



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

It is always a very special time when our whole school community comes together, pupils, staff and families, to celebrate in church. The children shone brightly throughout each performance of the Christmas Celebration and we are tremendously proud of our year group choirs, readers,



Christingers and actors, who were all marvellous! Thank you so much for your feedback at the end of each evening, and for the phone calls and emails about how beautiful the singing was and how moving the service, particularly during the candlelit procession and final nativity scene. It really did bring home the message of what Christmas is all about! Special thanks to our musicians, Mrs March, Mrs Lindsay, Miss Plumley and Miss Hughes for leading the event, and to the teachers and learning mentors for helping to prepare the children. Thank you also to the parent and governor volunteers who assisted in walking the children up to church and to the Office Elves for processing no less than 660 tickets!



The aim of our 'Crisis' collection was to raise £346.44, enough to provide 12 homeless people with a very special Christmas day. Thanks to your amazing generosity, the total collected was more than three times that amount - a staggering £1307.92! This is enough money to provide 45 homeless people with 3 hot meals, a shower, change of clothes, and a health check with a doctor, dentist and optician. Clearly our core value of 'We care and we are kind' is being lived out to the full in our school community - thank you so much for supporting this very worthy cause!

Today was packed with fun as we celebrated Christmas Jumper Day and tucked into a festive feast! We had two sittings for lunch and our cook, Tracy, and her team did a fantastic job of preparing and serving 364 delicious Christmas dinners. Thank you to our hardworking lunchtime controllers, teachers and learning mentors who helped serve, waited on tables and cleared up after a mammoth two-hour banquet. Thanks to the PTA for providing the Christmas Crackers.



Sadly, at the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Apps who is taking a break from teaching to concentrate on her young family. Although the pupils, staff and the parents of 4A will be very sorry to see her leave, we wish her every success for the future. Mrs Kalpna Clarke will be taking over as 4A's new teacher and she has been in school this week, working alongside Mrs Apps in 4A and getting to know the children. She will also spend some time teaching her new class and working with the Y4 team next week to ensure a seamless transition.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

### December 16

iRock concert for iRock Parents – 2.30pm

### December 17

Year 3 Christingle Making

### December 19

Violin concert for violinists' parents

### December 19

PTA Discos

Years 3/4 - 6.15-7.15pm

Years 5/6 – 7.45-8.45pm

### December 20

End of Term – 2.00pm

### January 6 2020

Start of Spring Term

## Safeguarding

Lots of our children have told us that they are hoping that Santa will be bringing them a new phone or smart device for Christmas. It is important to ensure that any device is set up securely so that personal information remains private and that children are able to enjoy their device in the healthiest way possible.

This [LINK](#) will take you to the download section on the welcome page of our website where you will find a child-friendly user guide full of tips about safe and responsible use of smart devices.



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## Look At What We Got Up To Today!



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## Homework

You will have seen from the latest homework page for each of our year groups that we have included a list of last week's Word of the Day vocabulary as a prompt for the children to consolidate their use of these words as part of their repertoire of rich language.

Also included is the maths topic for the coming week.

## Christmas Post

Our Christmas postbox can be found in the library. Collections are at 10.00am and 12.30pm and all envelopes should be addressed with first name, surname and class. Deliveries are made to each classroom by the House Elves at 1.30pm each day.



## Lost Property



The lost property store is the green metal container that can be found to the left of the wooden gate into the playground. It will be emptied at the end of this term and any unnamed items of clothing will be donated to the air ambulance appeal. If your child had mislaid any uniform, kit or coat etc. this term, please do check the store before Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

## Run the World

The children ran 5,524 laps of the playground during the last two weeks, or approximately 1,381 miles. Well done!

6G ran the most laps last week and ran an impressive 1,610 laps. Year 6 also ran more laps than any other year and ran 3,179 laps over the two weeks.

Our run across the world continues from Pasto in Columbia to the Lima District of Peru.



Mrs. V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

## Community Events

### Christmas Cinema Screenings

Family Christmas film showings at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre. Tickets are £5.00 (including drink and mince pie).

Elf – 21st December 1pm start

White Christmas - 22nd December 2pm start

Book tickets via:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-movie-white-christmas-tickets-83985269201> and

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-movie-elf-tickets-82579713145>

### Wokingham Adult Education Courses

Please see a full list of courses below which may be of interest.



Diary Dates	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Christingle Making
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Discos: Year 3/4 6.15pm Year 5/6 7.45pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>END OF TERM: 2.00PM</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	<b>START OF TERM</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Year 6 Trip to Milestones Museum
Term Dates can be found on the website <a href="#">here</a>	

Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am)			Spring Term 2020	PE & Games	Games
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	6B		Monday	5S 5P 6G 6B	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	4A		Tuesday	4L 4A 4M	
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	3B		Wednesday	3F 5K 6W	
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> February	4A		Thursday		All Classes
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	3B		Friday	3D 3B	
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	3F				
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	4M				
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	4L				
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	5S				

## Adult Education Courses

08-Jan-2020 to 05-Feb-2020	<a href="#">English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</a>	8	Wednesdays 10:00-12:00	Wokingham Library	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
10-Jan-2020 to 14-Feb-2020	<a href="#">Teaching Assistant Introduction</a>	<b>Class full</b>	Fridays 09:30-11:30	Ambleside, Woodley	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
10-Jan-2020 to 14-Feb-2020	<a href="#">Teaching Assistant Introduction</a>	11	Fridays 13:30-15:00	Shinfield St Mary's CE	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
14-Jan-2020 to 30-Mar-2020	<a href="#">Employment &amp; Training Drop-in</a>	Unlimited	Tuesdays 13:00-15:00	Wokingham Library	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Just turn up</a>
14-Jan-2020 to 11-Feb-2020	<a href="#">English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)</a>	6	Tuesdays 09:30-11:30	Highwood School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
15-Jan-2020 to 12-Feb-2020	<a href="#">Helping Children with Maths</a>	11	Wednesdays 10:00-12:00	Highwood School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
15-Jan-2020 to 12-Feb-2020	<a href="#">Help Your Child with Maths at Key Stage 1</a>	12	Mondays 12:45-14:45	Hillside School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
15-Jan-2020 to 12-Feb-2020	<a href="#">Help Your Child with Maths at Key Stage 2</a>	12	Tuesdays 12:45-14:45	Hillside School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>

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15-Jan-2020	<a href="#">Generating a Growth Mindset</a>	12	Wednesday 12:45-14:45	Loddon School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
29-Jan-2020	<a href="#">How to Help a Fussy Eater</a>	12	Wednesday 12:45-14:45	Loddon School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
12-Feb-2020 to 18-Mar-2020	<a href="#">Getting into Construction Work</a>	12	Wednesdays 10:00-12:01	Wokingham Library	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>
12-Feb-2020	<a href="#">Managing Your Child's Anxiety</a>	12	Wednesday 12:45-14:45	Loddon School	Call 0118 974 3797 or e-mail: <a href="mailto:adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk">adulthoodeducation@wokingham.gov.uk</a>	<a href="#">Online Booking</a>

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