

St Paul's C of E Junior School



Dear All,

I hope this Newsletter finds you safe and well.

Thank you for the many messages of appreciation about how our staff are keeping in touch with the children and supporting learning from afar. We have seen a surge in the amount of traffic on the Learning Platform and are loving receiving the children's photos and being able to respond to their messages and the work they send in. It is great to hear what they have been up to! Since the last Newsletter, our skeleton crew in school have contacted over 100 families of children who have not logged in and we are relieved to be able to report that all those we have spoken to so far are safe and well. We will continue making calls next week until we reach the end of the list.

We can tell from the children's messages that everyone is doing their best in terms of school work. However much or little home schooling you decide is necessary, will be exactly the right amount for your child. The circumstances of each individual household vary greatly and only you will know what works for your child and for you. Next week's schedules are now complete and available on the website [here](#).

If the only internet ready device in your household is a phone, it very difficult to access online learning. If this is the case, please contact me as we now have a small number of laptops that we would be happy to loan to children who do not have access to a tablet, games console, laptop or PC.

Like you, we too are keen to know what the easing of lockdown might look like and when we might be able to re-open in some form or other. As soon as the government issue schools with written guidance, we will let you know and when preparations for the children's return are underway, we will keep you abreast of our plans as they unfold.

We are very thankful that our school community has not been hit as hard by the virus as some others. From the information shared with us, it seems that the vast majority of pupils and parents that have been affected are now safely on the road to recovery.



It is such a shame that we have not been able to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day in school this year as we had planned, but the information available on the Newsround website is perfect for primary school aged children. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/48201749>

Although the end of lockdown may still feel far away, it is important to remember that we are moving closer to the day when we will be reunited as a school family..... and what a celebration that will be!

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.



Happy Birthday to those pupils celebrating in May:

Robyn, Erin, Aurora, Annabella, Rimass, Emily, Naveena, Archie, Starr, Jack, Callum, Alfie, Harvey, Brodie, Lola, Luke, Rose, Mahveen, Aarav, Lilyana, Fatema, Che, Logan, Jueun, Max, Archie, Myra and Sienna.

Safeguarding

As always, if you have any safeguarding concerns linked to anyone in our school, please notify us via safeguarding@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk and we will be in touch as soon as possible.

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

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.

For **Read Theory** logins please email 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. Parents can secure September bookings via their online accounts at <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

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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/>

ABC to read

Why not share what you are reading with your neighbours and inspire them to Stay Home and Love to Read. You could make your own 'Today I am reading' poster to colour and display in your window.



Today I am reading...



We are staying at home, staying safe and reading #lovetoread



Financial Resources for Children

The Wokingham Branch of Newbury Building Society has provided financial education activities and exercises for children and parents to use during the lockdown.

The link is <https://www.bsa.org.uk/financialeducation>

Newbury Building Society, Wokingham Branch

Wokingham Adult Education Courses – Return to Maths and English

See next page for further information and how to register for free online one to one and small group classes.

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Entry requirements for the course

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You should be able to read and write in English

If you have additional learning needs

Please identify your needs on the application form ahead of the course so we can work with you to prepare any support you may need. You can also discuss any needs with your tutor on the first session.

How to apply

To apply for the tutorial download and complete our multiple choice questionnaire from our website and email it to adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk. We will then mark it and contact you to discuss how you can improve your skills in a one to one conversation

What can I expect to get out of the course?

- Find out what level you are currently working at in English
- Explore your own strengths and weaknesses
- Discuss your future options

What equipment will I need?

- Ideally, a PC, laptop, tablet or iPad. A recent model mobile phone may be sufficient.
- Access to a good internet connection

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