



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

Huge thanks to the parents and governors who helped with 6B's trip to the River and Rowing Museum this week.

The children had a great day, especially those who got to experience train travel for the first time. Even our most seasoned travellers were fascinated by the contrast between the multi-million pound mainline station at Reading and the more rural stations of Henley and Twyford.

Having to change trains made the journey all the more exciting and relevant as the children were making use of the transport links on our doorstep to explore the local area. Thanks to the creative planning of the teaching team, all Y6 pupils will experience train travel and discover the story of the River Thames and the bugs, animals and birds that live in, on and close-by. According to Friends of the Earth, although railways still have environmental impacts, these are considerably less than travel by road and as one of our core values is 'We are environmentally responsible', this was the icing on a thoroughly brilliant day out!

Thanks to 6G for than excellent class assembly this morning. It was a great way to start the day and to hear about what they have been learning in their Rivers topic. They certainly set the bar high!

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Taylor
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

October 7 - Individual & Group Photographs

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

Safeguarding - Smart Devices

Children are using smart devices from a young age which is why it is crucial that they know how to use them safely. Whilst there are numerous benefits to the technology, there are also some risks and it is important for parents to know what steps can be taken to protect against them.

'9 Tips to get smart about your children's devices' from National Online Safety can be found on the welcome page of our website [here](#)

Photographs – Monday 7th October

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.

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.



Democracy in action at St Paul's!

'We have a voice and we listen to others' is one of our core values, embodying the principle of democracy, one of the British Values that we constantly reinforce. We use democratic processes for important decisions, such as the election of School Councillors and House Captains and both of these groups play a key role in helping to make our school the best that it can be.

The Council is made up of a child from each class, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Wallace, Chair of Governors. This year, the meetings will be chaired by the children, in rotation. Well done to everyone who stood for class rep – your speeches were fantastic! The names of our newly elected Councillors will feature in next week's Newsletter.



Our Y6 House Captains are elected by pupils from across all year groups and this week, we have enjoyed listening to the campaign speeches of each of the candidates. Due to a last minute entry this morning, our election will now take place on Monday and the hall will be transformed into a Polling Station where the children will cast their votes. Once the ballot boxes have been emptied and votes counted, the names of

the successful candidates will be announced in assembly and published in next Friday's Newsletter. House Captains act as ambassadors for St Paul's, welcoming visitors to open events, giving tours and helping to organise sporting competitions.

There is no doubt that every child who stood would be capable of taking on this role and we would like to congratulate everyone who put themselves forward.



The election of the School Council and House Captains involves the active participation of every pupil, sowing the seeds for a more sophisticated understanding of democracy in the future.

Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00 - 8.30pm Monday 7th October Class 6B – places still available

There are still 6 spaces available on this course. Booking and payment is directly via LKC Support Services lkcservices@hotmail.com. Parking will be available on the playground from 6.45pm and this event will take place in Class 6G. Enter via the link doors, turn left and straight ahead through the Prayer Garden. 6G is the first classroom you come to as you re-enter the building. If you know of any other non-St Paul's parents who may be interested in attending, please do share the details of this event.

Parking in Walter Staff Car Park

Despite Ms Wheeler's letter last week, parents are still ignoring requests to avoid using the Walter car park. This is a staff only car park and is not to be used by anyone other than employees. When picking up from St Paul's, please park in the designated spaces outside of the gate. If there are no spaces available, please do not double park as this obstructs the gates of both schools and reduces the visibility of cars pulling in and out of both sites.

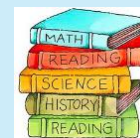
The Swimming Pool is now CLOSED.

There will be no more swimming lessons this year. The timetable will not change, swimming will simply be replaced by indoor PE.



Reading Information Evening

The presentation from Tuesday's Reading Information Evening can be found on our website [here](#), along with links to The School Reading List, a website that is regularly updated with the titles of books suitable for children in [Y3](#), [4](#), [5](#) and [6](#). Here you will find lists of recommend reads suitable for all ability ranges within each year group, including both reluctant and more independent readers.



Badminton – sessions cancelled until further notice

Niki, the badminton coach, is still very unwell and it is not clear at this stage when she will be able to return to work. Therefore, **all sessions will be cancelled until further notice**. We wish Niki a speedy recovery and hope that she will soon be feeling much better.

Coats

We have had lots of children arrive at school without a coat and then complain that they are cold during break and lunchtime. Now that the temperature is dropping, please ensure your child brings a coat to school each day.

Run the World

Last week the children ran 2,460 laps of the playground which is the equivalent of 615 miles.

Congratulations to 5K for running the most laps in the week (1,660), and to Year 5 for running the most laps across the week (1,660) – great work! Our journey across the world continues and sees us travel through from Calgary to Vancouver.



Mrs. V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

Mr Millen

We are pleased to report that Mr Millen's operation went well and that he is back on his feet (albeit on crutches)! His recovery will be a long one but things are definitely heading in the right direction.

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

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Class Forest School Dates			
Wednesday 16th October	3B	Wednesday 27th November	6B
Wednesday 6th November	6G	Wednesday 4th December	3F
Wednesday 13th November	5P	Wednesday 11th December	6W
Wednesday 20th November	3D		

Clubs – Autumn Term 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (16 September – 2 December)	Badminton – cancelled until further notice	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)
Badminton - cancelled until further notice	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
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Consultations – no morning clubs
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Consultations – no after school clubs

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Diary Dates	
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
Thursday 10 th October	Bag2School Collection Day – Murray Road Entrance
Monday 14 th October	PTA AGM & Planning Meeting 7.00pm St Paul's Staffroom
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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