

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 15.9.23



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

A busy week with lots to celebrate!

The children are doing a brilliant job of learning. We have already seen some stunning pieces of work and if the start of term is anything to go by, it promises to be a great year! We have seen great care and kindness from the children towards one another and are very proud to be working with such an amazing group of children!



Thank you to all those of you who are now following the one-way system when collecting children at the end of the day. It has made a huge difference in terms of the safety of our pupils as teachers are able to lead classes out without losing sight of pupils amongst parents entering the playground. It also ensures that we can have a two way flow of foot traffic in and out of the gates, speeding departure up for everyone, especially when it is raining!

On Monday, it was lovely to welcome Father Richard for his first assembly of the school year. He has been leading the work on developing our Vision, working with pupils and staff to articulate what our strap line, *'One body, every person, growing together'* looks like in real life, whether that be in the classroom, the playground, within our curriculum, or any other aspect of the work and life of the school. The work around our vision has been an ongoing project for some time and has included work with pupils, staff, parents and our governors, weaving together what it is that we want for all members of our school community, our core values and the distinctiveness of our school as a church school.



The next step is to produce a piece of art work that every pupil can contribute to, which then can be displayed in our Prayer Garden.

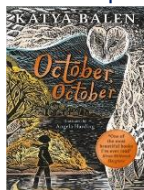


As you can see from the photographs, the re-development of the Prayer Garden has been a huge project and it now looks more beautiful than it has for a long time. The installation of bug hotels and a new water feature are next on the plan.

It was good to see so many of you at our Curriculum Information Evening on Wednesday – we had lots of great feedback and are delighted that it was such a valuable event. Our curriculum is dynamic in that we often review and refine our topics and planning to ensure that it is knowledge rich, engenders a love of learning and helps pupils to understand their world. We will keep you updated of any development work as we go through the year. If you were unable to join us it, each presentation can be found in the relevant year group area of our website. Homework was one of the topics discussed on Wednesday. This is set for all pupils via MS Teams. The first homework tasks for all year groups will be set on Tuesday 26th September and prior to this, teachers will show our new pupils and remind existing pupils of how to navigate to their Teams page. We will also send home a copy of instructions to parents as a back-up.



Mrs Tustin led a brilliant assembly this morning to mark Roald Dahl Day and we had lots of fun trying to answer the questions in her quiz. It was full of interesting facts, including some lesser known ones, like him putting a mouse in a jar of sweets in his local shop!



Since the start of term, members of staff have shared some of their favourite summer reads and *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown is a firm favourite for Y3 & Y4 and *October* by Katy Balen, is a great read for pupils in Y5 & Y6. Mrs Tustin is on the lookout for pupils who are passionate about Reading to join her team of Reading Ambassadors and will be talking to the whole school on Monday about how pupils can apply.



Whatever you have planned, have a good weekend!

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

Parking

There is no doubt that parking is an issue at the start and end of the school day; however, parents and carers must not park in the car park of Murray House or at West Oak. There were so many cars in the private car park of Murray House yesterday at the end of the school day and people were manoeuvring all over the place, with little care for safety; a staff member witnessed adults arguing in front of the children and becoming aggressive. You will see from these photographs, that parking is prohibited in some areas around the school and no-one has the right to park on private property. We will be monitoring the situation with support from Wokingham Borough Council.



Safeguarding

Everything that we do has the children at its heart. Their wellbeing, their safety, their achievements and their happiness underpins every decision that we make, and determines how we work. Often when safeguarding is talked about the assumption is that it is just child protection - when a child is suffering harm, or is in danger of suffering harm. However, safeguarding is much, much broader than this and considers a range of areas. Our staff are regularly trained in safeguarding and our curriculum provides the children with many age appropriate opportunities to learn about how to keep healthy and safe. They have already

If you should ever have a concern about the safety or welfare of a pupil, contact Mrs Taylor, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Mrs Tritton, Deputy Safeguarding Lead, immediately. You can speak in person, by phone 0118 978 5219 or use our dedicated safeguarding mailbox: safeguarding@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Lost Property

We appreciate the frustration and stress caused when a child misplaces an item of uniform or their shoes or coat. If items are not labelled with name and class, it is impossible to reunite them with their rightful owner. Please do check over the weekend that all items brought to school are clearly labelled and that they do in fact belong to your child - we have already had reports of children arriving home in uniform belonging to someone else and the lost property store (the green container near the bike shed) is overflowing with items.

Pupil Premium Funding

If you are in receipt of one the following benefits your child may be eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium funding:

- 1) Income Support.
- 2) Income based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- 3) Income related Employment and Support Allowance.
- 4) Child Tax Credit - Where the family's annual income is not more than £16,190 and Working Tax Credit is not in payment.
- 5) Guarantee Pension Credit.
- 6) Support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- 7) Universal Credit.

Please contact Miss Fox in the office to find out more or follow the link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/free-school-meals-and-the-pupil-premium/>

PE and Swimming

Swimming Lessons

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
5D 3D 3H	5K 3B 4P	5M 4R 4B	6T 6B 6S

Outdoor Games

Thursday - all classes

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 22nd September



we will be fundraising on Friday 22nd September to support research into genetic disorders. The children are invited to dress in jeans, as part of an outfit of their choice.

