

St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 16.9.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

There will be a Civic Memorial Service for Her Majesty the Queen at St Paul's Church on Sunday 18th, 7.00pm to 8.30pm. For further information about this and other events at the Church, please follow this [link](#)



The British value of democracy is alive and kicking at St Paul's! Y6 pupils have begun signing up as prospective candidates for our upcoming election of House Captains. Hustings will be: Walter 26th, Selwyn 27th, Lewis 28th and Jameson 29th. Any candidate wishing to stand will make a speech (no more than a minute and a half long) to the school and their name will be entered onto a ballot paper. On Friday 30th, our hall will be transformed into a Polling Station, where pupils will cast their votes. The names of the House Captains will be published via the Newsletter on 7th October.

Thank you **VERY** much for your positive feedback regarding our 6.9.22 Newsletter. We are delighted that you found it such a helpful document and, going forward, is something we will repeat at the start of each new term. We too are excited about the reinstatement of many of our traditional face to face events, particularly Open Morning, as well as the introduction of our new Curriculum Celebration planned for later this term.

Special thanks to our Year 3 parents for your continued patience whilst we resolved the technical issues in getting two different information management systems 'talking to one another'. Thanks to Mrs Coe's tenacity, your details have been successfully imported into ParentMail and we are finally up and running.



Today was National Teaching Assistants' Day, which marks the valuable contribution teaching assistants make to children's education and support. At St Paul's, teaching Assistants are called Learning Mentors as their work informs and enhances the learning of all of the children in our school. Our brilliant team works tirelessly to improve outcomes and we enjoyed celebrating their hard work in the staffroom this morning!

We appreciate the frustration and stress caused when a child misplaces an item of uniform or expensive items like shoes or a coat. If items are not labelled with name and class, it is impossible to reunite items with their rightful owners. 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! On the subject of clothing, as we spend time outdoors every day, your child should always bring a coat to school (even those pupils who insist that they do not need one!).

Next week is a short week due to the State Funeral and school will remain closed on Monday 19th. The remainder of the week promises to be extremely busy with our first class assembly from 6B, the PTA AGM and our Curriculum Information Evening.

We are looking forward to seeing you there! Several new dates have been added to the diary section - these are marked in bold.

Mrs Taylor

Curriculum Information Evening – Wednesday 21st September

Each teaching team will give a short presentation on the curriculum. The presentation will be repeated at 5.45pm, enabling parents with children in different year groups to attend. The main office will be closed and entry will be via the Murray Road gates. Please follow the signs to where staff will be waiting to greet you.

Session 1	Session 2
5.00pm – 5.30pm	5.45pm – 6.15pm

Cash Payments to School

Cash payments can no longer be accepted in the School office. Please ensure you have a SCO pay account set up so that you can make payments for lunches, school trips and buy uniforms.

Please do not send in cash with your child for lunch as Caterlink will only accept payments made electronically. They ask that you ensure your child has sufficient funds available on their online account to have a lunch each day. If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

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.

If you should ever have a concern about the safety or welfare of a pupil, contact Mrs Taylor, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Ms Edwards, the 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

We can help

The cost of living crisis and rising energy costs is affecting everyone and a huge worry for many families is how they will make ends meet. We can support you in a number of ways, including an 'on the day' emergency delivery of a school food parcel directly to your door, or for a more substantial family food parcel, including specialist items such as nappies and cleaning products, we can make a referral to Wokingham Foodbank for you. We can also make referrals for top up fuel vouchers (prepaid meters only).

We will be happy to help in any way we can, so do not hesitate to call us on 9785219. All enquiries will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 23rd September

**WEAR
JEANS
CHANGE
LIVES**



Jeans for Genes Day will be on Friday 23rd September to help fundraise for research into genetic disorders. The children are invited to dress in jeans & non-uniform items of their choice for a suggested donation of £1. In light of the cost of living crisis, we understand how every penny counts; please do not feel under any pressure to donate but do send your child in wearing non-uniform so they can join in the fun. Collection buckets will be at the gate, should you wish to donate.

International Car Free Day

International Car Free Day is Thursday 22nd September

Why not walk, cycle, or scoot to school!



 www.myjourneywokingham.com/schools/

It is car free day next Thursday and we are joining lots of schools across Wokingham in asking parents to encourage as many children as possible to walk, scoot or cycle to school that day.

Travelling Book Fair



The Book Fair will be open after school from Tuesday 27th September to Monday 3rd 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.

