

St Paul's Newsletter - Summer: 10.6.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Our Platinum Picnic was a fantastic way to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and we were delighted to be joined by some VIP guests from West Oak Care Home. The circus entertainers were amazing and enjoyed by the children, staff and our guests. To top it all off, the weather was glorious and helped to make this very special event the perfect way to end half term. We caught lots of the fun on camera and you will find the photos on our website [here](#).



Yesterday saw the whole school, staff, governors and parents out on the field for our first 'normal' Sports Day in nearly 3 years! Mrs Foster, our superb PE and Games Coordinator, masterminded the event, which was hugely successful and was an active, fun filled morning with the children working collaboratively, in mixed year teams, trying their hand at each sporting station. Our thanks to the staff from Soccer in Sports, Emmbrook School Sports Leaders and to the governors who all supported running this event – we couldn't have done it without them!



We are immensely proud of how the children supported and encouraged one another and of the sporting behaviour we saw displayed throughout the morning. Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us – we hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. Congratulations to all of the pupils in Selwyn, overall winners for Sports Day and to Team D (Jamie B, Daniel B, Ananya, Aarush, Sara, Fatima, Evangelos, Eleanor, Reuben, Darsh, Aalayah, Freddie, Bethan K, Aishiki, Ainesh, Nicholas, Grace B, Muhammad A, Fatimah A and Thomas A) for winning the Sporting Behaviour Cup. You will find the photos [here](#).



On Wednesday, we welcomed Mrs Hamer back and the children of 3H were delighted to see her return. This will be phased over the coming weeks, gradually increasing in hours over time, until she takes over fully from Mrs Nesbit and returns to teaching all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.



Congratulations to Miss Bonner, school secretary, who tied the knot on Monday and is currently away on her honeymoon. When she returns to school next Monday, she will be joining us as Mrs Vaessen.

Miss Gilder and the choir have been very busy over the last few weeks, preparing for the WASMA Concert this weekend. It will be wonderful to come together again with other schools, after a two year hiatus, to celebrate the arts and we are very much looking forward to seeing St Paul's pupils take to the stage once more. We wish all of our choir members the very best for Sunday's final rehearsal and evening performance.

Whatever you have planned, have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Taylor

Selwyn – 7103 **Lewis – 7212** **Jameson – 6981**
Walter – 7514

June	Events
Fri 17 th	Non-Uniform Day - Summer Festival Donations
Sat 18 th	PTA Summer Festival 11.30 – 2.30
Wed 22 nd	Y2 to Y3 Parents' Information Meeting 2pm
Mon 27 th	3H Wokingham Walk
Tue 28 th	3B Wokingham Walk
Wed 29 th	3K Wokingham Walk

Current Vacancies at St Paul's

We are currently recruiting for additional members of our lunchtime team. The hours are 12.15pm until 1.45pm weekdays, term time only. If this is a role that you might be interested in – part time or for all five days – please contact Mrs Deen on 0118 978 5219 to find out more. An application, job description and person specification is available on our website [here](#).



We also have a vacancy for a part time Site Assistant to work alongside Mr Walsh, details of which can be found [here](#) and are looking to appoint another member to our team of learning mentors. Further information is available [here](#).

Assembly Dates

As always, parents are welcome to join us for their child's class assembly. Please enter school via the Oxford Road entrance. Assembly starts at 9:15am and lasts approximately 15-20 mins. Please note, that the assembly for 6B has been changed.

17/06	01/07	08/07	30/6
4P	6L	6N	6B

PE and Swimming

Swimming

Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and for the rest of this term, replaces indoor PE. On swimming days, pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool.

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

Outdoor PE

All classes have an outdoor PE lesson on Thursday and should come to school dressed in PE kit.

Thursday
PE – ALL Classes

Moving up to Secondary School: Free Online Event



The move from primary to secondary school is a big change and parents often have questions about how best to support a child through this process. As well as workshops in schools, there is also support available for parents in the form of an online session on Thursday 16th June from 6:45pm – 8:15pm. This will cover:

1. The transition from primary to secondary school
2. Anxiety in children
3. Perspective talking
4. Why children worry



To book a place, please contact andrea.caplin@soulscape.org.uk as soon as possible.

The session will be led by Katie Skinner, teacher and child wellbeing specialist who is experienced in supporting pupils with communication, interaction, social or emotional difficulties and helping them to develop appropriate emotional regulation skills.

During the session, there will be lots of time for questions and should you have any specific areas or concerns you would like Katie to address, please let us know in advance and we will pass them on.

Lost Items

Please could we ask that you check your child's uniform as we have had a number of items of clothing that have possibly been taken home by mistake.

Please can you also ensure all of your child's belongings are named with their first, last name and class.



Punctuality – Why Should I Arrive for School on Time

An increasing number of children are arriving late for school each day. It is important that pupils arrive on time for a number of reasons:



- It is the legal responsibility of parents to ensure their child is in school on time;
- Children who are punctual have a calm, well-ordered start to the school day;
- Arriving late means children miss work and key information about the day's activities;
- Late arrivals disrupt the learning of their classmates;
- It is stressful to arrive late and flustered, and can feel very awkward to arrive after a lesson has begun.

