

# St Paul's Newsletter - Spring: 07.04.22



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the spring term. Since January, the weeks have flown by, with each feeling busier than the one before! We are immensely proud of the children and of our staff team and of how hard they have worked and they are definitely ready for a well-deserved break from school. M&M Theatre Company helped us celebrate the end of term in style with a fabulous performance of Jungle Book and 5G's assembly was the icing on the cake! The children did a brilliant job of bringing this term's topics 'alive', closing with a resounding rendition of the Volcano Song, which their parents enjoyed so much that we had to 'persuade' them to leave the hall!

Thank you to our fabulous PTA Committee and volunteer helpers for ensuring that the children enjoyed last Tuesday night's disco. Over three hundred children attended over the two sessions and it was brilliant to see them having so much fun. Thanks to those staff who reorganised the playground, ready for parking and a huge well done to Mrs Walker who did a sterling job of keeping traffic flowing! The committee and volunteers were at it again at Friday's Bake Sale - thank you to everyone who baked, sold or purchased cakes. It was a great team effort!



We often reflect on what 'love thy neighbour as thyself' means and the children are always brimming with suggestions as to what this might look like in practice. On Wednesday, they focused their efforts on some of our neighbours close to home - the residents over the road at Westoak. School was a hive of activity, with pupils designing and making Easter cards and writing postcards and letters to spread a little 'sunshine' to our neighbours.

Sadly, today was Mrs Tunnicliffe's last day with us as Finance Assistant. After 12 years of dedicated service to St Paul's, she is leaving to spend more time with her lovely family. It is tremendously hard to say goodbye to a well-respected and well-loved member of our team, especially one who always brings her own sunshine! She will be very much missed by everyone here, especially the office staff because of her positive and enthusiastic approach and mischievous sense of humour. She found the silver lining in every cloud and could always see the bright side of any situation. We wish her every happiness for the future!

Good luck to Naksh Yuvaraj and his family who are saying farewell to Wokingham as they relocate Germany. We hope that they soon settle and that Naksh makes lots of friends at his new school!



On behalf of the children of 3K, we would like to express our thanks to Mrs Nisbett, for taking great care of the class since January, when Miss Osborne became unwell. She has ensured that the children have continued to make good progress in their learning and that they have continued to thrive. Miss Osborne resumes as full-time class teacher next term but we will still see Mrs Nisbet from time to time as she is one of our regular supply teachers.



Welcome to lov, new baby brother to Taisia. He was welcomed into the world on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and we are pleased to report that he is doing very well and being completely spoiled by his big sister. Congratulations to the whole family on your new arrival!

The Housepoint totals for this term can be found below and Selwyn are our overall winners:



**Selwyn – 2444   Lewis – 2223   Jameson – 2303   Walter – 2177**

All that remains is for me to wish you a very Happy Easter and to the members of our school family celebrating Ramadan this month, Ramadan Mubarak!

Mrs Taylor

## Latest guidance and information for Schools re: Living with Covid-19

### OUR PLAN FOR LIVING WITH COVID

The guidance for health protection in schools and other childcare settings has been updated. The link with further information on this guidance and Living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19 can be found below.

The main summary for public health management of specific infectious diseases for respiratory infections including COVID-19 (Chapter 3 of guidance) are:

- Symptoms include runny nose, high temperature, cough and sore throat.
- For most children these illnesses will not be serious, and they soon recover.
- **Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.**
- **If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others from is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.**
- **Any staff who have a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home for 5 days after the day they took the test**
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.
- All staff and pupils are advised to follow the 'Living safely with COVID-19 and other respiratory infections guidance

## Holiday Activities and Food Programme

If your child is in receipt of benefit related free school meals (FSM) you can register your interest in the Holiday, Activities, and Food (HAF) programme. This is a funded programme which provides free activities with a healthy meal to eligible children and young people in education from reception to year 11 during the school holidays. Last year over 800 children and young people attended activities such as climbing, horse riding, circus skills, orienteering, arts and crafts as well as sensory based activities for children with additional needs. In order to take part in the HAF programme you will need a unique booking code which can be requested by registering online at: <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/HAF>

Wokingham Borough Council will also be running a number of Community Events this Easter holiday, which will enable the whole family to attend together. There will be a variety of fun activities, including sports and an Easter trail, along with a hot meal. Once you have received your unique booking code, you will be sent further information on how to book for your chosen activities during the Easter holidays.

Keep up to date by visiting the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HAFprogrammeWoky/>

If you require any help to register, please contact the HAF Team via email to: [haf@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:haf@wokingham.gov.uk)

## We can help

We are all facing challenging times with inflation rises, interest rate increases, fuel costs and petrol costs and huge rises in energy bills. If you are difficulties, we can help with gas/electricity vouchers, school uniform, shoes, PE Kits, school trips For any family facing financial difficulty, please get in touch on 0118 978 5219. We would be happy to help in any way we can.



