

St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear All,

The last six weeks have flown by and it's hard to believe that we are already at half term. The staff and children have worked their socks off, gaining lots of new knowledge and skills and they are all very deserving of a well-earned break to recharge their batteries.

3F gave a marvellous class assembly this morning all about Valentine's Day and the importance of showing love every day of the year. The children brought to life exactly what care and kindness looks like in school and how it is the glue that helps to hold a happy and healthy school community like ours.

On Wednesday, the Fire Service came to St Paul's, not to extinguish any conflagrations, but to talk to Year 5 about safety. After a short presentation, the children went out onto the playground to watch a demonstration. Mr Millen is an ex-firefighter and rumour has it, he was also spotted on the playground enjoying the show!

Booking for Parent Consultations being held on 3rd and 4th March has now closed. If you haven't booked an appointment and wish to do so, please speak directly to your child's class teacher as they now hold their own lists.

After almost 12 years, Mrs Stone has decided now is the right time to leave St Paul's. Since joining the school in 2008, she has supported over 1000 Year 3 pupils, a host of different teachers and numerous Team Leaders. And as if that was not enough, for the last two years she has delivered PPA cover in Year 4 and even managed to find the time to care for our Art Room and resources! It is clear that Mrs Stone's impact on our school has been significant and she leaves with our thanks, gratitude and very best wishes for the future. Good luck, Mrs Stone!

Have a lovely half term break. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

February 17-21 Half Term, School Closed

February 25 Liddington Information Evening for Year 5 Parents, 6.30pm

February 26 4A Forest School Session

February 27 TVRL Braywick Park

Safeguarding

If your child has a watch that is capable of recording voice or film, it must not be worn to school. Any devices that are brought in to school will be kept in the office and parents will be called to come and collect them.

Pupils bringing mobile phones are required to switch them off on arrival and hand them to their teacher for safe keeping, to be returned at the end of the day. They should not be switched back on until pupils have left the site.



Query of the Week ~ What time does the school office close?

School finishes at 3.30pm and the office closes for enquiries at 4.45pm. when the answer answerphone is switched on. Messages left outside of these hours will not be picked up until after 8.30am the next school day.

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Early Morning Clubs Drop-off

If dropping off for an early morning club, parents must wait in reception with their child until the coach arrives. School does not open until 8.30am, at which time staff are available to supervise the children until the start of school at 8.50am.

Word of the Day

"I just wanted to email to say thank you for introducing word of the day. I have two children at your school and I have noticed how much they are using words that they have learnt from word of the day in their everyday chatting. Thank you so much for expanding their vocabularies.

My child is genuinely excited when he gets word of the day into his conversation. I don't know how this has been achieved but thank you!"

We believe the widening of your child's vocabulary knowledge is an integral part of their development as speakers, readers and writers. To this end, each class has a daily 'word of the day' session, exploring specific words relevant to their current Guided Reading text or to their written English work.

A word is either selected from the writing stimulus being used in English or chosen because it could be used effectively within a specific writing task. It is then explored in terms of its word class, meaning in context, spelling pattern and etymology before the children investigate related synonyms and antonyms.

Through the context of their English work, the children are given the challenge of writing a well-constructed sentence which demonstrates the meaning of that word. This task also provides the perfect opportunity to reinforce your children's understanding of the Grammar being taught, along with the related technical vocabulary.

Throughout the day, pupils can be seen raising their thumbs when they hear a word of the day being used by their peers and adults alike. They are keen to share when they have spotted the use of such a word in a written text and they are encouraged to do so – although I did have to curb the excitement of some when words of the day were spotted during last year's SATs Reading test!

Your support with this initiative is invaluable. Please remember to ask your children to share their words of the day, praise them for using them appropriately and try to use them yourselves. Keep ticking evidence of the words being used in your child's Reading Record and help them to earn house points – the more the merrier! If you are unsure as to what words your child has been studying, the 5 words from the previous week are included in the homework set each week - https://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website/homework_2019-20/422208

Thank you Mrs Hopkins!

A huge thank you to Mrs Petya Hopkins, who kindly applied for matched funding from her company. They generously donated £250 to the money already raised by the PTA at our Christmas Fair, a great boost to our funds! The money will be put to very good use buying resources to support the children.