Please make your donation for this event via our [Just Giving](#) page

Forgotten items

Please do not worry if your child forgets their water bottle packed lunch or pencil case. We can loan any equipment they might need for a day at school to avoid multiple interruptions to learning. We have a small stock of spare PE kit, which we will loan, rather than inconvenience parents by asking for it to be brought into school.

Absence and Updating details

Absences must be reported via the absence section under Parent Mail, or by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk, detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day.

Open Morning – Thursday 5th October

This is an opportunity for you to see our happy, hardworking school in action. School will be open from 9.00am to 9.55am and should you wish to drop in during these times, please sign in at the Oxford Road entrance, where you will be issued with a visitor's badge.

We make no changes to the timetable and lessons run as normal for this event to give you a feel of what learning is like at St Paul's. If you are unable to visit on the 5th, we will be holding further open events throughout the year.

Parents' Consultations – 11th and 12th October

Parents' Consultations will be face to face meetings and you will have the opportunity to look through books and visit classrooms. Meetings with teachers will take place in the main hall.

Booking will open on Wednesday 27th September and close on Wednesday 4th October. Instructions of how to make an appointment will be sent out the week before, via ParentMail.

Book Fair



The Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 27th September - Monday 2nd October, with over 200 new children's books to browse and buy! If you are unable to join us, gift vouchers are available at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents.

St. Paul's earns **FREE BOOKS** for every book sold at the Fair, so this is a great opportunity to support the work of the school and help us stock up our classrooms with new resources. We hope to see you there!

Wokingham Childrens Book Festival

The Wokingham Children's Book Festival will be held on the weekend of Saturday October 14th to Sunday October 15th. Put a note in your diary and don't forget to book some events! Sessions will be held at Wokingham Town Hall and Wokingham Library, with a mixture of storytelling, crafting and singing.

Tickets remain priced at £3 per person and can be purchased from the [Wokingham Children's Book Festival website](#)

Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations if you have already completed this year's Summer Reading Challenge. For those of you who have not yet completed the challenge - you have until Saturday 16 September. Please remember to visit the library and collect your certificate and medal.



Everyone who has completed the challenge will be invited to a special Summer Reading Challenge swim at one of the Places and Leisure. Details will be emailed shortly.

Dates for Next Week	
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Non-uniform day
Monday 18 th September	5M Forest School
Diary Dates	
Wednesday 27 th September - Monday 2 nd October	Travelling Book Fair
Monday 2 nd October	Flu Immunisation Years 3 - 6
Tuesday 3 rd October	Y6 Parents Liddington Information Evening 6:30pm in the School Hall
Tuesday 3 rd October	Portrait Photographs Cardwell and Simon
Wednesday 4 th October	PTA Annual General Meeting 2:30pm – 3:15pm in the Learning Lodge
Thursday 5 th October	Parent Open Morning 9:00am-9.55am
Friday 6 th October	Harvest Festival at St Pauls Church 9:30am.
Wednesday 27 th September	Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations 7pm
Wednesday 4 th October	Online booking for Parents' Consultations closes 3.30pm
Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th October	Walter / Jameson / Lewis / Selwyn Hustings
Wednesday 11 th October	Parents' Consultations 3.50pm -7.40pm
Thursday 12 th October	Parents' Consultations 8.50am - 11.10am
Monday 16 th October	House Captain Election
Tuesday 17 th – Friday 20 th October	Y6 Liddington Residential Trip
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Friday 24 th November	Non-Uniform day WADE, Wokingham
Tuesday 12 th - Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Pauls Church 6-7pm
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	End of term – 2pm finish

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UNIVERSAL VOICES

Director: Dr Rebecca Berkley

First rehearsal Wednesday 20th September, 16.00 – 17.30

Come and sing with Universal Voices, the free children's community choir at the University of Reading - singing, games, laughter, fun and performance

Universal Voices is a community choir open to all boys and girls in school years 3, 4, 5 and 6 (7-11 years old) in the Reading area. No auditions are necessary. Children can join any time through the Autumn term.

We rehearse on Wednesdays in term time, 16.00 – 17.30, in Building L29 on the London Road Campus.

Universal Voices is free for all children, thanks to the generous support of our donors and the University Alumni and Supporter Engagement Office.

To book your child's free place at a rehearsal, please [click here](#) or use this QR code.

You can also email universalvoices@reading.ac.uk



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Just Play Sports Clubs

From the sport-mad to the have-a-gos, here you'll find clubs packed with games for any ability and a ginormous focus on fun.

All Years Mixed Multi Skills Club Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm £7.50 a session	All Years Mixed Football Club Friday 3.30 – 4.30pm £7.50 a session
All Years Mixed Football Club Monday Lunchtime £6.50 a session	All Years Girls Football Club Thursday 3.30 – 4.30pm £7.50 a session

Book online at bit.ly/stpaulsclubs

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