



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce that St Paul's has been awarded the School Games Bronze Mark. We are only one of eleven Wokingham schools to have achieved the Mark in recognition of our commitment to, and development of, competition, school sport and physical activity. In the last year, we had a total of 183 pupils represent the school, a 37% increase on 2017 - 2018. Miss Osborne, Mrs Judd and Mrs Foster are already planning how we can build on this fabulous success over the coming year. For more information, see page 3.

Huge thanks to the parents who helped with 6G's trip to the River and Rowing Museum on Monday. Despite the torrential rain, flooding, emergency evacuation of the museum and a mad dash from one side of Reading Station to the other, the children enjoyed the trip and had lots to talk about when they arrived back at school. Thank you for helping to ensure that they had a great day - despite the unexpected hiccups!

The children were brilliant on Wednesday when we had to evacuate the building suddenly part way through lunchtime. The Fire Service were particularly impressed by the children and by the speed at which the building was emptied and all pupils and staff accounted for. There was no fire but an electrical short. The electrician arrived as the fire tender pulled out of the drive and the faulty equipment has now been replaced. Today, as a precaution, we had contractors in school checking all of the lights.

Quote of the week came from one of our new Year 3 pupils, "I love my teacher, I love my class, I love my friends and I love the playground. Basically, I just love, love, love St Paul's!"



Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Taylor
Headteacher

Thank You!

Parents, staff and pupils donated a brilliant £336.20 for Jeans for Genes last Friday, evidence of how caring and kind we are as a school family and our commitment to making a positive contribution to our community. Thank you everyone!



Upcoming Events

October 1 - Reading Information Evening: 6.30-7.30pm

October 7 - Individual & Group Photographs

October 7 - Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00 - 8.30pm

Safeguarding

Since the start of term, there have been several near misses, where children cycling to school with their parents have narrowly missed being seriously hurt by drivers reversing their vehicles or opening car doors. We ask that all parents choosing to drive to school take great care to ensure the safety of all of our families, whether on foot or bicycle.

Please avoid parking on the white lines in Murray Road, these are designated passing places and for pulling into when giving way to oncoming traffic.

We have had complaints from several local residents who have been unable to access or exit their property because of inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up times. We ask that parents show the same consideration to local residents that they would wish to receive themselves.

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.

Letter from Walter Infant School

Please do read Ms Wheeler's letter sent out by ParentMail earlier today, regarding parents of St Paul's and EnergyKidz children parking in the Walter staff car park. This is a staff only car park and is not to be used by anyone who is not an employee of the Infant School.

Swimming Pool



Next week will be the final swimming lessons for this season and our pool will close for the winter on Friday 4th October. There will be no changes to the days on which children have PE, they will simply need to bring in their PE kit rather than a swimming costume.

Reading Information Evening

Tuesday's Reading Information Evening will be held in the hall at 6.30pm. This evening is aimed at the parents of every child, including those of pupils who might consider themselves to be 'free readers'. The evening will be presented by Mrs Wilson and Mrs Bond who will share information about the best ways of supporting your child in developing their reading skills, and will consist of advice regarding how you can work alongside the school to support your child in developing their reading skills, whatever the level of books they currently read. Parking will be available on the playground from 6.10pm

Governor News

Welcome to our new governors: Mrs Manavi Banerjee; Mrs Sian Sweet; Mrs Annette Medhurst and Mr John Philip Mirfin.



Badminton

Niki, the badminton coach, is currently in hospital and therefore both sessions next week - Monday 30th and Tuesday 1st - have been **cancelled**. We wish Niki a speedy recovery and hope that she will be back with us very soon. Please check next week's Newsletter for further updates.

Coats

Now that Autumn is well and truly here, please do remember to ensure your child brings a coat or a waterproof to school.

Photographs



The photographer will be in school on Monday 7th October; if you would like your child to have a photograph with a sibling from Walter or any other school, please come along to our early morning shoot in the hall from 8:00am. Pictures will be taken on a first come, first served basis so you may wish to advise other schools that your child may arrive slightly later than usual that day. Photographs will be taken in the hall and entry will be via the link doors from the playground.

Our pupils will have individual photographs (and photographs with siblings attending St Paul's) during the school day. Photographs will be available to purchase online or via the school.

Run the World

It was a great week back for run the world last week. The children ran 8,076 laps of the playground, the equivalent of 2,019 miles.

Congratulations to 4A for running the most laps in the week (1,446), very closely followed by 5K (1,436) and to Year 3 for running the most laps across the week (2,862) – great work!

Our journey across the world continues and sees us depart the USA and travel from New Orleans in Louisiana to Calgary in Canada.