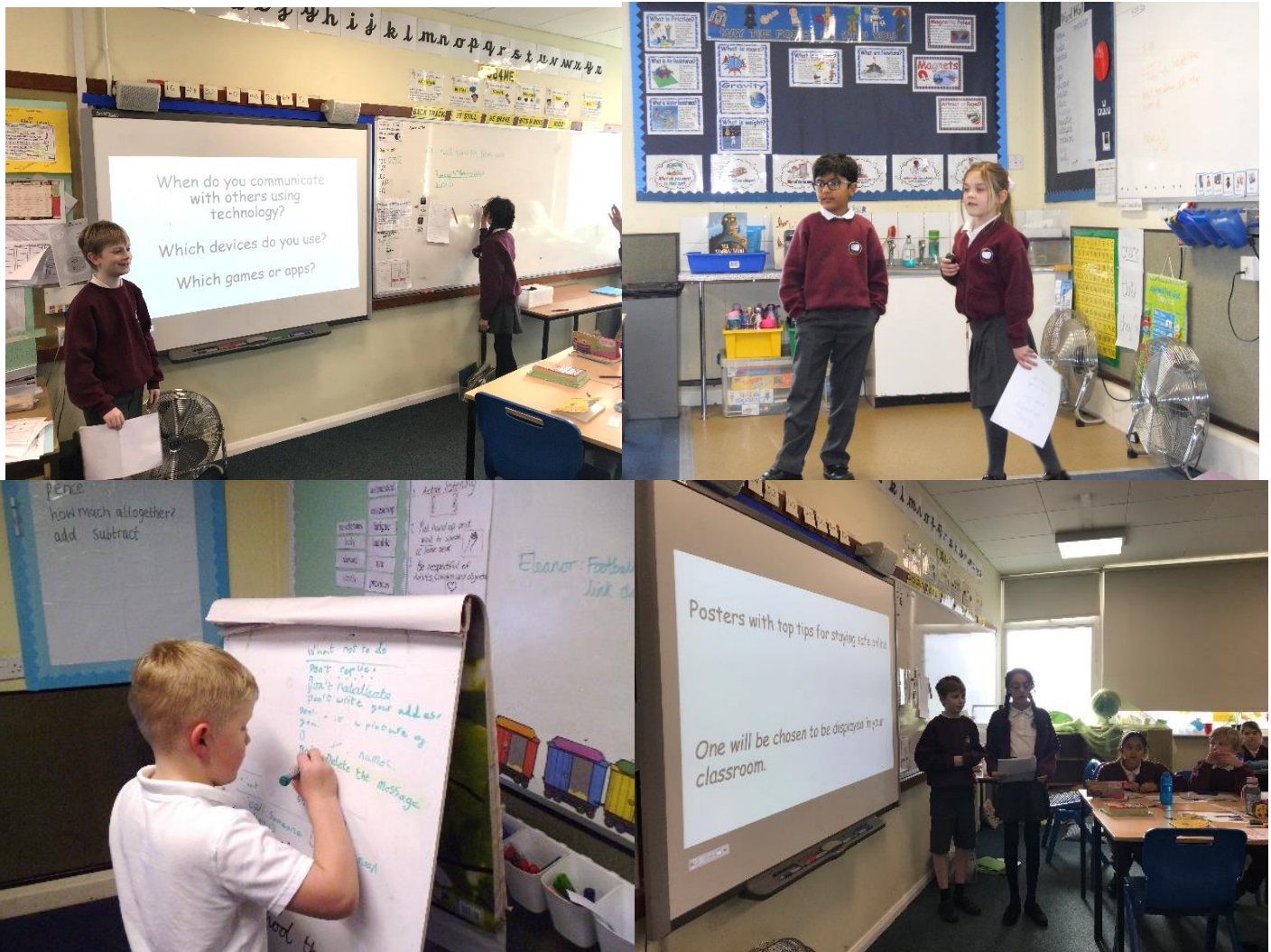
If your employer offers matched funding for charities, please do get in touch with our PTA at PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

Safer Internet Day

Over the past two weeks, our Digital Leaders have worked hard to plan a lesson to teach their classes about staying safe online. In our planning meetings, I was so impressed by the thought put into the lesson and their enthusiasm to teach. On Tuesday, Online Safety Day, our Digital Leaders bravely took on the responsibility of delivering the lesson. Teachers and children alike thoroughly enjoyed the lesson and it provoked interesting discussions around what not to share online.

A big thank you to our Digital Leaders for being up for this challenge and for doing such a good job! Well done for being brave and for reminding your classes about the importance of staying safe online!

Mrs Hamer



World Book Day and Travelling Book Fair



On 5th March we will be celebrating World Book Day with a range of activities based around books and authors. As in previous years, the children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character.

