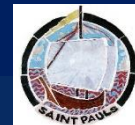


# St Paul's Newsletter – 14.10.22



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Thank you to 5S for their excellent assembly on the theme of commitment. Clearly, the children have been totally committed to learning these last few weeks and delighted in teaching us about the origins of the Khalsa, how people show dedication to their faith and the effort required in belonging to groups and organisations, such as sports teams, Brownies and Scouts.

Our marvellous PTA Committee and their band of parent helpers did a fantastic job at last night's discos. Thank you for the planning that went into both events. The children had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed their evening. Thanks also to the staff members who stayed on after school to help.

Next Tuesday, we will be waving goodbye to Year 6 as they embark on their residential trip to PGL Liddington. We will keep the website updated on a daily basis [here](#), so that you can follow their adventures whilst they are away.

Bookings for Parents' Consultations will close on Monday at 5pm and if you have yet to book an appointment, please do so as soon as possible.

We are looking to increase the membership of our Parents' Forum. Information was sent out earlier today via ParentMail, detailing the aims of the group, frequency of meetings etc. Please do take time to consider if this is something you might like to be involved in.

Finally, we wish both Ms Edwards and Mrs Keen a speedy recovery and are looking forward to welcoming them back to school soon.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Mrs Taylor

## Important message for parents of children who will be starting secondary school in September 2023

The deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October 2022. WBC admissions advise that any applications received after this date will be treated as late and not considered until after National Offer Day on 1st March 2023. This is a high birth rate year so we would strongly urge parents to apply before the deadline.

## Message for parents of pupils attending EnergyKidz

Please avoid parking in the mouth of the gates at the Oxford Road entrance when picking up from EnergyKidz. This area is access to both our school and Walter. Last week, staff from Walter were detained by inconsiderate parking by a St Paul's parent who left their vehicle in the mouth of their car park gates. If there are no marked parking bays available, please park away from our site and approach on foot.

## Reporting an absence

If your child is unwell, we need a written record from you of why they are not at school for our register. Absences should be reported via the absence section under ParentMail, or by emailing [absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk), detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day.

## Break Time Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not allowed.

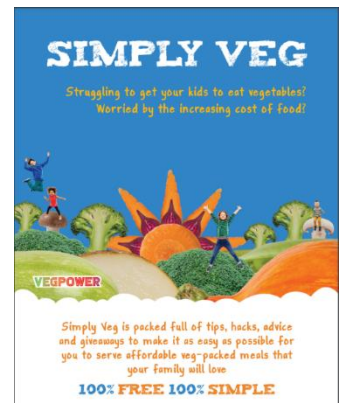
## Simply Veg

The cost-of-living crisis is putting immense pressure on household budgets and data shows that many people are still spending the same amount of money on their shopping but are now having to leave a few items behind. All too often vegetables are being sacrificed.

Simply Veg is a campaign to help families to use vegetables and pulses to navigate these challenging times, and in the perennial struggle many face to get children eating more vegetables.

For more information, please visit their website or scan the QR code.

<https://vegpower.org.uk/simply-veg/>



## Forest School News

This week 4C had a fantastic afternoon at Forest School. They began the afternoon with a challenge from Mrs McBain, to give the Stickman story an alternative ending and act this out in a group. The performances they gave were very entertaining and imaginative! After this, the children made the most of the beautiful surroundings by building dens and rope swings, digging holes, making God's Eyes and creating a number of exciting dishes in the mud kitchen!



In other sessions, the children have been working hard in our allotments each afternoon this week, harvesting our carrots and broccoli, turning the soil and getting rid of the weeds, planting broad beans and sowing lettuce seeds to grow in our greenhouse. They also delight in finding newts, worms and grubs in the soil! We are enjoying watching our brussel sprouts grow and look forward to harvesting them in December.



**Just a reminder that there will be no Forest School sessions next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. Sessions will recommence after half term.**

## Cost of living crisis

If you're struggling to pay your bills or feed your family help is available. The Hardship Alliance, a group of voluntary organisation's working in partnership with Wokingham Borough Council, have created the [cost of living help hub](#) for those who need support.

It outlines financial support, how to get help with your bills, health services and more you can use. These include:

- Parents with children who get means-tested free school meals can get £15 per week, per eligible child during all school holidays (this applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter). [Apply through First Days Children's Charity](#) to the Household Support Fund

Anyone struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other household essentials can also get help. This is for people struggling rising costs of living as well as people in receipt of benefits. You could get £120 in the form of a food, fuel or cash voucher. [Apply to Citizens Advice or Age UK Berkshire through the Household Support Fund](#)

## Changes to PE & Swimming – PLEASE READ

Swimming lessons will cease at half term. Indoor PE sessions will resume the first week back. Indoor kit is a white round necked t shirt and navy blue or black shorts. As the weather is turning much colder, on indoor PE days, children should come to school in uniform, bringing their indoor kit with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
3H, 6D, 5D	3B, 3K, 5K	4R, 4P, 5S	4C, 6B, 6T	Outdoor PE – all classes

## Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
4R	6D	4P	6T	3B	3H	5K

Diary Dates	
<b>Next Week</b>	
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y6 residential
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3K Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October ( <b>new date</b> )	Swimming pool closes until Easter 2023. Indoor PE lessons resume straight after half term.
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
<b>Upcoming</b>	
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents' Consultations
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunizations for Y3 to Y6
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November	6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – 2pm finish





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## Wokingham Children's Book Festival

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