St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

What a tremendously busy week! Our Year 6 pupils gave a stellar performance throughout SATs week and we are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves during the tests. Our Year 6 team did a marvellous job of preparing the children and are to be congratulated on the highly organised, calm approach to what is potentially a stressful time for all pupils. Special thanks to Mrs Lander, Mrs Crouch and Mrs Tunnicliffe who were in school bright and early on each of the test days, preparing a pre-SATs breakfast feast. Today was fun-filled Friday, with Year 6 in non-uniform, playing games out on the field and watching DVDs. This was a great way to 'let off steam'.

5S deserve a very special mention as they decamped to the Art Room each morning so that Year 6 were able to spread out across four classrooms. Thank you also to 5K for being "quiet as mice".

All the test papers have been collected by Parcel Force and are on their way to be marked. The results will not be returned to us until July and will be reported to parents as part of the end of year Report.

Mr Millen has been working his socks off over the last few weeks, getting the pool ready for the swimming season. The timetable for each class can be found in the Diary Dates section of this newsletter and will be posted on the home page of the website.

Summer Term Parent Consultations will take place on Wednesday 13th (8.50am-11.10am) and Thursday 14th June (3.50pm-7.30pm). Booking opens at 7.00pm on Monday 20th May and will close on Friday 24th May at 3.30pm. Should you forget to book an appointment, you will need to speak directly to your child's class teacher as they will hold their own list after this time.

Well done to our Year 5 pupils, the vast majority of which gained a Level 1 or Level 2, during the Bikebility Training. Despite torrential rain and hail during some sessions, the children braved the elements and were a credit to the school. For any Year 5 who might be interested in extra tuition or would like to achieve a higher level, WBC are running a Bikeability at the FBC Centre in Finchampstead (3 mornings - 30th July, 31st July and 1st August). Further details can be found on the My Journey Wokingham website at

https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-level-12-course-30th31st-july1st-august-2019/

Mrs Taylor Headteacher



Upcoming Events

May 17 PTA Family BBQ

May 22 SRE Video for Year 5 Parents, 3.45pm

May 23 6W Class Assembly, 9.15am

May 23 Mini-Olympics

May 24 5S Class Assembly, 9.15am

May 27 – 31 Half Term, School Closed

Safeguarding



Talk P.A.N.T.S

Talking PANTS is a simple way to help keep children safe from abuse. It teaches children that their bodies belong to them, they have the right to say no, and that they should tell an adult if they are upset or worried about anything.

The NSPCC website has a wealth of information and resources to support parents in this conversation, and we make use of the information for schools section to support us in teaching safeguarding to all of our pupils. For more information follow <u>this link</u>.

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Year 6 SATs Breakfast

A pre-SATs breakfast of bread and jam, fruit, brioche and fruit juice was provided each morning which meant the children had a very relaxed start to the day.



Governor Day

The 21st of March was one of the absolute highlights of the year as far as the Governing Body at St Paul's Juniors goes - it was Governors' Day when all of the Governors try to come in to spend time at School together. Mrs Taylor and the Staff organise a day for us which allows us to see how the School works, and to meet as many pupils and staff as possible and to focus our attention on the things which are a particular focus for the School this year.

Seven of the Governors were able to come in. We spent the morning visiting classrooms and seeing things like Word of the Day and the use of Maths equipment in action. We were given a range of experiences across the Year groups and then had the chance to talk to staff at Break Time. We then spent time focusing on areas of particular interest, so some Governors met with School Council, some with children with SEN and others focusing on Brainboxes. The idea was to talk to the children themselves and find out how they saw the school and what they thought were the strengths and weaknesses of St Paul's and how things could be improved and what things couldn't possibly be made any better.

The rest of the day was spent in gathering our opinions and identifying things to work on, after we had enjoyed lunch in the dining hall and time to talk to anyone we could catch in the playground as they ran past us. The day is a really important part of the life of the Governors because it gives us a deeper understanding of the School, allows us to see things for ourselves and feeds into the things we ask, the matters we discuss and the decisions we take in our meetings.

Inevitably, there are some things to ask about in terms of consistency of practice and some areas for improvement but these are mostly things we already knew about from the School Development Plan and the regular updates we receive from the Head and Deputy.

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We were struck again by the commitment to learning, the welcome we received and the warm atmosphere in the school- and as ever the best advert for the school and the best evidence we have for the school's attainment are the pupils themselves. They were interested, reflective, friendly and confident and a real credit to themselves, to the School and to those who care for them.

