



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear St Paul's Families,

新年快樂！

It has been a tremendously busy half term but we've overcome the challenges of running our virtual and Keyworker schools, both at the same time. We are immensely proud of the efforts of our school community over the last 6 weeks - pupils, parents and staff - and recognise how hard every member of our school family has been working. Hopefully, half term will offer an opportunity for some relaxing, school-free, screen-free, quality family time to refresh everyone, ready for the second half of term. We are lucky to be surrounded by beautiful countryside and open spaces and hopefully the weather will be kinder to us than it has been over the last few weeks!

We are all watching the government updates with anticipation to see when it will be safe to begin face to face learning once again. By 22nd February, we should know if the plan of a return to school on 8th March will go ahead. As soon as we receive notification, we will work through the guidance as to what the expectations are to be and inform parents as soon as possible.



To the following parents:

- Mr Conquer for his very generous donation of two laptops. They have already found good homes.
- Mrs Hargreaves for her weekly deliveries of goodies for the staff room table.
- Mrs Warner for the beautiful and delicious cupcakes.
- Mrs Borkowski for her selection of treats and biscuits.

St Paul's is incredibly lucky to have such kind-hearted and generous parents – thank you all!

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day)

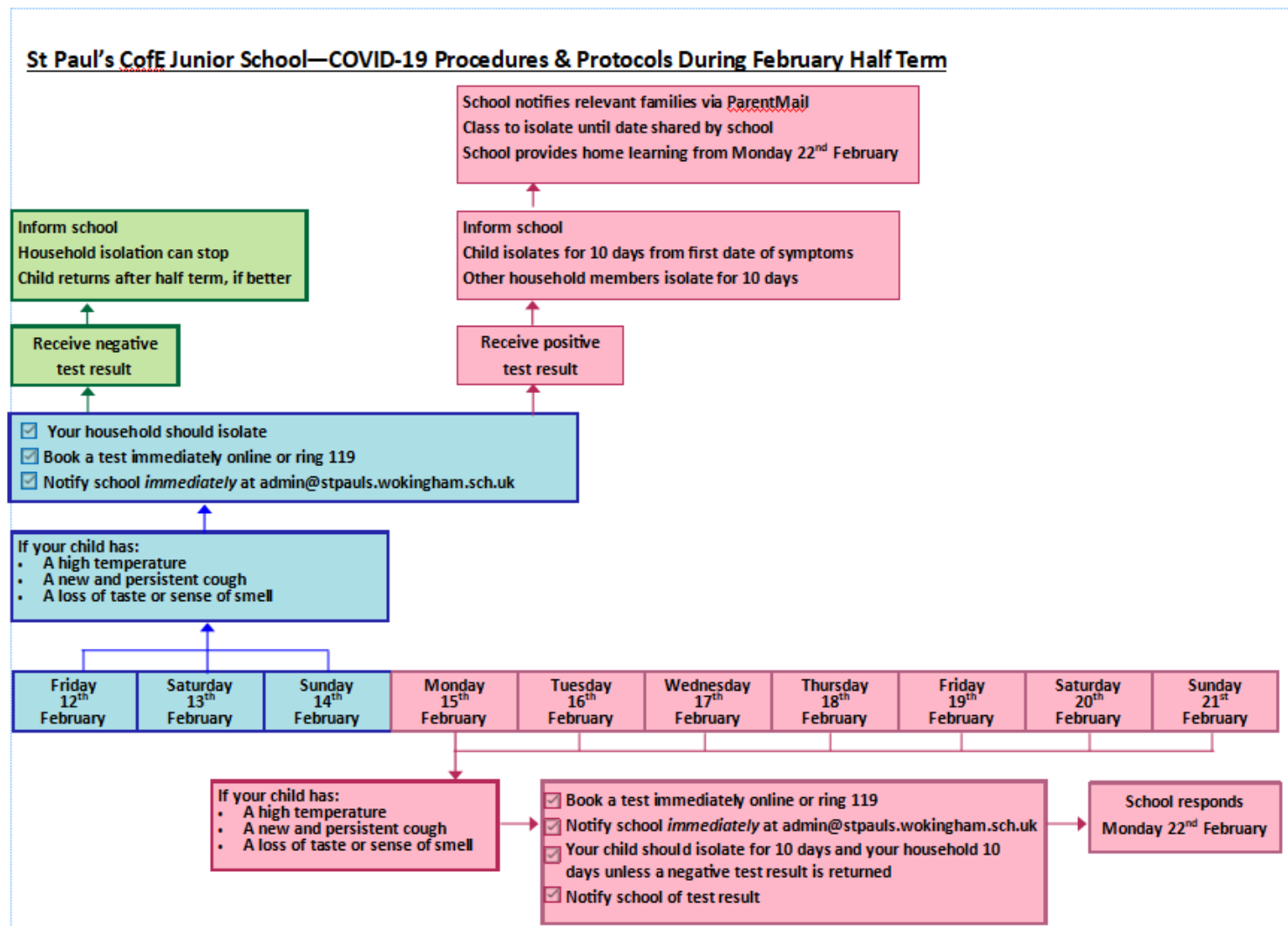
Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival celebrated on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent – a period of around six weeks leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray. The name comes from the old word 'shriving', which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. In Anglo-Saxon England, Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul. In other words, they would be 'shriven'.



Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day. Traditionally during Lent, Christians would give up rich, tasty foods such as butter, eggs, sugar and fat (some Christians continue to do so, in fact). Shrove Tuesday was the last chance to eat these rich foods and often as a delicious pancake. Today, people add all kinds of tasty toppings, such as fruit, honey, chocolate and ice cream. To all our families celebrating Shrove Tuesday next week (16th), bon appetite!

Contact Tracing During Half Term

If pupils or staff test positive, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, then schools aren't required to take any action. However, where symptoms developed within 48 hours, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. For more information, please see below.



World Book Day – Thursday 4th March

This year, our World Book Day may be slightly different to our usual celebration but we will not let lockdown spoil our fun! The children and staff working at home and in school, are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. As always, there will be prizes for the winner from each class and there will also be a staff prize. We will ask the children and staff to send in a photo for our Gallery page so that everyone is able to join in the fun. The teachers are already planning lots of fun activities on the day and there will also be a story box competition. More details will follow in the next Newsletter.

Supporting Your Child to Sleep Well

Lockdown is affecting the sleeping patterns of lots of children. The following links are to videos all about how parents can support their children to sleep well. The videos are all relatively short (between 7 and 12 mins long), and are all live on YouTube – links below. Parts 1 – 3 are directed for the parents of primary school aged children and Part 4 is about supporting adolescents with sleep.

Part 1 link - <https://youtu.be/Xm3-tMDymtA>

Part 2 link - https://youtu.be/_jtiInFlxgU

Part 3 link - <https://youtu.be/9U8SCHl272w>

Part 4 link - <https://youtu.be/0KJNTNuu0J0>

Screen Savers: Looking after your eyes, body and mind when using screens (Beacon House)

We are spending more time online than ever before, possibly sitting and working with poor posture as we use makeshift desks and chairs. There is a tendency to take fewer breaks and less exercise and this is affecting our physical well-being. Beacon House the specialist, therapeutic service for young people, families and adults has produced a series of six posters outlining ways to keep safe and alert when working at home, whether children or adults <https://beaconhouse.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Screen-Savers-1.pdf>

Further Beacon House resources can be found on their website: <https://beaconhouse.org.uk/resources/>

Tips for Good Mental Health



Youth Mental Health Ambassador, Dr. Alex George, gives his five top tips for good mental health and wellbeing, ahead of the February half term holiday. [Watch the video](#) to hear his advice for pupils, parents and teachers.



Clinical Psychologist, Dr Elizabeth Kilbey, shares practical tips for parents to support remote learning in this new [video](#).

When emotions explode (Young Minds)

Young Minds has created a poster highlighting ways to give support to children when they have angry feelings or outbursts and may help families start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings. Download the poster [here](#)

Paula's TWO-15 Challenge



We would like to invite you and your children to participate in the Paula Radcliffe Two-15 challenge to be completed over February half term 15th – 22nd February. This is a fantastic opportunity to get out and exercise with your family – Families are challenged by Paula to take part and complete **TWO hours and FIFTEEN minutes of activity over half term**. (Paula's world record time for the marathon was 2hr15mins).

