St Paul's Newsletter - Summer: 8.7.22

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It will not be long before we reach the end of the summer term but rather than begin to slow down, we are busier than ever!

The Year 6 performances of Olivia on Wednesday and Thursday were stunning, with the children bringing the 'house' down on both nights. Cast A and Cast B were equally talented and gave each

Diary Dates - July	
Wed 6th & 7th	Year 6 Leavers' Production 6.30pm
Tue 12 th	iRock Concert 11am
Tue 12th – 14th	Big Swap – Y3, 4, 5 internal transition visits
Wed 13 th	Pupil Reports sent home
Fri 15 th	Y6 Enterprise Day
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Mon 18 th	Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church
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audience a night to remember! The tremendous efforts of the children in learning their lines, songs and dances in so few days, and performing to such a high standard, was very impressive. We are immensely proud of them and of being witness to how far they have come in the four years since joining our school. They are exceptional and it has been a privilege having them as pupils in our school! Thanks to the Year 6 staff who did a sterling job of preparing the children for their showstopper.

After a two year break, we have been frantically reinstating many of the face to face events missing during the pandemic. Next week, Years 3, 4 and 5 will be taking part in the our 'Big Swap' transition days on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, spending time in their new classrooms with their September teachers and classmates. Y6 will be working in groups to develop their entrepreneurial skills, with each team being given £5 to purchase the resources they need to set up a stall to sell goods or services to the rest of the school. The hope is that each £5 investment will be 'grown' and yield a higher return for their charity fundraising by hosting an Enterprise Event for the whole school on 15th July. A letter has already gone out containing further details. In the past, this has been great fun for the whole school and a fantastic opportunity for Year 6 to work collaboratively!

Our Leavers will also be letting their hair down at the Year 6 PTA Disco and BBQ on 15th July (6.30pm – 8.30pm) and finally, on Monday 18th at 11.am, the whole school will attend the Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church, to which Year 6 parents and family members are very welcome to attend. This service will be our way of saying a heartfelt goodbye to all of our leavers, both children and staff.

We have a number of staff leaving us at the end of this term and there will be news of our departing colleagues in both this and next week's newsletter.

It is Bon Voyage to Mrs Hayre, part time teacher in 3H, who is moving with her young family and husband to live in Vancouver. Over the last four years, she has worked in both Year 5 and Year 3 as a much-valued member of our team, providing great support for the pupils in her care and the colleagues with whom she has shared a class. Although we will be very sorry to see her leave, we wish her much happiness and success living in Canada.

And now to the staff in 4C – Congratulations to Mrs Hines who joined us on a temporary basis this year and has just secured a permanent position at Geoffrey Field Junior School for September. We wish her every success. Last year, Mrs Clarke decided to pursue a career as a supply teacher but because of the shortage of available staff post pandemic, she agreed to stay on here two days per week. We will always be grateful to her for putting her plans on hold for the good of our pupils and have enjoyed the opportunity of continuing to work alongside her for an additional 12 months. We wish her well for the future.

Sadly, we will also be saying farewell to Mrs Maggs, 5G's Learning Mentor. Every teacher and pupil lucky enough to work alongside her has benefitted greatly from her expertise and support. Now that her boys are grown, Mrs Maggs will no longer be restricted by term dates and is looking forward to being able to travel and see more of the world with her husband. Her positive, enthusiasm and encouragement has made a huge difference to the learning of many children in her time and she will be sorely missed by all.

Mrs Brook, ICT Technician, has worked at St Paul's for 21 years and her contribution has been significant and instrumental in the development of our ICT provision, infrastructure and curriculum, not to mention the technical set up and introduction of our remote learning provision. When faced with an IT problem, equipment misbehaves or develops a glitch, Mrs Brook works her 'magic' and, once again, we are good to go. Her contribution to the smooth running of the school has been invaluable and she leaves big shoes to fill! We wish her well with her move and hope that she will be very happy in her new home.

Once again, we are plagued by sickness amongst members of our admin team. With both Mrs Vaessen and Mrs Berry unwell, would be grateful for your patience and will answer any queries as quickly as we possibly can. We are also sorry this Newsletter is a little late!

Heatwave Warning

A Heatwave level 3 warning has been issued from 09:00 on Monday 11th July and 09:00 on Friday 15th July. This means that temperatures are very likely to rise to levels that increase the risk of ill health among vulnerable people. We will be encouraging the children to remain in the shade whilst outside and teachers will regularly remind the children to fill their water bottles and drink plenty of fluids throughout the day. We would strongly recommend that children bring a sun hat and that you apply a liberal amount of sun cream, with a high protection factor, before sending them into school each day.

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:

Veronica 3H, Holly and Rehaan 4C, Olivia & Louie 4P, Megan & Shanaya 4R,

Harriet 5G, Siyona 5S, Edward 6B and Oliver 6L



Golden Certificates



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

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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 Summer Term – 2pm finish
Wednesday 4 th January	Inset Day – school closed
Thursday 5 th January	Start of Term

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