The playground gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. If there is a particular reason why you are finding it difficult to ensure your child arrives in school on time, please contact us on 0118 978 5219 or email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Happy Birthday

Many happy returns to our pupils who recently celebrated their birthday:

*Nathan (4P), Luke (6N), Rose (6B), Mahveen (5S), Aarav (6B), Isaac (3H), Mariia (5S)
Isla (3K), Iris (3K), Logan (5D), Sofie (6N), Ffion (6L), Toby (3H), Akshaya (6B), Jessica (5D),
Elliott (6N) & Daniel (5S)*

And to those celebrating this week:

Leila (4P), Veronica (3H), Amelia (4R), Kaden (6B), Nayan (5G) & Emily (5G)



Golden Certificates

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Awarded to

Class 3H

Liam, Kathryn, Isaac & Zoe (4R)

Eveie-Rose (4P)

Sreeja (5S)

Sanvi, Charlie S & Luke (6N)



Forest School News

We enjoyed the company of 3B in the woods on the Monday before half term. They practised the Japanese art of Hapa Zome (leaf-dying) and our Forest School fence is now adorned with their amazing bunting. Our focus with the afternoon groups was centred around bees, as Friday was World Bee Day. After playing a bee themed game, we shared bee facts – did you know that a bee can fly at 25km per hour? The children then used bamboo (harvested from Mr Walsh's garden) to create bee homes to hang in our Forest School area.

We have also spent time in the allotment, weeding, harvesting and tasting our broad beans, before planting out courgettes, peas, carrots and sunflowers – all grown from seed by the children.

The children have practised their teamwork, resilience and communication skills and we are so proud of them all.



This week has seen lots of new skills taught in the woodland, many of these have involved peer teaching: fires have been lit with the flint and steels and clove hitches and square lashings have been tied to create picture frames and dreamcatchers. The children have been resilient and encouraging towards others while learning these new skills. During our reflective time, the children spoke about things that they have noticed or felt. Some noticed that the fox hole in our woods is looking bigger, that the strawberries in our allotment have grown over half term, while others felt proud of the new skills that they had learned.



Forest School Class Timetable – Summer 2

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.

20/06	27/06	04/07	11/07	12/07	13/07	18/07
6B	4C	3H	5S	4R	3K	5G

Sporting News

Y4 Mixed Football

It has been an exciting half term with our team playing in the quarter-finals and semi-finals of the Berkshire County Cup. We had a great match against Braywick Court. The children were on fire from the outset of the match and didn't let up throughout the entire game. Their energy level and commitment were incredible. Early goals from Theo and Sammy put us in front and it stayed that way throughout the match. Evan and Aarohan were strong in goal both making some excellent saves to keep Braywick from levelling up. The final score was 4-2 and this win put us through to the semi-final.



We were very lucky to be hosted by Emmbrook Secondary School, playing our semi-final match against Christ the King Primary, Reading on the astro pitch. Emmbrook also provided some excellent sports leaders who warmed up the children and then refereed the match. As the home team, it is our responsibility to provide match officials so this was a real bonus for us. The PE staff also came out and supported the team. It was a thrilling match, two early

goals put us ahead but then Christ the King scored to level the match. The score remained 2-2 after extra time finishing in a heart-stopping penalty shootout, which St. Paul's won!!

This is the first time in my tenure at St. Paul's that we have a team in the cup final of a county competition. Good luck to the boys and girls – we can't wait to watch you play in the final!

TriGolf

It was fantastic to see our year 3/4 team competing at Sandmartins Golf Club in the TriGolf competition. There were eight activity stations that tested various skills from driving, putting and chipping to speed and agility. The children had a ball, they worked extremely well as a team and showed remarkable skills considering very few of them had played much golf before. The St. Paul's team scored very highly and I shall look forward to seeing how they improve when we practise TriGolf skills in our PE lessons. Well done to all of you!



Unfortunately, our cricket festival was cancelled due to the weather, but we still have our Mini Olympics, another cricket festival and two tournaments, athletics competitions, cycling skills and football tournaments, as well as our Y4 Football County Cup Final. We are also trying to fit in a House athletics competition and Y6 v Teachers netball match! It is going to be a very busy half term!

Key dates from the PTA

Non-uniform day

Friday 17th June is a non-uniform day as a thank you for your donations and support. We hope this builds up the Summer Festival's excitement!

Tombola Donations

We will be having two tombola stalls and a second-hand stall selling books, board games and puzzles and would like each child to bring one tombola item and good quality board games, books or puzzles.

- Year 3: bottle for adult bottle tombola
- Year 4: wrapped gift for a boy aged 7-11
- Year 5: bottle for adult bottle tombola
- Year 6: wrapped gift for a girl aged 7-11
- All years: Please bring books, board games or jigsaw puzzles in good condition for our second-hand sale.



Diary Dates	
Sunday 12 th June	WASMA Concert
Friday 17 th June	Non-Uniform Day for Summer Festival donations
Saturday 18 th June	PTA Summer Festival 11.30am – 2.30pm
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
Tuesday 12 th July	iRock Concert – Parents are welcome to attend 11am
Wednesday 13 th July	Pupil Reports sent home
Friday 15 th July	Y6 Enterprise Day
Friday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco & BBQ 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Monday 18 th July	Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Y6 parents welcome
Tuesday 19 th July	End of Summer Term – 2pm finish

Diary Dates 2022 - Term Dates, assemblies and club dates can be found on the website [here](#)