



## St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

Wow, what an amazing start to the term we have had! We have 220 children (57%) participating in our range of sports clubs and are confident of increasing this number by adding new clubs, such as the Year 3/4 netball club, and other possibilities including dance and golf. The Year 3/4 netball club has been so popular we are going to divide the children into two groups. Group 1 will begin in the Autumn term starting on Wednesday 6th November, and Group 2 will begin in the first half of the Spring Term.

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

### Football

#### Y3/4 School Games Mixed Football Tournament



Congratulations to the boys and girls who played in the mixed football tournament at the end of September. The children all demonstrated great skill, determination and teamwork to come away from the tournament as unbeaten group leaders. They will now progress onto the finals to be held at Piggott School in the Spring Term. Player of the tournament was Ruby Dabrell who demonstrated some fearless defending. Well done to all of you and we look forward to watching how you progress next term.

### Boys' and Girls' Football Leagues

We are participating in two leagues this year for both boys and girls, giving the children more opportunities to represent the school - The Berkshire Primary Football Association and the Wokingham District Football League.

Congratulations to the boys who held a strong, cohesive Willowbank team to a 3-3 draw at our first league match of the season. This was the first time the boys had played together as a team and they improved immensely as we progressed through the match. We are looking forward to watching this team grow in strength as we progress through the season. Man of the match was Rhys Littleford.

Congratulations to the girls who demonstrated tenacity and determination in their first match of the season against a very strong Colleton side who have 3 girls who play for the Wokingham District Team. The girls focused on the skills they have been working on in training; first touch, intensity and playing out wide and there were improvements in all three aspects of the game. Player of the match was Freya Gibbs who epitomised all three areas. Well done girls, keep it up and we will enjoy watching your improvement.

## Friendlies at Willowbank

We took an additional three teams to Willowbank to give more children the opportunity to represent the school, including a Year 3/4 team, Year 5/6 Girls and a Year 5/6 B team. Both the Year 3/4 team and the B team won their matches. The girls lost a tight game that was not a true reflection of the final score. Everyone played really well and it was fantastic to see so many children representing St Paul's and having fun. Players of the match were Lucas Newell, Samantha Sehejpal and Kamran Shah.

## Netball League

Well done to all the children who played in our first match against Willowbank. This was the first time that many of the children had played a netball match before – we were very proud to see fantastic effort, determination and team-work by everyone who played. We are in a very tough league as all the other schools play to an extremely high standard playing netball from Year 3 upwards. Both teams lost their matches but it was wonderful to see that no-one gave up and they focused on the skills we have been learning in training, such as accurate passing and footwork. We will continue to work on these, as well as attacking and defending skills. The next match is on Wednesday 6th November against Winnersh. Players of the match were Jodie Sawyer and Lauren Wesley.

## School Games Netball Tournament

The team did really well at the School Games tournament last Friday. They showed increased confidence and skill to finish 2nd in their group, (0-1 (lost), 2-2 (draw) and 2-0 (win). Unfortunately, this meant that we didn't progress further in the competition, but the girls all had a great time and enjoyed their netball. Congratulations to Erin Lewis who was the player of the tournament.

## Netball Tournament – Reddam House

This tournament is a key competition on the Wokingham District netball calendar. We were able to bring two teams to allow more children the opportunity to take part. Well done to the Blues who demonstrated tenacity and perseverance to finish 3rd in their group, and to the Reds who made it all the way through to the semi-finals, finally losing the 3rd/4th play-offs to a very strong Polehampton side. It was wonderful to see the improvement in both teams over the last few weeks. Well done to all of you. Players of the tournament were Jodie Sawyer and Sarang Nair.



## School Games Orienteering Competition

St Paul's continued their excellent record in this competition. The team is made up of six pairs of children (6 boys and 6 girls). Each pair has to read their map and run to locate two controls each. They then run back and pass the score sheet to the next pair in line. The fastest team who completes the whole course correctly is the winner. All the schools set off at intervals and go around the course in a different order so it is impossible to tell which team is the winner. Congratulations to our boys and girls who finished in 2nd place, coming home with the silver medal meaning they will now qualify to participate in the Berkshire County final in the summer term.



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