To celebrate, each child will receive a £1 World Book Day token which can be exchanged at a book shop for a specially published short book, or may be used to receive £1 off books costing £2.99 or more. Tokens will be accepted at the Travelling Book Fair which will visit school from 10th March until 16th March, so your child may wish to save it until then.

The Book Fair will be open on the playground from 3:45pm - 4:15pm on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th, Friday 13th and Monday 16th. It will be situated outside 4A and 4L, the two classrooms with doors opening directly onto the playground. If wet, it will be held inside. Nearer the time, your child will be sent home with a leaflet detailing some of the books on sale.

Handwriting and Presentation Competition

Congratulations to our winners and runners-up. We were delighted with the quality of the submissions from across the school and can clearly see how our drive to improve handwriting and presentation is beginning to pay off. To celebrate the work of every child, each class will compile their own poetry anthology.



Winners



Runners-Up

School Council Update

Last Friday, our meeting took place in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall. This was an impressive venue in which to meet and the children were very interested to read the names of every Wokingham Mayor since 1885 displayed in the room. Nikki Payler kindly organized our visit and as you can see from the photos we were made to feel like very important visitors.



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House Matches

During PE last week, the children took part in New Age Kurling, Boccia and Tri-Golf (all Paralympic sports) as part of the House match tournament. The scores were very close but Walter took the trophy by just 1 point!

We had an amazing turn-out for the House cross country on Thursday. It was incredible to see over 50 children don their trainers and take on the challenge despite the rain and mud! The children ran laps around the field and playground with Years 3/4 running approximately 1.2K and Years 5/6 1.6K. A huge thank you to Mrs McBain, parent helpers and elder siblings who helped marshall the course ensuring the safety of all of the runners.

Walter were again on a winning streak, securing first place. The winners of the individual races were:

	Year 3/4 Girls	Year 3/4 Boys	Year 5/6 Girls	Year 5/6 Boys
First	Lola B	Lucas N/Jasper L	Samantha S	Kamran S
Second	Lola H	Tommy O	Sienna H	Lucas C
Third	Eleanor B	Harry L	Ruby D	Finn B

Congratulations to all the children who took part and contributed towards their House scores.



Mrs C Foster
PE & Games Coordinator

Run the World

Last week was a great week for Run the World and thank you to all the classes who emailed their laps to me.

Year 3 ran 1975 laps, year 4 ran 1254 laps, year 5 ran 1525 laps and year 6 ran 1728 laps. Congratulations to year 3 for running the most laps and to 5K for the highest achieving class (1525) closely followed by 3D which is an excellent achievement.



Our journey across South America continues and takes us from Caracas in Venezuela to the beautiful Dutch island of Aruba in the Caribbean Sea.

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

Pupil News

Summer, Daisy, Robyn and Yooshi recently held a bake sale for Year 6 to raise money for the Dogs Trust. They managed to raise a fantastic £100.50 selling a variety of tasty treats to their lucky Year 6 classmates. A poster made by the girls thanking everyone for their contributions is on display on the Parents' Noticeboard in the playground. A great effort from all of them, very well done!

Menu Change Reminder



On Pancake Day, Tuesday 25th February, the pudding will be changed from syrup sponge to pancakes with a variety of toppings - ice cream, honey, mixed berries and chocolate drizzle.

From the week beginning Monday 10th February until the end of term, there will be a permanent change to the pudding on a Friday in Week 3 – the iced bun will be replaced with iced sponge.

Caterlink ~ Recruitment

Caterlink are currently looking for people to join their School Catering Team. Further information can be found on the advertisement below.

Events for Half term at Wokingham Borough Libraries

Information about the events running during half term can be found at <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-4gA>.

Incredible Years Parenting Course

An Incredible Years parenting course for parents with primary aged children (4-11 yrs) is being run at Hawkedon Primary School on 23rd April to 16th July. Parents this course would suit may be struggling with some of these issues:

- Argumentative & defiant behaviour
- Unwillingness to accept and follow adult requests and rules.
- Frequent over-sensitivity, touchiness & is easily annoyed by others.
- Often blames others for their mistakes / misbehaviour.
- Often deliberately annoys others
- Parents are worried or stressed and wonder if things will ever get easier.

See below for further information. Places can be booked directly on (0118) 908 8002 or email triage@wokingham.gov.uk.

