

# St Paul's C of E Junior School



Dear All,

I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well.

We are continuing to miss the children and cannot wait until it is safe to return to the old kind of normal! Your messages of support are helping keep spirits up, particularly as so many of you have said you feel lucky your child is a pupil at St Paul's - we too feel very lucky to have such an amazing group of pupils and parents. Do keep encouraging your children to keep in touch – we love hearing from them and seeing their photos and work. You are clearly doing a brilliant job of continuing to support home learning - thank you so much!

Our wonderful team of Learning Mentors have been at it again this week, working their magic to provide yet another doorstep delivery. This time they took to the streets to distribute a copy of the book, 'Going to Secondary School', to the homes of each of our Year 6 pupils. Thank you, everyone!

It has been a tremendously busy week following the announcement regarding the possible gradual reopening of schools. The conditionality of the Government's proposal and the mixed messages coming from scientific, political and educational commentators, and the press, is adding to the complexity of the situation which is by far the most challenging we have ever faced. Although we have no definitive answers at this stage as to what exactly this means for St Paul's, our position as a school remains the same as it has always been – pandemic or not - nothing will ever be more important than the safety of our children, staff and families.

## WANTED

Crew members to sail our ship

We know from what the children are telling us, not being able to set eyes on friends and classmates is one of their greatest worries. Whilst some are able to FaceTime, Skype or Zoom, this is not the case for everyone. So rather than their usual message at the end of this Newsletter, our Keyworker

children have been busy coming up with a plan of how our pupils can feel close, even though they are apart.



Follow this [link](#) to watch their special message. If your child would like to join our crew, send their clip to [sailing@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:sailing@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk) before 22<sup>nd</sup> May and we will splice them together to capture the voyage.

Take care and have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor – Headteacher



## Support

**For families struggling to pay for food – we can definitely help. Please get in touch by ringing 0118 978 5219 or send a message to [admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).**

St Paul's C of E Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs. J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

## Safeguarding

As always, if you have any safeguarding concerns linked to anyone in our school, please notify us via [safeguarding@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk) and we will be in touch as soon as possible. You should always report concerns about a child: the best-case scenario will be that you are wrong, but you will still have done the right thing by expressing concerns and ensuring that it is investigated by the right parties. The following link is to a video about our joint community responsibility to make sure children are kept safe. <https://youtu.be/NwSD4pY-Cok>

NHS Berkshire West CCG have contacted all schools with regard to their social media campaign #Coping; family life during the lockdown, and have asked that we share a link to their resources with you: [www.berkshirewestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp/helping-you/coronavirus](http://www.berkshirewestsafeguardingchildrenpartnership.org.uk/scp/helping-you/coronavirus)

## Exciting News

Another sign of spring – take a look at the You Tube live stream of our school birdbox. A Blue Tit has made a nest and laid 6 eggs! The video can be found on the website in the Gallery section [here](#).



Our Signs of Spring Photo Gallery has grown and we have lots of fabulous entries. If you have yet to have a look, you will find them all [here](#). There is still time to enter as the competition does not close until Friday 22nd May. We will be asking Penny Wallace and Father Richard to choose a winner over half term.

## New Wokingham Town Mayor

At a virtual meeting held last week, Cllr Tony Lack was elected Wokingham Town Mayor for the forthcoming year, and his wife Claire will be his Mayoress. Cllr Maria Gee and her husband Chris, will be Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayor's Consort.



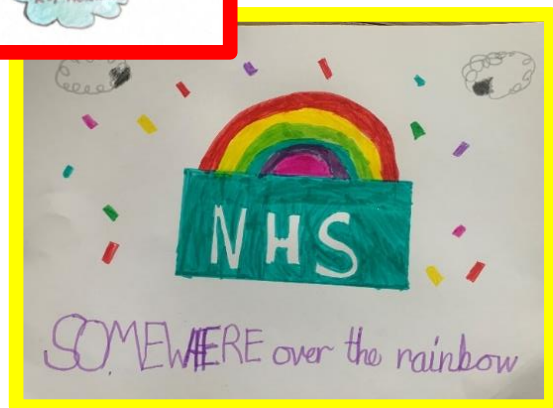
## School Nursing Team

Some of our school nursing team have been redeployed and are doing an amazing job working on the wards at our local hospitals, however the rest of the school nursing team is still available to help support children and young people and their families with health concerns and to stay safe. Please contact your local team:

Wokingham  
0118 949 5055  
[csnwokingham@berkshire.nhs.uk](mailto:csnwokingham@berkshire.nhs.uk)



The debt of thanks we owe to our NHS and everyone who supports it can never be measured. Some of our pupils have been busy designing posters to show their appreciation.



