St Paul's Newsletter - Autumn 22.9.23





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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Another busy week with lots more to celebrate! The children continue to do a brilliant job of learning and we are extremely proud of their efforts.



The children looked great in their jeans! Thank you to those parents and staff who remembered to donate for today's fundraiser. We are sure that with our combined efforts, we can do much better than the £50 raised so far and if you have yet to make a donation, please do so via our <u>Just Giving</u>.

Thank you to the eagle eyed parents who spotted that the date for 3B's class assembly was shown as 29/8, when it should have read 29/9 on our Diary Dates document. 6B's first assembly has now been moved to Thursday 16th November to avoid a clash with the upcoming Liddington residential.

Mr Windisch, our IT technician, is currently setting up our lovely new Y3 pupils with MS Teams accounts and passwords and the first homework for all year groups is due to be set on Tuesday 26th September. Prior to this, teachers will show new pupils and remind existing pupils of how to navigate to their Teams page.

Mrs Tustin lunched her Reading Ambassador's scheme in Monday's assembly and there has been a huge amount of interest. She has received over 150 applications so far and is busily whittling them down to three ambassadors per year group.





Our new School Council met today to plan how it we are going to make a positive contribution to St Paul's church by joining in with the fundraising for the oak tree in the church yard. Sadly, the tree has been found to be dangerous and diseased and must be reduced to a stump of, at most, 4 m in height. The church is looking for donations from the community to help fund this very expensive piece of work and our Councillors decided on a Crazy Hair & Non Uniform Day. Once the date has been set, we will send out more information via the Newsletter.

Finally, we wish Miss Fox, our School Secretary, a speedy recovery and hope she will be well enough to be back with us **soon**. In the meantime, thank you to our fantastic admin and finance teams (Mrs Chaman, Mrs Coe, Mrs Tillson and , Mrs King & Mrs Dean) for going the extra mile to ensure that things run smoothly in her absence.



Fingers crossed for better weather and whatever you have planned, have a good weekend!

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

Book Fair – 27th September to Monday 2nd October



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!

Open Morning – Thursday 5th October

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. If you are unable to visit on the 5th, we will be holding further open events throughout the year.

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-andservices/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		

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

Dates for Next Week		
Dates for Next Week Monday 25 th September	4P Forest School	
Friday 29 th September	3B class Assembly 9.00am - entry via Oxford Road entrance	
Wednesday 27 th September – Monday 2 nd October	Travelling Book Fair	
Diary Dates		
Wednesday 27 th September	Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations 7pm	
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 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 23rd – 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 15th December	End of term – 2pm finish	



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 <u>click here</u> or use this QR code.

You can also email universalvoices@reading.ac.uk









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