

St Paul's C of E Junior School

A very warm welcome back to the new term. The children have made an excellent start and were quickly back into the swing of things. It promises to be an extremely busy term and we are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that the children are happy, healthy and make the best possible progress.

We are delighted with the outcome of our recent focus on handwriting and presentation and the improvements the children are making. They are always keen to do well and there was much excitement in Thursday's assembly when Mrs Wilson announced this term's Handwriting Competition. The children have until 24th to choose their favourite poem, writing it out in their best handwriting and illustrating it or adding a decorative border. This will be completed in school. The details of the winning entries will be published in an upcoming Newsletter and the poems for each class will be made into anthologies for the Reading Corner.

Welcome Muhammad Wasim, our newest member of 5P and to Mrs Clarke, 4A's new teacher. We hope that they settle in soon and are very happy here at St Paul's.

I am sorry to say that we have recently had several instances of being unable to contact parents on any of the numbers we have been provided with. It is very distressing for a child when they are feeling too unwell to be in school or when, in the event of an emergency, they need to be seen by a doctor. Should any of your contact details change, please remember to update the office straight away. This is true for home, work and mobile numbers, and addresses. If arrangements or circumstances change at home, please make sure you let the class teacher know so that we are able to take extra special care of your child – it can be hard for a child if a parent is working away or they are worried that a close family member is in hospital etc. By keeping us in the picture, we are able to provide the right kind of support and at the right time.

Club start and finish dates, Forest Schools, Assemblies and Diary Dates can be found below and will hopefully save anyone having to call the office for information previously published. They are also available on our website calendar [here](#).

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher



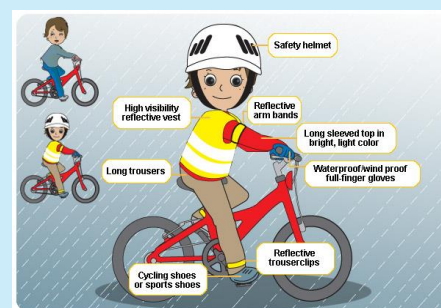
Upcoming Events

January 24 6B Class Assembly, 9.15am

January 29 5K Forest School Session

Safeguarding

We ask that any child who rides a bicycle to school, wears an appropriate safety helmet, together with high visibility clothing. As local roads are so congested, we discourage any pupil from cycling until they have successfully completed Bikeability training. Scooters and bikes for Walter pupils should be parked at the infant school and not in the racks at St Paul's.



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Birthday Sweets

In many schools, sending sweets and cake in for birthdays and celebrations has been common practice. Times, however, are changing, and there are compelling reasons for us to discontinue the tradition here at St. Paul's. This decision is partly because of increasing numbers of childhood allergies and because we aim to be a healthy school. There is nothing more upsetting for a child than to feel left out and as so much confectionary contains gelatin or carries the warning 'may contain nuts', this makes them unsuitable for consumption by many of our pupils. With classes of 32, providing birthday sweets can be an expensive outlay for parents, not to mention that a child could receive in excess of 30 bags of sweets over the course of a year and 128 by the end of Year 6!

Birthdays are a time for celebration, and we will continue to make the usual 'fuss' and sing the Birthday song but please do not send anything in with the children to share with their classmates as it will be sent home at the end of the day.

If you feel that wish to mark your child's birthday in some way, then the gift of a book, or indeed books, for the class library will always be much appreciated. Class teachers will be happy to provide the titles of books that the children would love to see on the shelves in classrooms.

School Postbox

Our post box is on the wall of Meadow Nursery, just above the small wooden gate into our playground. Letters and post can be left here to save walking all the way around to the Oxford Road entrance. The box is emptied daily.

Lost Property

The Lost Property Store can be found by the wooden gates into the playground. There is always a huge amount of unclaimed uniform and kit to be found there, so much so, that we will be emptying it on the last Friday of each half term and any unnamed, unclaimed items will be donated to charity or disposed of, whichever is the most appropriate.