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## First News Online Edition

We subscribe to *First News*, the UK's national newspaper for young people. During lockdown this publication will be available online. It is full of interesting articles containing age appropriate information and a great way to introduce some non-fiction reading material into your child's diet. The latest edition can be found [here](#).



## On Line Support

If you are experiencing any issues with logins to any of the resources available, please email [IT\\_Tech@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:IT_Tech@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).

For **Read Theory** logins please email [office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).

## Energy Kidz Bookings – New Academic Year 2020-2021

EnergyKidz have announced sessions are now available to book for the new academic year 2020-21. They are inviting parents to provisionally secure September bookings via their online accounts at <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

## Information and Guidance

For information on the latest guidance and advice about Coronavirus (COVID-19) please visit <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/health/public-health-campaigns/coronavirus/>

## Wokingham Adult Education Courses – Return to Maths and English

You may be interested in an online and interactive Excel course which is suitable for all levels from Beginners to Improvers. Features of the course include:

- 4 sessions (1 to 1½ hours each) to be arranged
- Interactive sessions allowing you to practice new skills live
- Discuss topics online live with your tutor and with other learners
- Downloadable guides and tutorials

To take part, you just need a good internet connection and a PC or laptop. Note you do not need Excel on your computer.

See below for further information on how to register for free online one to one and small group classes.



## Learn Microsoft Excel Free Remote Learning

Learn Excel interactively online in small groups. Topics in this 4 session course include:

- Overview of Excel cells, rows and columns
- Creating formulas to do the number-crunching
- Sorting, filtering and grouping records
- Formatting for better layouts, reporting and printing
- Summarising data
- Telling a story with Bar Charts & Pie Charts

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- ⇒ Interactive sessions allowing you to practice new skills live
- ⇒ Discuss topics online live with your tutor and with other learners
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To book a place and arrange the sessions, call on 0776 738 0722 or email [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk)

### Important information about this course

#### Entry requirements for the course

**Eligibility** - To access this course you will need to be over 19 or older as of 31st August 2019, be a citizen of the EEA and have been resident in the EEA at least 3 years (NB a number of exemptions also apply, if you are not an EEA citizen please contact us to check your eligibility).

**Previous Experience** - Some basic knowledge of using a computer would be expected. For example, using a keyboard and mouse. Also saving files and opening programmes. It will help if you have previously used Microsoft Excel even at a very basic level, but please ring us to discuss if you are not sure if this course is suitable for you.

**Equipment** - You will need a good Internet connection and your own PC or laptop to join in this remote learning course, though you don't need your own copy of Excel. Smartphones, i-Pads and tablet computers are not suitable for this course as they don't give you enough interactive control.

#### If you have additional learning needs

You can discuss this with your tutor ideally before the course on the first day so that they can work with you to identify what additional support you need. You can also identify your needs on your application form in advance.

#### How to apply

Places must be booked in advance. Please contact the Adult Education team on 0118 974 3797, via email to [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) or you can book online at [tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-apply](http://tinyurl.com/wbc-ad-apply)

#### What can I expect to get out of the course

- Learn & practice spreadsheet skills in Microsoft Excel 2016
- Get support for your personal Excel needs
- Know how to create everyday formulas
- Learn techniques for summarising and sorting data for easier understanding
- Practice turning your spreadsheets into useable management reports
- Become more confident about using the right charts to get across your message

#### What can I do after the course has finished?

- Develop and learn more MS Excel Skills at UK Online sessions
- Enrol on an Employability Course
- Enrol on an Accredited English or Maths course
- Confidently add MS Excel skills to your CV
- Apply for work or volunteer opportunities