Paula Radcliffe is considered to be one of the best female long-distance runners of all time. She is a three-time winner of the London Marathon, three-time winner of the New York Marathon and winner of the Chicago Marathon. She held the world record as fastest female marathon runner from 2003 – 2019, when her record was broken last year. She took a break during her career to have a family but returned to racing before finally retiring in 2015.

Full details can be found at the link below. Whilst you do not need to register to participate every family that decides to enter will receive a participation certificate.

Paula's Two 15 Challenge – Get Berkshire Active

In addition,

- Every school that takes part and submits an entry will receive a Paula Radcliffe Two 15 participation digital certificate.
- Special Edition Paula Radcliffe Spirit of the Games certificates and a congratulations video from Paula to schools demonstrating the greatest engagement.
- Additionally, the school with the greatest engagement (in each of the following categories Primary/Secondary/Special) will receive a LIVE virtual assembly by Paula in the Summer term and a personalised congratulations video from Paula.

We would love you all to take part, and you can even share your activity with them on twitter **#TWO15challenge** **@BerkshireGames** **@familiesontrack1** on Instagram **familiesontrack**. Use the link below to submit your entry before 11.00pm on Sunday 21st February:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=olaazofxl0uhSXnKBbr10C6YFbU-g9JDkCL6KJYeve1UQjY0Q1Y4TzVXQUpOSk9GQkFFU0tCWEdROC4u>



Congratulations to Wyatt (4L) who has been training extremely hard to gain his 6th Kup Green Belt in Taekwon-do. This is a fantastic achievement as Wyatt had to complete all of his training via Zoom! Very well done!



Reading Museum Half Term Activities

Reading Museum has organized lots of virtual half term activities for you to make and do at home. You can journey to Egypt or step back in time to meet a Roman family. <https://www.readingmuseum.org.uk/half-term-holiday-fun-reading-museum>



Wonderful Work!

Here are just a few examples from this week that have been chosen by class teachers.

Year 3

Internet safety

B Be safe on the internet and don't talk to strangers

E Email Addresses and Passwords should not be sent online

S Speak to a group if you're not sure about anything

A Ask a group if you're aloud to go on that channel

F Friend Requests should be only accepted if you know them

E Even if you're online don't post anything online because a stranger you don't know could reply.

Ben, 3L – this is independently initiated work following the Safer Internet lesson.

Dhruv, 3B

The whole family including Timothy, Daddy and Mom were going to their new house. On their way they saw a pond and a bench. The kids were having fun in the water. The bench was broken and on top of the bench there was a glowing, glowing object with no interesting things on it. Timothy heard it whistle because he was extremely bored.

All of a sudden Daddy started walking and stopped on a rock and climbed into a large, saggy pond. Oh no! Daddy was upset but Timothy laughed and shouted "Gee, how the funny!"

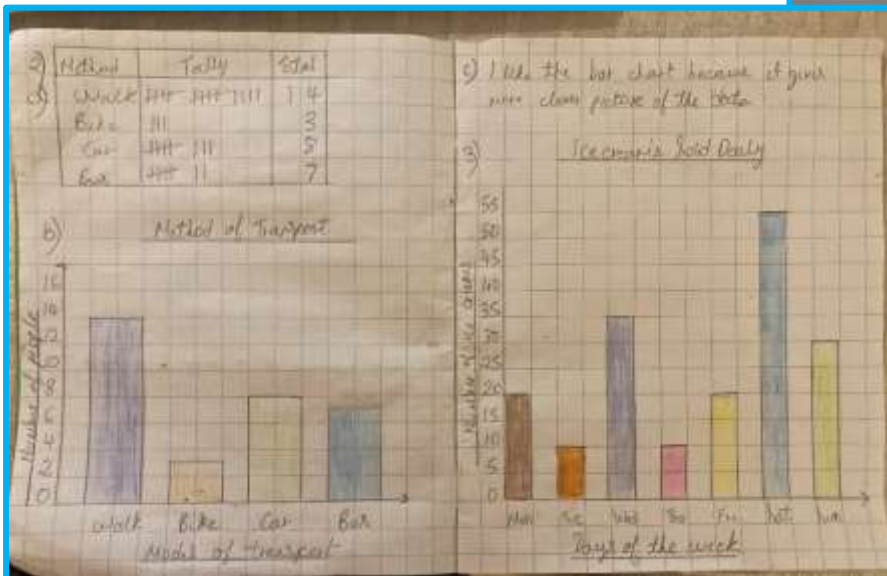
Timothy quickly took an invisible and funny picture of Daddy while he was crawling out.