Request

Please ensure your child brings a carrier bag in with their PE kit every Thursday. This is to hold muddy trainers and kit after the outdoor multisport session. The same is true for any child who attends lunch or after school football – a bag for dirty boots will help prevent mud getting all over their kit, and from being walked through school.

House Matches

To raise the awareness of para-Olympic sports all pupils will participate in House matches in New Age Kurling, Boccia and Tri-Golf competitions on Thursday 6th February during their PE sessions. Scores will be added up throughout the sessions, and a winning House announced by the end of the day.

In addition, we will also be running the following intra-House events after school. If you have not submitted the form under ParentMail to register your child's interest, please now contact the office on 0118 978 5219.

- All Years Cross country – Thursday 13th February
- Years 5/6 Netball – Wednesday 25th March
- Years 5/6 Football – Thursday 26th March

For all of the above events, children should wear a t-shirt in their House colour if possible.

Run the World Programme

The Run the World programme is designed to support our vision ensuring all pupils leave primary school with the knowledge, skills and motivation to help them lead a healthy, active lifestyle and to continue to participate in physical activity in sport.

Every day, the children will go outside to run or walk around the playground. All completed laps will add up to a weekly total for each class. These will then be totalled for the whole school and translated into miles. Progress will then be plotted on a map on the Sports Noticeboard as we travel around the world. We will also run fun competitions during the programme to keep the children motivated.

The children will run or walk in their school uniform, there is no requirement for any extra kit. We hope the children have already shared their enthusiasm with you, and we have been delighted to see how well everyone has responded so far – It will be very interesting to see where in the world we end up. We have already run to Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh, and are currently residing in Amsterdam until we can add on the totals this week!



Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

Diary Dates 2020

Friday 24 th January	6B Class Assembly, 9.15am
Wednesday 29 th January	5K Forest School Session
Monday 3 rd February	3B Trip to Wokingham
Tuesday 4 th February	3F Trip to Wokingham
Wednesday 5 th February	3D Trip to Wokingham
Thursday 6 th February	House Matches – New Age Kurling, Boccia, Tri-Golf
Friday 7 th February	3B Class Assembly, 9.15am
Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website here	

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Class Forest School Dates – Spring Term 2020			
Wednesday 8th January	5P	Wednesday 26th February	4A
Wednesday 15th January	6W	Wednesday 4th March	4L
Wednesday 22nd January	6B	Wednesday 11th March	3D
Wednesday 29th January	5K	Wednesday 18th March	3B
Wednesday 5th February	5S	Wednesday 25th March	3F
Wednesday 12th February	6G	Wednesday 1st April	4M

Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am) – Spring Term 2020			Spring Term 2020	PE & Games	Games
Friday 24 th January	6B		Monday	5S 6G 6B	
Friday 7 th February	3B		Tuesday	4L 4A 4M	
Friday 14 th February	3F		Wednesday	3F 5K 5P 6W	
Friday 6 th March	4M		Thursday		All Classes
Friday 13 th March	4L		Friday	3D 3B	
Thursday 19 th March	4A				
Friday 27 th March	5S				

Clubs – Spring Term 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (13/1/20 – 23/3/20)	Badminton Club – 07.45am (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Yoga Club – 07.45am (8/1/20 – 18/3/20)	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am 9/1/20 – 19/3/20	
	Lego Club – Lunchtime (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (15/1/20 – 1/4/20)		
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (13/1/20 – 30/3/20)	Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – Lunchtime (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Years 3 & 4 Lunchtime Netball Club (8/1/20 – 12/2/20)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (9/1/20 – 26/3/20)	
		Year 6 Football – lunchtime (15/1/20 – 1/4/20)		
	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Multisports – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 1/4/20)	Nutritional Ninjas – 3.30pm (16/1/20 – 26/3/20)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (10/1/20 – 27/3/20)
	French Club – 3.30pm (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 18/3/20)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 25/3/20)		

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