## Update from the Governors

This term, as Governors of St Paul's, we have finally been able to return to the classrooms to see the fantastic work of the staff and pupils first hand. During Governor Day in March, we each worked with a class in the morning and could see the pupils working together to learn. Many of the children were keen to discuss their work and experiences and we had the further opportunity to speak to pupils at lunchtime to hear what they thought about the school. In the afternoon, we had excellent presentations from staff on plans for English, Maths, Science and pupil progress, which provoked a lot of lively discussion.

Many of us were able to help Year 6 as they sat practice SATs in March. This requires a number of people to support the children and to ensure everyone has a fair opportunity. We were very impressed with the attitude and effort of all the children.

Unfortunately, Covid has still caused challenges for the school this term, especially in terms of staff absences. We appreciate all of the hard work of the staff and children during this time and the support for the school from parents. The Health & Safety audit from the local authority took place this term and the school passed with flying colours.

Looking forward, the Governors are keen to help the school develop and improve and we are reviewing the school's vision and strategic plan. The vision is an important part of the school's identity and we would like pupils, staff and parents to have

their say. Look out for more details on this next term. In the classroom, there are areas where children's progress has been affected due to the pandemic, especially in writing. This is a key focus for the school and the Governors will receive regular updates on progress at Committee and Board meetings.

There are currently vacancies on the Governing Body - if you are interested in finding out more about the role of a Governor, please contact the school.

We would like to wish everyone a happy Easter holidays.

## Congratulations



Well done, Aarohan, who achieved an incredible **96/100** marks in his Grade 2 Drums exam!

Aarohan started his drums lessons with Berkshire Maestros at the start of Year 3 (Sep 2020) and progressed very quickly to Grade 2.

Congratulations, Aarohan!

## Happy Birthday!

Many happy returns to our pupils celebrating this week:

Taigan (4R) , Molly (3K) , Adam (5D) , Aymen (5S) , Frankie (3B), Laasya (3K) and Noah (3B)



## Golden Certificates

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Esme and Faith (3B)

Isla, Natanya (3K)

Lana, Udbhasita and Tommy (4P)

Yogan and Aeryn (4R)

Jessy, Abel and Rufus (5D)

Thomas, Adi, Hayley and Tiago (5G)

Aidan, Sreeja, Myra and Naveena (5S)

Molly Swanton (6B)

Molly, Darcey, Joni, Annabella, Ellie, Luke, Zoe, Ella,  
Eloise, Sanvi and Fatima (6N)



## Forest School News

We have now completed another fantastic term in the woodland with inquisitive, caring and enthusiastic groups of children. Our final session on Tuesday involved toasting marshmallows to make s'mores, a visit to the pond to observe the wildlife and games in the woodland.

Around the fire, the children shared what they had learned during the term. Some, spoke about the knots that they are now able to tie, others talked about understanding the importance of working as a team, while some spoke of personal growth. We would like to thank parents for ensuring their children are suitably dressed for their Forest School sessions.

*Mrs McBain & Mrs Grey*



## Courses for parents newly arrived from Hong Kong

Residents from Hong Kong with a BN(O) visa are able to participate in Wokingham Adult Education courses until July 2022. Courses that are on offer include:

- Understanding Primary education in England
- Helping your child with maths for primary school parents
- Helping your child with English for primary school parents
- Healthy Lunchboxes
- Managing your child's anxiety
- Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant and working in schools
- IT skills for work
- Building your confidence to get back into work or volunteering
- Excel for Work
- Family Matters course for those with a child with ASD

Those interested in attending the courses can email [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) To be added to our mailing list, or sign up for our newsletter via <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKWOKBC/subscriber/new>

**Emily Waddilove** - Teaching a Learning Adviser - [Emily.waddilove@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:Emily.waddilove@wokingham.gov.uk)

## EnergyKidz

[Join Energy Kidz at our Wraparound Care Clubs available every day throughout the term – secure your child's spot for the new Summer Term!](#)



New term, means new opportunities for children to have fun, make friends and enjoy Energy Kidz Wraparound Care Clubs! Energy Kidz offer parents and guardians complete peace of mind by fostering a safe, inclusive environment for all children and providing a program that is of the highest quality. Each day our whole child philosophy delivers enriching opportunities to enjoy play and activity and adds a depth to children's learning beyond the school curriculum.

Our fun-packed daily activity programme caters for a wide range of interests and includes Express Yourself, Learning to Thrive, Learn through Play, Wellness, Let's get Moving and Skills for Sports. But the fun doesn't end there! – this upcoming term we look forward to more fun-filled action with a range of themed activities to ensure an egg-citing Easter, some magical activities lined up for St George's Day, putting a spring in our step for National Skipping Day and getting our groove on for International Dance Day.