Suddenly Mom's friend came by. Her name was Laura. She gave Dad a big slap on the back with a glass and questioned "Why are you so much sad?"

"I fell into the silly old old pond" responded sadly.

Timothy gave a silly and sad and "I can take you to where you want to go" replied Laura.

"Thank you" said Mom. Mom told her that they were going to their new house and when they reached there they were very happy and said: we love thank you.



Amaira, 3D

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.

Aditya, 4C

Maths - Fractions

Practice

1) $\frac{4}{10}$ ✓ 2) $\frac{2}{10}$ ✓ 3) $\frac{5}{10}$ ✓ 4) $\frac{3}{10}$ ✓

5) $\frac{1}{10}$ ✓ 6) $\frac{2}{10}$ ✓ 7) $\frac{3}{10}$ ✓ 8) $\frac{4}{10}$ ✓

Find

1) with the jelly beans because it is 3 ✓

2) $\frac{1}{10}$ ✓

3) a) $\frac{2}{10} + \frac{5}{10} = \frac{7}{10}$ ✓

b) $\frac{5}{10} - \frac{2}{10} = \frac{3}{10}$ ✓

4) a) $\frac{1}{10}$ ✓ b) $\frac{1}{10}$ ✓ c) $\frac{1}{10}$ ✓

Jacob, 4L

History

1. What is it?
2. Where is it?
3. Who made it?
4. When was it made?
5. How was it made?

Roman Roads

Map: The Fosse Way

Locations marked on the map:

- Eboracum (York)
- Lincoln (Lincoln)
- Isca Deunonorum (Exeter)
- Conimium (Exeter)
- Londonium (London)

Other labels: Roman Britain, la Grange, Brixham Street, A Roman Street, Watling Street.

Thomas, 4L

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Jews show their commitment to God by following the food law called Kashrut.

By following these rules Jews show obedience and self-control

KOSHER

Means fit or proper

- Land animals must eat grass.
- Seafood must have fins and scales
- Birds must be clean
- Do not mix meat and dairy

TREFAH

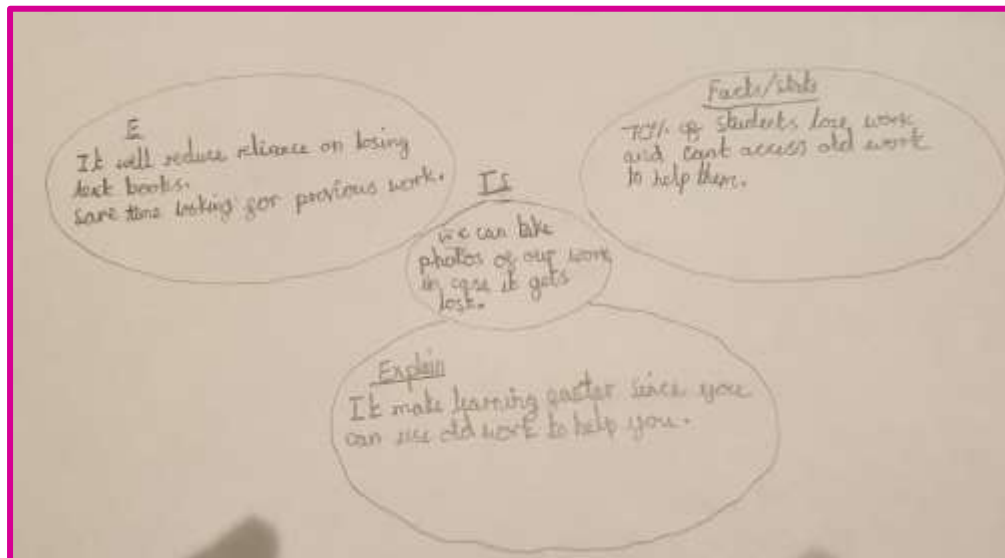
Means torn

- Animals not slaughtered correctly
- Shellfish
- Pork products

3. $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{4}{15} = \frac{9}{15}$	$\frac{1}{3} \times 5 = \frac{5}{15}$
4. $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$	$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = \frac{4}{8}$
5. $\frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} = \frac{5}{8}$	$\frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{2}{8}$
6. $\frac{7}{10} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{9}{10}$	$\frac{1}{5} \times 2 = \frac{2}{10}$