Mrs. V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

Sporting News

We are proud to have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2018_2019 academic year. It is awarded to schools for outstanding commitment to and development of competition, school sport and physical activity.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sports Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- 14 individual School Games Competitions entered (5 competitions entered in 2017_2018);
- We have competed in: Year 3/4 Mixed Football, Girls Football, Boccia, Year 5/6 Team Gym, Advanced TeamGym, Mini Tennis, Kwik Cricket and Girls Tag Rugby Festival;
- We achieved silver medals in: New Age Kurling, Year 3/4 TeamGym, Hockey Festival and QuadKids
- We achieved gold medals in Indoor Athletics and Orienteering.

St. Paul's represented Wokingham at both the winter and summer Berkshire County finals in Indoor Athletics and Quadkids. In addition, we participated in both boys and girls Wokingham District Football Leagues, Wokingham District Mixed Netball league, Thames Valley Running League (cross country races), Wokingham District Mixed Cricket League, Luckley Athletics for all Festival and District Sports Athletic Competition where we took home trophies for Girls Champions, Boys Runners-up and overall Champions amongst many individual medals and trophies.

With a total of 183 individual St. Paul's pupils (an increase of 37% on last year) competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs and we are pleased the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all our parent volunteers who have helped us offer the breadth of sporting opportunities to our pupils and the ongoing support of parents in transporting and encouraging the children. We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

| Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am) | | | Autumn Term 2019 | Games | Final Swimming Session of the term |
|---|----|--|------------------|-------------|--|
| Friday 4th October | 6G | | Monday | 5S 5P 6G 6B | 5P 6G |
| Friday 11th October | 5K | | Tuesday | 4L 4A 4M | 4L 6B 4M |
| Friday 18th October | 5P | | Wednesday | 3F 5K 6W | 5K 5S 3F 6W 4A |
| Friday 25th October | 3D | | Thursday | All Classes | |
| Friday 22nd November | 4L | | Friday | 3D 3B | 3B 3D |
| Thursday 28th November | 6W | | | | |
| Friday 29th November | 5S | | | | |

| Class Forest School Dates | | | |
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| Wednesday 2nd October | 4L | Wednesday 20th November | 3D |
| Wednesday 16th October | 3B | Wednesday 27th November | 6B |
| Wednesday 6th November | 6G | Wednesday 4th December | 3F |
| Wednesday 13th November | 5P | Wednesday 11th December | 6W |
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| Diary Dates | | | |
| Monday 30 th September | 6B Visit to River and Rowing Museum | | |
| Tuesday 1 st October | Parents' Reading Information Evening: 6.30-7.30pm | | |
| Monday 7 th October | Individual School Photos Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00-8.30pm | | |
| Tuesday 8 th October | 6W Visit to River and Rowing Museum | | |
| Wednesday 9 th October | Liddington Information Evening 6.30pm in the hall | | |
| Wednesday 16 th October | Open Morning: 9.00-9.55am, all welcome. | | |
| Thursday 17 th October | Year 3 SEN Drop-in: 9.00-11.00am, Learning Lodge | | |
| Tuesday 22 nd – Friday 25 th October | Year 6 Residential to PGL Liddington | | |
| Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November | HALF TERM | | |
| Monday 4 th November | INSET DAY – School Closed | | |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Year 4 Samba Drumming Workshop | | |
| Thursday 7 th November | Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre | | |
| Tuesday 12 November | Parent Consultations: 8.50-11.10am | | |
| Wednesday 13 November | Parent Consultations: 3.50-7.30pm | | |
| Friday 15 th November | Nasal Flu Immunisations, Years 3-6 | | |
| Tuesday 10 th December | Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 2.00-3.00pm and 5.30-6.30pm | | |
| Wednesday 11 th December | Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 5.30-6.30pm | | |
| Friday 20 th December | END OF TERM: 2.00PM | | |
| Term Dates can be found on the website here | | | |

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Clubs – Autumn Term 2019

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Running Club – 07.45am (16 September – 2 December) | No Badminton on Tuesday 1st October | Yoga Club – 07.45am (18 September – 27 November) | Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (19 September – 28 November) | Year 3 Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (20 September – 29 November) |
| No Badminton on Monday 30th September | Lego Club – Lunchtime (17 September – 26 November) | All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December) | Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (12 September – 5 December) | All Years Football - 3.30pm (13 September – 6 December) |
| Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (9 September – 2 December) | Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November) | Year 6 Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December) | Nutritional Ninjas – 3.30pm (19 September – 28 November) | |
| Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – 3.30pm (16 September – 2 December) | French Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November) | Multisports – 3.30pm (11 September – 4 December) | | |
| | | Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November) | | |
| | | Chess Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November) | | |
| There will be no clubs on the following dates:- W/b 28 th October Half Term Monday 4 th November Inset Day Monday 7 th October School Photos, no Badminton Club Tuesday 12 th November Parent Consultations – no morning clubs Wednesday 13 th November Parent Consultations – no after school clubs | | | | |