



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

We've had another extremely busy week and have much to celebrate. Wednesday saw us welcoming the parents of the Y3 children joining us in September. The children have already visited us several times and Walter have provided us with class lists. All that remains is for us to decide which class will be matched with which teacher, details of which will be sent home after their final visit.

Today, we had teams out representing the school at the District Sports Competition and at the QuadKids Competition at Bisham Abbey. At the time of writing, we are eagerly waiting to hear the final results from Bisham Abbey but I am delighted to be able to announce that St Paul's are overall winners of District Sports for the 19th consecutive year. We will send out the details of individual and team events in our upcoming edition of Sports News. The behaviour and sportsmanlike conduct of every one of our pupils at both events has made them stand out from the crowd! Wherever our children visit, whatever they are involved in, they are always superb ambassadors for St Paul's and we could not be prouder of their efforts.

Special thanks to Mrs Foster, Mrs Judd, Mrs McBain and Joe Carless who supported our District Sports Squad at the event itself, not to mention helping to prepare the children, along with Mrs Hare, Mr Day and Miss Osborne.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

July 3 & 4 – Year 6 Production, 7.30pm

July 5 – Non-uniform Day

13 July – PTA Summer Fair, 11.30am-1.30pm

July 15 – Leavers' Disco, 6.15-7.45pm

Safeguarding

Many parents worry about the negative impact social media can have on children's mental health and although there is currently insufficient evidence to prove or refute this widely held belief, how children communicate using technology does bring certain pressures because of the potential for them to be 'visible' 24/7.

For the latest Parents' Guide to Social Media and Mental Health from the National Online Safety Centre click [here](#)

Earrings During PE/Games/Swimming

As part of teaching the children about safe practices in PE, we require all personal items, such as watches and earrings, to be removed prior to the lesson. We ask that earrings are left at home on PE, Games and Swimming days to minimize the possibility of a stud post penetrating the bone behind the ear should an unintentional blow be received. Taping earrings is not a failsafe way to prevent such an injury as it does not offer sufficient protection.

We do not encourage any child to wear earrings to school and the only type of earrings permitted are silver or gold studs. Should you decide to have your child's ears pierced, we ask that this is done at the very start of the summer holidays to give sufficient time for ears to heal during the six week break.

St Paul's C of E Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

Car Emissions

If you are parking in the roads around school, please turn your engines off whilst you are waiting. Idling engines significantly increases the amount of exhaust fumes in the air.

These fumes contain harmful gases, including carbon dioxide, which are linked to asthma and other lung diseases. Not only this, but they are also bad for the environment. Cutting out engine idling will improve the air quality for everyone in the local area.

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 www.greenredeem.co.uk/wokingham 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 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!

Run the World



It was a good week for run the world last week, the children ran 6,052 laps of the playground which is the equivalent of 1,513 miles.

Congratulations to 5K for running the most laps in the week (1,300) and to Year 5 for running the most laps across the week (1,920) – well done!

We continue our journey across South America as we travel from Belmopan in Belize to Monterrey in Mexico. A good week next week might take us across the Mexico border to the United States of America.

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

Mrs V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

ABC to read

If you're interested in helping a child who is struggling to read, you can train as a volunteer reading mentor with the charity ABC to read. The charity is looking to place reading mentors in 30 schools within Berkshire. Please see the flyer below for further details.



Sporting News

Orienteering

During SATs week, the whole of Year 6 took part in a group orienteering session. After this, we were able to select mixed teams of boys and girls to take part in orienteering competitions. There were two competitions with the first being held at Addington School in Woodley. Although the course around the school grounds was extremely tough, with many obstacles to orientate around, our team did tremendously well finishing in 2nd place.

The second competition was at Woodford Park. Again it was a really tough course made much harder by torrential rain! Despite a few map mishaps, the team finished in 1st place finding all 12 controls in the fastest time. This would have meant we would qualify for the Berkshire Games competing against teams from each of the other regions in Berkshire, but unfortunately as a school we are only allowed to represent Wokingham in one sporting category and we already have a team at the Quadkids competition. Well done to all of you for a fantastic performance.

Football – Year 4/5 Football Tournament at Madejski Stadium

The final football tournament of the year was held on Friday 14th June. We had two teams representing St Paul's, with each team playing in the qualifying rounds against five other schools. Both teams won several of their matches and we saw some fantastic football. Neither team qualified for the knock out stages unfortunately, although the results of both groups were very tight. The children then played in mini-leagues with the teams from other groups. Players of the tournament were Lewis McMenemy (Year 5) and Nathan Wiard (Year 4). Well done to everyone involved.

Luckley Festival For All

Each year the students from Luckley organise an athletics competition for Year 4 pupils. 12 schools took part, each bringing a team of eight young athletes. The children participated in a series of different field events such as long jump, speed bounce and javelin etc. Next, they all competed in a series of running races, 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m. Finally, the afternoon finished off with relay races in both boys' and girls' teams. Our athletes gave an incredible performance, and demonstrated great skill in their field events, particularly Andrei Munteanu who brought home a gold medal as overall boy's winner on the field.

On the track, Ruby Dalmedo and Samuel Seward came in 2nd in their 400m races and 4th and 3rd overall respectively. Aidan Duesbury, Andrei Duesbury, Kaisey-Mai Williams and Freya Gibbs won their heats convincingly, but just missed out on the overall winners medals, coming 2nd overall. Evo Ivanov and Elyssia Ang also won their heats convincingly, earning gold medals as the overall winners of the 50m races. Both relay teams won their heats with the boys winning gold medals as overall winners of the relay. Well done to everyone!

Wokingham Borough Libraries Events

There's lots of events for both children at adults taking place at Wokingham Borough libraries throughout the summer. For a list of events please follow the link below to the Wokingham Borough Libraries Newsletter: –

<https://wp.me/p5mHbU-3Q1>

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Please see below for Diary dates.

Diary Dates	
Wednesday 3 July	Year 6 Production: 7.30pm
Thursday 4 July	Year 6 Production: 7.30pm
Thursday 4 July	Year 5 Secondary School Experience Day – Holt and Forest Schools
Thursday 4 July	Violin Concert for Violinists' Parents: 2.30pm
Friday 5 July	Non-uniform Day – Tombola gifts to be handed in
Saturday 13 July	PTA Summer Fair: 11.30-1.30pm
Monday 15 July	iRock Concert for Band Member Parents: 2.30pm
Monday 15 July	Leavers' Disco: 6.15-7.45pm
Friday 19 July	Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Paul's Church: 11.00am – Year 6 Parents Invited
Friday 19 July	END OF TERM: 2.00pm Early Finish

Volunteers urgently
needed to help a child
find the fun in reading



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