We need iPads in this school because iPads will save the environment from deforestation. It is evident that animals' homes are being destroyed because of how much paper is being used. It is true that iPads are expensive however more trees are getting cut down which is causing deforestation. Up to 28,000 species can go extinct in the next quarter century. 13 million hectares of forest have been converted. Saving trees will help animals and stop deforestation meaning the environment will be preserved. Would you really want animals to be dying from deforestation and their homes being endangered?

are all of the points made?
point
facts and stats
evidence
Rhetorical question
Explain



Battle of the Beaks				
Results				
Objects being picked up	Implements used as beaks			
	Scissors	Bag	Spoon	Keyring
Beats	74	108	113	0
Sticks	64	86	124	0
Marbles	25	48	91	10

Conclusion: Kids with a spoon like soup with yuck more soup. What do kids with shaver like sweets wif eat less.



Below the clear, turquoise water of the ^{upper deep} sea,
Far, far beneath the tempestuous sea,
He was being ^{hunted} sought by a horrific monstrosity
The turtle swinneth: faint golden rays shimmer
About his shadowy sides: swell a school of fish;
His crusty shell grew heavier with every stroke, he took,
Far away into the darkening water, the sickly
light grew dimmer, and dimmer;
The pristine water engulfed him as he swam
towards his destination,
The emerald-green seaweed gently swayed in
the ^{and} current;
He continues to swim leisurely in the abysmal sea;
Battering upon guiding food in his uninvaded sleep
Till the sound of mocking sorrow will engulf the
deep;
When once a century you hear that cry you know that
food lies by.



Mount Denali

Denali is an amazing mountain located in Alaska, USA. It is the highest peak in North America and one of the Seven Summits, the highest mountains on all seven continents. Denali is also known as Mount McKinley. This is because in 1896, a gold prospector decided to name the mountain Mount McKinley in the hope that it would make him richer and then US President William McKinley found this did not work and with the advice people gave in 2015, the mountain was renamed back to Mount Denali. Denali was first climbed in 1913 by climbers Robert L. Bates, Harry Hayes, Walter Harper and Hudson Stuck.

Climbing Denali

Denali is a very hard climb to do. You have to be extremely fit from all the way to the summit. You also have to be very brave as the journey takes three weeks. It is also quite expensive to go on a trip. However, the view is fantastic. It is also excellent food and drink for those who want to go on to climb other mountains. It is also North America's highest mountain, making it an incredible achievement. Climbing attempts are best made during May to June, which is when most snow melts.

Geography

Denali has very hot summers and cold winters. It has been a big

Denali is a very hard climb, with snow, rocky terrain and glaciers. It is 20,310 feet high, but not enough. It is still 6,190 m high. Denali is in the Alaska range, a group of mountains that almost split Alaska in two.

Reviews

The best mountain I have ever climbed! - Mr. N. O'Brien

"Amazing climb. Amazing experience. Amazing scenery." - Mrs. J. Higgins

This Travel Brochure was brought to you by Harry Bates in 1913.

Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to the children in this week's Roll of Honour - well done, everyone!



Year 3

3B

- Ethan – consistently working extremely hard and submitting accurate and well-presented pieces of work.
- Aalayah – consistently handing in well thought out and presented work; it has been wonderful to see you grow in confidence and as such make valuable contributions in lessons.
- Lyla – your enthusiasm and commitment to make the most out of every learning opportunity; for always turning up and handing in your work.
- Liam – working so hard during remote learning and consistently handing in well-presented work that demonstrates your dedication to each task.

3D

- Monty – an excellent, Monty Moore - for an excellent, detailed illustration of a plant in science.
- Fabian - consistently working hard and for his detailed description of life in the Iron Age.
- Vanya - showing increased confidence in her learning and for participating actively in lessons.
- Jessica - for keeping Mr Day amused with her lovely sense of humour!