*Reducing Parental Conflict & Incredible Years Project Coordinator
WBC Children's Services*

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Diary Dates 2020	
February	
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 26 th February	4A Forest School Session
Thursday 27 th February	TVRL Braywick Park, Maidenhead
March	
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parent Consultations: 8.50am – 11.10am
Wednesday 4 th March	Parent Consultations: 3.50pm – 7.30pm
Wednesday 4 th March	4L Forest School Session
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 5 th March	4M Class Assembly: 9.15am
Monday 9 th March	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Wednesday 11 th March	3D Forest School Session
Friday 13 th March	4L Class Assembly: 9.15am
Tuesday 17 th March – Friday 20 th March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
Wednesday 18 th March	3B Forest School Session
Thursday 19 th March	4A Class Assembly: 9.15am
Thursday 19 th March	TVRL Relays, Bulmershe School
Thursday 19 th March	Year 6 Easter Experience – Wokingham Baptist Church
Tuesday 24 th – Friday 27 th March	Year 5 Bikeability Training
Wednesday 25 th March	3F Forest School Session
Wednesday 25 th March	Years 5/6 Netball House Matches: 3.30pm-4.30pm
Thursday 26 th March	Years 5/6 Football House Matches: 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 27 th March	5S Class Assembly: 9.15am
Sunday 29 th March	WASMA concert, Hexagon
Monday 30 th March – Wednesday 1 st April	Year 5 Bikeability Training
April	
Wednesday 1 st April	4M Forest School Session
Thursday 2 nd April	END OF TERM: 2.00PM
Friday 3 rd April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 20 th April	START OF TERM
May	
11 th – 14 th May	SATs Week

Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am) – Spring Term 2020		Spring Term 2020	PE & Games	Games
Thursday 5 th March	4M	Monday	5S 6G 6B (6W from 24.2.20)	
Friday 13 th March	4L	Tuesday	4L 4A 4M	
		Wednesday	3F 5K 5P 6W (6G from 24.2.20)	
Thursday 19 th March	4A	Thursday		All Classes
Friday 27 th March	5S	Friday	3D 3B	

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Class Forest School Dates – Spring Term 2020			
Wednesday 12th February	6G	Wednesday 1 st April	4M
Wednesday 26th February	4A		
Wednesday 4th March	4L		
Wednesday 11th March	3D		
Wednesday 18th March	3B		
Wednesday 25th March	3F		

Clubs – Spring Term 2020				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (13/1/20 – 23/3/20)	Badminton Club – 07.45am (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Yoga Club – 07.45am (8/1/20 – 18/3/20)	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am 9/1/20 – 19/3/20	
	Lego Club – Lunchtime (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (15/1/20 – 1/4/20)		
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (13/1/20 – 30/3/20)	Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – Lunchtime (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Years 3 & 4 Lunchtime Netball Club (8/1/20 – 12/2/20)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (9/1/20 – 26/3/20)	
		Year 6 Football – lunchtime (15/1/20 – 1/4/20)		
	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Multisports – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 1/4/20)	Nutritional Ninjas – 3.30pm (16/1/20 – 26/3/20)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (10/1/20 – 27/3/20)
	French Club – 3.30pm (14/1/20 – 24/3/20)	Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 18/3/20)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (8/1/20 – 25/3/20)		




Are you looking for a term-time part-time job?


Caterlink are looking for dynamic and enthusiastic people to join our School Catering Contract. Benefits include:-

- Competitive Pay
- Spread Over Pay
- Company Benefits Scheme
- Term-time only

RECRUITMENT OPEN DAY
WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL OFFICES
TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2020
12PM UNTIL 2PM

An Enhanced DBS is mandatory.
 Please bring with you any right to work documents

JOIN OUR TEAM
 — BE PART OF OUR STORY —



Evening Course

Incredible Years parenting course
Help for parents with challenging 4 to 11 yr olds

Parenting is probably the hardest job you might undertake, but also the one for which the least amount of training and preparation is provided. Why not attend an Incredible Years Parenting course. Are you struggling with any of these behavior?


- Does your child argue with adults as well as their peers?
- Is your child unwilling to accept and follow adults' requests or rules?
- Is your child touchy / irritable and often annoyed by others?
- Does your child blame other people for their mistakes / misbehaviour?
- Do you spend more time telling them off than having fun with them?
- Are you feeling worried or stressed and wondering if things will ever get easier?

Evening sessions – Thursday 23rd April – Thursday 16th July 2020
 (Excluding May Half Term)
 7pm – 9pm

Venue: The Family Centre, Hawkedon Primary School, Hawkedon Way, RG6 3AP
 Facilitated by Deborah Wiggins & Maura Crawley
 07879 608811 / 07917 507255

Places are limited and open to Wokingham Borough Council Tax Payers only.
 To book, or for more information, please contact Wokingham Direct on (0118) 908 8002 or email fraga@wokingham.gov.uk.

Strengthening families through positive parenting



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