St Paul's Newsletter - Summer: 1.7.22

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Thank you **SO MUCH** to everyone who contributed to our fabulous Summer Festival, particularly to our tiny, but extremely hardworking, PTA Committee. This event was a great success and raised an amazing £2283.96! Thank you to those of you who helped with the set up and manned stalls and to those who stayed until the end to clear up. Thank you to those families who came along on the day

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and spent so generously in support of the school. It was a great team effort and we couldn't have done it without every one of you. Our brilliant PTA have been at it again this afternoon, selling ice lollies on the playground - thank you to those who volunteered to help.

We had a great time meeting our newest recruits, when Year 2 visited us for transition last Wednesday. Our fabulous Year 3 did an amazing job of taking care of them, acting as guides for the Treasure Hunt. The Year 2 children then spent time with their new teachers for September. Later that day, we held our New Parents' Afternoon, the first in almost three years, and it was wonderful to be able to welcome them in person and give them a flavour of our school. For any Y2 parent who was unable to attend this event, Welcome Packs have been sent over to Walter Infants for distribution on our behalf.

The teachers are beavering away, putting together class lists for September 2022 and transition for our current Year 3, 4 and 5 will take place the week after next. This is fondly known as 'Big Swap' and enables pupils to meet their teachers and spend time with their classmates in what will be their new classroom come September. The new staff who will be joining us this Autumn have all been released by their current schools for at least some of this time, so they will be joining us too.

It is always lovely to welcome ex-pupils back – thanks to Jemima Hargreaves and Harry McBain for your hard work whilst here on placement. We hope that you enjoyed being back at St Paul's as much as the children enjoyed reading to you and having you support them with their work!

Today, we said farewell to Miss Georgiou who completed her final teaching practice in 5G. Miss Gilder, Mrs Maggs and the children have thoroughly enjoyed working alongside her and we wish her well for what promises to be a successful career in education.



Y3 have been out and about this week. They have been studying the history and geography of our local area. Sadly, 3H had to postpone their walk – this will now go ahead on Monday 4^{th} July.

all of the stops before the premiere performances of Olivia. Y6 parents, you are in for such a treat!



It has been a week of assemblies! Well done to 6L, 6B and 6N for your efforts this week. The photos of you on your first day and of all of your adventures here at St Paul's were a trip down memory lane that every one of your audience enjoyed viewing. On the subject of Year 6, rehearsals are well and truly underway with both casts pulling out



Have a great weekend, everyone!

News just in – the children who made up the team we sent to the Wokingham Schools District Sports Competition today were outstanding ambassadors for sport and for our school – they stood out from the crowd. We know that the children are bringing back a number of trophies and there will be more information in our next Newsletter, but I can reveal that thanks to the efforts of our amazing children, we are overall winners, making this the 20th consecutive year that our school has been reigning champions. This is such an achievement and testament to the fantastic efforts of the team and of the staff who have coached them in the run up to the event. Special thanks go to Mrs Foster, Mrs Judd and Mrs McBain, who supported the team today.

Kind regards - Mrs Taylor

Walter - 9822 Selwyn - 9436 Lewis - 8755 Jameson - 8933

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 <u>here</u>.

PE and Swimming Swimming Monday Tuesday Wednesday Friday On swimming days, pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school 3B, 3K, 6N 4C, 5D, 5G 3H, 4R, 6L 4P, 5S, 6B shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. Thursday **Outdoor PE** PE – All All classes have an outdoor PE lesson on Thursday and should come to school dressed in PE kit. Classes 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/ arin<mark>a2</mark>c **Happy Birthday** Many happy returns to our pupils who celebrated their birthday last week: Isabelle (4C), Jayvis (3B), Sam (4C), Amelia (4R), Arabella (6B), Fearne (5G) Dolly (5S), Joseph (6L) & Elena (6N) And for the pupils celebrating this week: Patrick (3K) & Rory (4R) **Golden Certificates Golden Certificates** Awarded to Samarth, Toby, Millie-Mae, Sophia, Indie & Gautham (3H) Betsy, Tommy & Luca (4P)

Ruby, Orhan, Amelia & Rory (4R)

Sophie (5D)

Forest School News





We welcomed 4C into the woods on Monday for their class session. They showed us their resilience, collaboration and communication skills as they built dens in the woodland.

Our afternoon groups have had their final sessions of the term and have made the most of every moment. This week has seen fires lit and s'mores cooked, whittling, crafting, pond dipping and one group worked in the allotment digging up our onions. A particular highlight has been watching the children use the knots and lashings that they learnt over the term to make mini rafts to float on the pond. Brody's raft was found particularly useful to one of our frogs who decided to use it as an easy form of travel!

During our final reflection, the children took the opportunity to give thanks. They included praise for our woodland, new friends they have made, the fire, the pond and all its wildlife, as well as the nature around us.

04/07	05/07	06/07	11/07	18/07
3H	4R	ЗK	5S	5G







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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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		



