

St Paul's Newsletter - Summer: 15.7.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



It is hard to believe that it is four years since Year 6 joined the school, and it is almost time to bid them farewell. Saying goodbye to such a special group of individuals is extremely hard. We recognise that they are ready to move on, but will be extremely sad to see them leave our school family next Tuesday.

As well as Year 6, we will have pupils leaving from other year groups too: Harriet (Y5) and her sister, Lola (Y3), are off to live in Newcastle and Toby (Y3) who is moving to Swindon. We hope they will be very happy and quickly settle into their new home.

It is not just pupils moving on, but staff too – you will have read about some of the people we will be saying goodbye to in last week's Newsletter. In addition, it is farewell to Miss Gilder and Miss Lavrich. Congratulations, Miss Lavrich, who is moving on to be Upper KS2 Phase Leader at William Cobbett Primary School. Having been Y4 and then Y6 Team Leader at St Paul's, she has a huge amount of expertise and although we will be very sorry to see her leave, we wish her every success with this new promotion. As well as being one of our fabulous teaching staff, Miss Lavrich was instrumental in Keyworker School and worked tirelessly in the 'engine room' of St Paul's during the pandemic – we couldn't have managed without the significant contribution she made and she will be sorely missed by colleagues, pupils and parents.

It is also a change of scene for Miss Gilder, who is hoping to spend some of next year living in France. Miss Gilder joined St Paul's four years ago, as a newly qualified teacher, and has gone from strength to strength since then. For those of you who know her, it will come as no surprise when I write that she is someone who brings sunshine wherever she goes. She will be a huge loss to St Paul's and much missed by everyone. I am sure the current Y5 pupils will be over the moon to learn that as she will still be in England during October, she has kindly offered to accompany them on the residential to Liddington.



Today's Enterprise Event was absolutely brilliant and Y6 children outdid themselves. They had such creative ideas and put a huge amount of effort into making, baking, producing and designing good quality products. Years 3, 4 and 5 had a brilliant time visiting stalls, trying their hand at different games and activities and tasting a range of home made goods. Having visited everything Yr6 had to offer, I wouldn't be surprised to see some of them appearing in future episodes of Dragon's Den or The Apprentice! To see photos from this event follow the [link](#).



As this year draws to a close, we would like to say thank you to some very special members of our school community: Our PTA work tirelessly throughout the year to raise money for our school and have done a marvellous job of organising and hosting events, including tonight's Y6 Leavers' disco and BBQ – thank you to our committee members and all of the volunteers who have supported their work this year. Our hardworking School Council and House Captains deserve a mention all of their own. Both teams have had such a successful term of office. Their suggestions and ideas have helped improve the school in many different ways and we are very proud of them all.

Thank you to our governors who give up their time to support the work of the school. Their guidance, support and challenge are greatly appreciated, as are their visits to the classrooms to see the school at work. We are looking forward to welcoming some new members to this group in September.



Finally, 'Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration', the book commissioned by the DfE as a gift to all children in state-funded primary school education, was sent home with your child today. So was their report - please check bags and rucksacks! For any child absent today, reports can be collected from the main office.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Taylor

Heatwave Warning

The Met Office has upgraded their weather warning to red for Sunday 17 July, Monday 18 July and Tuesday 19 July. Temperatures could be in excess of 35°C in the southeast, with Monday and Tuesday most likely to see temperatures around this level.

There will be no requirement for school uniform next week. The children should dress in loose, light coloured clothing. We recommend all children bring a hat and have had long lasting sun cream, at least SPF factor 30, applied. We will continue to use ventilation to keep classrooms as cool as possible and encourage the children to drink plenty of water, little and often - as recommended by the NHS. Please ensure your child brings their water bottle to school each day. If the temperatures reach the predicted levels, the children will remain inside at lunchtimes and will not be involved in any vigorous activity on either day. If it is cool enough, break time will be outside but taken in the shade and we will discourage the children from running around.

We will not be holding a whole school assembly or running this term's House treats as it is far too warm to gather large groups of children together in the hall. We will carry the House Treats over until the Autumn Term and thank Year 6 for understanding why they are unable to go ahead in the final days of term as planned.

On Monday, we will be celebrating our Y6 Leavers' Service at church. Originally, this was due to take place at 11.00am, but to ensure the journey to and from church is made during the coolest part of the day, this will now start at 9.30am.