With so many families already booking sessions, ensure your child doesn't miss out on all the fun-packed activities this year by securing their spot for the academic year now through our flexible payment options that includes – book now, pay later. By using our handy instalment plan – you can spread the cost of your termly or yearly bookings through manageable monthly instalments and ensure your child misses a moment of club!

Book now at: <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/breakfast-and-after-school-clubs/>

If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to call Energy Kidz' friendly bookings team on 0333 577 1533 or drop them an email at [info@energy-kidz.co.uk](mailto:info@energy-kidz.co.uk).

## Forest School Class Timetable – Summer 2022

These sessions will take place in our woodland area, so please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing with them on that day i.e. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

25/04	09/05	16/05	23/05	13/06	20/06	27/06	04/07	11/07	12/07	13/07	18/07
5D	4P	6N	3B	6L	6B	4C	3H	5S	4R	3K	5G

## PE Timetable – Spring 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3K	3B	4P	All Classes	4R
	5S	3H		5G
	6L			5D
6N	6B			4C

Children should come to school dressed in their kit. PE & games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their uniform to school too, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

Diary Dates 2022	
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Family BBQ
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS (Year 6 pupils only)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Festival

Term Dates can be found on the website [here](#)

## Holiday Clubs



### ST PAUL'S JUNIORS CLUBS - SUMMER 2022

<p><b>All Years Multi-skills</b> Starts Thursday 28th April Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Cost: £79.75 for 11 sessions Finishes: Thursday 14th July</p>	<p><b>All girls Afterschool Football</b> Starts Monday 25th April Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Cost: £72.50 for 10 sessions Finishes: Monday 18th July</p>
<p><b>Mixed Afterschool football</b> Starts Friday 29th April Time: 3.30pm - 4.30pm Cost: £79.75 for 11 sessions Finishes: Friday 15th July</p>	<p><b>Mixed Lunchtime football</b> Starts Monday 25th April Time: 12.40pm - 1.30pm Cost: £68.75 for 11 sessions Finishes: Monday 11th July</p>

Please note that for the Monday lunchtime club, for all weeks there is an inset or bank holiday Monday, the session will take place on Wednesday lunchtime that week instead.

To enrol your child, please visit the website at the bottom of the form to create a profile to book online. Alternatively, if you have already created a profile, send us an email and make a bank transfer. If you wish to pay using childcare vouchers, please email us as well and transfer vouchers separately. If you have any further questions, don't hesitate to ask.  
info@justplaysports.co.uk



**Book now at [www.justplaysports.co.uk](http://www.justplaysports.co.uk)**



## HAF

### EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

11TH- 22ND APRIL 2022



### WHAT IS THE HAF SCHEME

THE HAF (HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD) SCHEME IS A GOVERNMENT FUNDED PROGRAMME TO PROVIDE ACTIVITIES AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO CHILDREN ENTITLED TO BENEFIT RELATED TERM-TIME FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

CHILDREN 5+ WHO RECEIVE BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR HAF VENUES OVER THE WINTER HOLIDAYS ABSOLUTELY FREE. ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS BOOK THEIR SPACE AND ATTEND TO SESSIONS YOU HAVE SELECTED.

YOU ARE WELCOME TO BOOK UP TO 2 FULL DAYS OR 4 HALF DAYS AT ONE OF OUR COMPLETELY FREE VENUES. A NUTRITIOUS HOT MEAL WILL BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE SCHEME. PLEASE ONLY SELECT ONE TIME SLOT.

WE OFFER ARTS AND CRAFTS, SPORTS AND TEAM GAMES, EASTER THEMED ACTIVITIES, TALENT SHOWS, MUSIC, DANCING AND MUCH MORE!  
IF YOU RECEIVE UNIVERSAL CREDITS, INCOME SUPPORT ETC THE COUNCIL WILL CONTACT YOU TO LET YOU KNOW YOUR ENTITLEMENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR ENTITLEMENT PLEASE SPEAK WITH YOUR SCHOOL.

### HOW TO BOOK

- VISIT [WWW.GETACTIVESPORTS.COM](http://WWW.GETACTIVESPORTS.COM) AND REGISTER YOURSELF AND YOUR CHILD(REN) IF YOU'RE NEW TO GET ACTIVE. SIGN IN WITH USUAL LOGINS IF YOU HAVE USED US BEFORE
- SELECT YOUR NEAREST VENUE AND VIEW LIVE AVAILABILITY.
- SELECT THE DAYS AND SESSION TIMES REQUIRED.

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP WITH YOUR BOOKING PLEASE CALL US ON 01344860868

### OVER 20 LOCATIONS

ACROSS SOUTH ENGLAND

11TH-22ND APRIL 2022

