Bake Sale |
| Thursday 7 th April | END OF TERM – 2.00PM FINISH |
| Friday 8 th April | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Friday 13 th May | PTA Family BBQ |
| | KS2 SATS (Year 6 pupils only) |
| Saturday 18 th June | PTA Summer Festival |
| Term Dates can be found on the website here | |