Cantonese Resources

新的沃金厄姆 (Wokingham) 圖書館為粵語兒童準備的書籍

Wokingham libraries have recently purchased new stock, especially with children from Hong Kong in mind. These new books can be found at Lower Earley, Woodley, Wokingham and Winnersh libraries. There is also a smaller collection moving around Finchampstead, Spencer's Wood, Twyford and Wargrave libraries. A leaflet promoting the books, with text in Cantonese, as well as in English, can be found [here](#).

PE and Swimming Timetables

Swimming

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

Outdoor PE

Thursday
Outdoor PE – all classes

Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

19 th Sep	26 th Sep	3 rd Oct	10 th Oct	17 th Oct	7 th Nov	14 th Nov	21 st Nov	28 th Nov	5 th Dec	12 th Dec
6B	5D	5S	4C	4R	6D	4P	6T	3B	3H	5K

Diary Dates

Next Week

Wed 21 st September	Curriculum Information Evening 5.00pm-5.30pm & 5.45pm-6.15pm. Entry to school via Murray Road gates.
Thur 22 nd September (date added)	PTA AGM 3.00pm – 3.30pm (entry via Oxford Road) International Car Free Day
Fri 23 rd September	6B Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am (entry via Oxford Rd)
Fri 23 rd September (event added)	Jeans for Genes – non uniform day

Upcoming

28 th Sept – Mon 4 th October	Travelling Book Fair – books will be on sale after school
Fri 30 th September	4P Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Mon 3 rd October	Cardwell & Son – individual pupil photographs
Tues 4 th October (date added)	Harvest Festival Donations for Wokingham Foodbank
Wed 5 th October	Liddington Information Evening – Y6 parents, 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thur 6 th October	Open Morning 9.00am – 9.55am
Thur 6 th October	Harvest Festival at Church – 11.00am – 12.00 parents welcome.
Fri 7 th October	3B Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Tues 11 th October	5S Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Mon 10 th October	Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations
Thur 13 th October	PTA Disco Y3 & Y4, 6.15pm – 7.30pm
Thur 13 th October	PTA Disco Y5 & Y6, 7.45pm – 9.15pm
Fri 21 st October	3K Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	Half Term
Wed 2 nd & Thurs 3 rd November	Parents' Consultations
Tues 15 th November	Flu Immunisations for Y3 to Y6
Fri 18 th November	6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Thurs 24 th November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2 nd December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tue 6 th December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Mon 12 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm
Tues 13 th & Wed 14 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm
Fri 16 th December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Tues 20 th December	End of term – 2pm finish



AUTUMN FIESTA!



Early Bird Offer!
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Amazing Club Experiences!

Energy Kidz are bringing the party to your local holiday club this October Half Term! Our holiday clubs are the perfect solution to ensure your child enjoys an unforgettable school holiday like no other, as we invite your child to us on a jam-packed holiday programme full of play and adventure this October Half Term. Our Whole of Child philosophy powers our programme with an amazing mix of skills for sports, energising activities to get children moving, creative sessions that encourage children to express themselves and much more - ensure your child doesn't miss a moment by securing their place today.

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- ✓ Explore a variety of child interests

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Week in focus

We're inviting families this October to join us for a fabulous fiesta of Autumn celebrations! Our kid's favourite wow activities will be joined by an excellent mix of Autumn-themed, spooktacular events to provide your children with the perfect potion for an enchanting half term! There's no time to siesta; we've got a Fiesta - secure your child's place today and let them experience an explosion of fun with Energy Kidz this half term! Activities will include...



We promise to deliver such a fantastic experience; your child will be desperate to come back!

- ★ Our kid's favourite WOW activities - Mission Possible, Target Archery, Ultimate Frisbee and much more!
- ★ Autumn-themed activities - scavenger hunts, den building, harvest festival celebrations and more!
- ★ Spooktacular Activities - from spooktacular science and mystical pumpkin play parties to captivating costume creations for a fanatical fancy dress extravaganza!

Our Activity Categories:

- Creative Kidz
- Discovery Kidz
- Wellness Kidz
- Energetic Kidz
- Practical Kidz
- Sporty Kidz



Did you know? Winter bookings are now also available!



Scan here for more information & our limited time 10% Early Bird savings...

- ✓ Childcare voucher accepted
- ✓ Tax free childcare
- ✓ Weekly booking discounts available
- ✓ Flexible payment options

*ages and activities vary per venue