NHS

! Tips for coping in hot weather

-  Look out for those who are most at risk: the elderly, young children, babies and those with underlying health conditions - help them to keep themselves cool and hydrated.
-  Stay cool indoors - Learn how to keep your home cool, see gov.uk.
-  Close curtains in rooms that face the sun to keep indoor spaces cooler. Remember, it may be cooler outdoors than indoors.
-  If going outdoors, use cool spaces considerably.
-  Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol. If you are leaving the house, take a bottle of water.
-  Never leave anyone or any animal in a closed, parked vehicle.
-  Try to keep out of the sun during the hottest part of the day - 11 in the morning to 3 in the afternoon.
-  Walk in the shade, apply sunscreen regularly, wear a wide-brimmed hat and light, loose-fitting clothing if you go out in the heat.
-  Avoid exercising during the hottest parts of the day. Try and exercise before 11am or after 3pm if you can.
-  If you are going into open water (rivers, lakes and the sea) to cool down, take care and follow local safety advice.

Information from nhs.uk

Changes to arrangements for free school meal vouchers over the summer holidays

Parents/carers of children and young people in receipt of benefits-related free school meals that food and grocery vouchers will no longer be provided through the Edenred portal to families of children and young people attending Wokingham schools as in previous holidays.

Instead, eligible families will need to apply for a £90 voucher for each child to cover the summer holidays (equating to £15 per week).




They can do this by:


- Contacting Citizens Advice One Front Door on 0808 278 7958 or www.citizensadvicewokingham.org.uk/hsf or
- First Days Children's Charity on 0118 921 9338 or www.firstdays.net/hsf
- Please share the linked leaflet with parents and carers, summarising all the help that is available this summer through the Household Support Fund.
- Augusta Henning - Senior Specialist | Communications Engagement and Marketing augusta.henning@wokingham.gov.uk

Identify the Trees Competition



The My Journey team summer competition is starting just in time for the summer holidays!

Look at the pictures of ten trees and their leaves see if you can identify the type of tree that we have growing in Wokingham Borough? We have lots of green spaces and country parks across Wokingham Borough which have some lovely trees in them, for you to spot. Make sure you travel actively to find the trees by walking, cycling, scooting or using public transport.   

Please click  tree pictures and remember to put your answer and where you found them on the tree answer sheet. The competition will run from Monday, 25 July until Sunday, 4 September.

The winning entry will receive a £25 Decathlon voucher and runners-up will receive a My Journey goody bag.

How can trees reduce air pollution?

Trees planted in the right places can help improve air quality by forming a barrier between people and pollutants.

Trees absorb pollutant gases (nitrogen dioxide, ammonia, sulphur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.

Completed entry forms to: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk Make sure include your name, age and school you attend on your entry. Happy tree spotting!

Current Vacancies at St Paul's

We are currently recruiting for additional members of our St Paul's team. If you are interested in joining our team – part time or full time – please visit St Paul's website. Application forms, job descriptions and person specifications are available [here](#).

Raring2go!

To keep the sunshine and summer theme going, I'm pleased to send you the copy of the Raring2go! Summer edition, packed full of ideas to keep the family busy for the Summer holidays and beyond.

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/ascotbracknellandwokingham/summer/>



Happy Birthday

Many happy returns to our pupils who celebrated their birthday this week:

Jacob (3B), Benjamin, Dennis & Dhruvi (3K), Theo (3H), Samarth (4P), Lucas (6B),

Milly & Geethika (6L) and Lucas, Molly & Annabella (6N)



Golden Certificates

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Leela & Rosie 3H

Ethan & Samarth 4P

Aston, Megan Yogan and Neve 4R

Corey 6B



Summer Reading Challenge



Gadgeteers is the Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2022 at all libraries in Wokingham.

To join, pop into your local library and choose your books. Once you have read all six books, collect your medal and a certificate for completing the challenge. Starts July 9th until August 27th 2022 - <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/reading-schemes-for-children-and-adults/reading-mini-challenge-for-children/>

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

Diary Dates	
Monday 18 th July	Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Y6 parents welcome 9.30am start.
Tuesday 19 th July	End of Summer Term – 2pm finish
Friday 2 nd September	Inset Day – school closed
Monday 5 th September	Start of Term
Monday 3 rd October	Cardwell & Simons – Individual Pupil Photographs
Tuesday 18 th – Friday 21 st October	Y6 Liddington Residential Trip
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October	Half Term
Tuesday 20 th December	End of Autumn Term – 2pm finish
Wednesday 4 th January	Inset Day – school closed
Thursday 5 th January	Start of Term

External Advertisements

SOFT BALL CRICKET

Wokingham Cricket Club

**Softball cricket for girls
of all abilities aged 8 to 14**

Starting Friday 06th May 17:30 to 18:30

1825 Sadlers End, Sindlesham,
Wokingham, RG41 5AW