3L

- Izzah and Sam – being active participants in all live lessons.
- Aston – for being focused and ready to learn.

Year 4

4C

- ♦ Harry - providing full written explanations to Maths questions.
- ♦ Zachary - providing full written explanations to Maths questions.
- ♦ Darcey - working Independently in Maths and English.

4L

- ♦ Jessica – a fantastic retelling of a story in English.
- ♦ Kayleigh – her consistent hard work and effort in her learning.

4M

- ♦ Jaiyen – always trying his best.
- ♦ Jacob – producing some excellent Historical enquiry.
- ♦ Siyona and Owen – consistently producing work of a high standard.

Year 5

5S

- Sofie - superb commitment to all her home-learning.
- Vismay - working extremely hard on his presentation.
- Mario - his enthusiasm for all aspects of home-learning.

5K

- Vyan – fantastic presentation when planning in English this week.
- Aahan, Kayla and Kartheek - working hard to solve tricky Maths questions involving fractions.
- Joseph – an improved effort with his Remote Learning resulting in work that he should be proud of.
- Erik - a fantastic persuasive paragraph in English resulting in a very powerful letter to Mrs Taylor.

5P

- Molly and Tom – their very impressive and persuasive paragraphs which included carefully chosen persuasive features.
- Miss Plumley - for an outstanding Brainbox session.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Ruby and Hugo - sharing more ideas in live lessons.
- ❖ Harry B, Evelyn, Samuel S, Xander, Sophia, Abigail, Isabelle W - giving 100% effort in remote learning this half term – making the most of every learning opportunity, all of the time, without fail – amazing!

6G

- ❖ Jack – for his consistent hard work in his online learning.
- ❖ Freya, Maya, Edie, Callum, Carlos, Emilia, Shayna, Judy and Joshua - their detailed travel brochure about mountains in the Americas.

6N

- ❖ Kaylen – his fabulous work with percentages this week.
- ❖ Leila – her eagerness in contributing to class discussions.
- ❖ Sarang – his focus and application in both the live lessons and his individual work, particularly in Maths.

CBBC YouTube Channel



For some entertainment during half term, subscribe to www.youtube.com/cbbc (it's free). Videos are uploaded daily, suitable for 5 - 11 year olds and cover factual shows, news, dramas, comedy and entertainment like Horrible Histories, Blue Peter, Newsround and many more.

Wokingham Adult Education Courses

To book a place on any of these courses visit <https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl/courses> for more information and to download the application form. Eligibility criteria applies.

Managing your Child's Anxiety

11th and 19th March, Thursdays 7-8pm

Learn more about anxiety. Identify the causes and effects of anxiety, signs of anxiety in children and simple tips for families to use to manage every day worries. This interactive, tutor led course is aimed at parents of primary school aged children.

Paediatric First Aid Introduction

23rd February 6.30-8.30pm OR 2nd March 2-4pm

Learn basic first aid skills that can help with a range of accidents such as choking, burns and scalds, poisons and febrile convulsions. Gain confidence in dealing with common childhood issues such as bumped heads, nosebleeds and objects stuck in nose or ears!

Building Confidence and Resilience in your Child

25th February and 4th March, Thursdays 7-8pm

Coping with emotions is important for happiness and wellbeing. Help your child recognise, understand and accept feelings and to express them in appropriate ways. Learn to help your child to deal with negative feelings and cope with stressful life events.

Return to English / English for Speakers of other Languages

These courses will give you the chance to refresh your English skills and to undergo an assessment to see where you need further help.

Community Learning Coordinator, WBC Adult Education

Entries for the Recycled Robots Competition should be sent to competitionentries@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 19th February. The names of the prize winners from each Year Group will be announced in the Newsletter on 26th February.

Finally, WBC Public Health Team have advised of a Level 3 Cold Weather Alert from now until 0900 on Monday 15th February. Wrap up warm this weekend and have a great half term!

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

Diary Dates 2020	
Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 4 th March 2021	World Book Day
Thursday 1 st April 2021	End of Term: 2.00pm Finish
Monday 19 th April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website here	