It is a privilege to be a Governor of St Paul's. We are currently recruiting for three Parent Governors. It is a vital role in ensuring the success of the School and the flourishing of our children. And it's fun! If you would like to find out more about being a governor at St Paul's please contact the clerk to the governors, Pauline Wells, by email at Pauline.Wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

Fr. Richard Lamey, Governor

Talent Spotlight

Micro Scooter Competition



Congratulations to Darsh in Year 3 who was a runner-up in the WBC My Journery/Micro Scooter competition. Children wrote a short story or poem about a scooting adventure they would like to have and as a runner-up Darsh was presented with a scooter helmet in assembly by Wendy Measures of the My Journey team.

Interschool Chess Jamboree



St Paul's chess players recently competed in the Interschool Chess Jamboree held at Camberley Baptist Church on 4th May. They did fantastically well beating all the other schools in the region to become champions in the "Experienced Category". Well done to Mohit, Surya, Samuel, Elysia, Rohit, Micah and Daniel.

Run the World



It was a fantastic week for Run the World last week, the children ran an impressive 9,923 laps of the playground which is the equivalent of 2,408 miles.

We continue our journey across South America as we travel from Negra in Paraguay to Chiclayo in Peru.

Congratulations to 4M for running the most laps in the week (1,557) and to Year 4 for running the most laps across the week for the second week running (3,508) – well done!

The world map on the PE and Games noticeboard is updated every week to show our running journey.

Mrs V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

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Adult Education Courses

There are many different Adult Education courses available through Adult Education at WBC. Courses range from Interview Skills, Wellbeing Courses, Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant and many more. For further information on all the courses on offer visit <u>https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl</u>.

Wokingham Borough Libraries at Dinton Fun Day

On Saturday 1st June Wokingham Borough Libraries will be at Dinton Pastures Country Park for outdoor themed stories and craft activities, free colouring and more.

Contact the relevant library to book your place: http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/find-and-join-a-library/

There's lots more going on during May half term:

Elmer Storytime Explore Learning – Piece of Cake Get Arty Outdoor Let's Explore Read Me, Make Me Sand Art

For more events information visit: http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/whats-on-in-our-libraries/

Help Us Receive Funding For Our School!

St Paul's has been selected to take part in the Greenredeem School Donation Scheme along with 14 other Wokingham schools. You can earn points from Greenredeem by recycling and reducing waste and donate the points to our school. All you need to do is register at <u>www.greenredeem.co.uk/wokingham</u> to start collecting and donating straight away. You will also get money off at local shops and restaurants or win some great prizes.

Once registered you will receive weekly emails to ask if you have recycled - each week is worth 25 points! There are also pledges, quizzes and blogs that you can read for more points. Points can be donated by going to Spend points, Donations, Wokingham School Donations and you will see St Paul's.

We are currently in the lead with 33,780 points, but other schools are hot on our trail - the more points we have the bigger share of the £3000 we will receive.

The scheme runs until the end of September so there's plenty of time to get donating! The more points we get, the more funding we will receive from the £3,000 available for us. The money that we receive will be spent on continuing to develop our Forest School provision.

Please sign up today, spread the word and get donating!

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Diary Dates					
Wednesday 22 May	SRE Video for Year 5 Parents, 3.45pm in 5K				
	Crèche available in 5S				
Thursday 23 May	6W Class Assembly, 9.15am Mini-Olympics – children to wear a t shirt in their House colour				
Thursday 23 May					
Friday 24 May	5S Class Assembly, 9.15am				
Friday 24 May	Break up for half term – school finishes at 3.30pm				
Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED				
Tuesday 4 June	3H Trip to Reading Museum				
Wednesday 5 June	3G Trip to Reading Museum				
Thursday 6 June	Sports Day				
Friday 7 June	3F Trip to Reading Museum				
Tuesday 11 June	Class Photos and Leavers' Photo				
Wednesday 12 June	Parent Consultations: 8.50 -11.10am				
Thursday 13 June	Parent Consultations: 3.50-7.30pm				

Summer Swimming Timetable 2019

	8:55 – 9.55		10:15 - 11:15		11:30 – 12.30		1:30 – 2:30	2:30 - 3:30
Mon			4A		3G			5K
Tues		- 10.15		- 11.30	6L	-1.30	4M	5P
Weds	55	Break time 9.55	3H	Assembly 11.15 -	6₩	Lunchtime 12.30		3F
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Fri			6D		4B			

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