

St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

We really missed Year 6 this week and it was lovely to welcome them back safe and sound from Liddington.

The residential was a full-on and fabulous experience for all and the children were commended many times over by the PGL team for:

- the care and kindness they showed one another;
- their determination and resilience when faced with challenges;
- the way in which they cooperated and encouraged one another throughout the week.

What an accolade! Not only were they true ambassadors for St Paul's, but their impeccable behaviour made them stand out among the many other schools at Liddington this week. They never settled for anything less than their best and were a credit to the school. We couldn't be prouder of them and of our marvellous staff team! You can follow their adventures on our dedicated trip page [here](#).

Huge thanks to Mrs Allen, Mrs Bond, Miss Gilder, Mrs Holt, Mrs McBain, Mrs Hallows, Mrs Foster and Mrs Maggs for taking such good care of Y6 whilst they were away. Congratulations Mrs Wilson, for organizing and leading another highly successful residential trip!

To our reading volunteers, the parents and governors who helped with trips and sporting events, and to the Dads who have continued to coach our football teams – Thank You! Your time makes a huge difference to the children and to the work of the school – we couldn't do it without you and are very grateful for your support this half term.

It has been an extremely busy seven weeks and whilst we are delighted with the progress that the children have made so far this year, they are definitely in need of a well-deserved break from school before embarking on any new learning!

The weather forecasters are saying dry spells and more settled conditions overall for the next few days and so to all of our families and pupils, have a wonderful half term. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 5th November.

Mrs. Taylor
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

October 28-November 4 – Half Term and Inset Day – School Closed

November 5 – Year 4 Samba Day

November 7 – Year 5 Winchester Science Trip

November 12 & 13 – Parent Consultations

November 15 – Nasal Flu Immunisations – All Years

November 19 – Year 6 National Childhood Measurement Programme

Safeguarding – Loot Boxes



You may have seen stories about 'loot boxes' in the news in the last few weeks.

The UK Safer Internet Centre have produced an article, laying out all of the key information – what loot boxes mean for young people and their online safety, and what parents can do to encourage their safe and responsible use and minimise any risks.

'We contribute positively to our community'

Harvest

Thank you very much for this year's Harvest donations! As you can see, we were overwhelmed by your generosity and the hundreds of items that you sent into school to support the work of the Wokingham Foodbank.

Teri Austen opened our celebration, talking to the children about the difference that they will undoubtedly make to people within our local community. The children were able to ask Teri questions about the work of the Foodbank, before Father Richard led our special assembly which culminated prayers of thanksgiving and a rousing rendition of the Harvest Samba.



A number of children have asked for details of the film that Father Richard shared in assembly so that they can watch it again. You will find it [here](#).

Parent View Survey 2019

Thank you to those parents who completed the survey at the very end of the summer term. We were delighted with the fact that 97% of parents feel their child is happy, and feel that they are well taught. The same 97% of parents would recommend St Paul's to prospective parents.

We are extremely proud of our staff team, and how hard they work in trying to ensure that every child thrives and makes good progress during their time in our school. This was reflected in many of the additional comments we received.

"My son really had a wonderful time in the last 4 years. Thank you so much to everyone who gave support to make him happy and confident."

"This school loves its children."

"My child is very happy here. The Headteacher and class teachers respond well to my concerns."

"My child is blessed to be part of this school and thank you to all the staff who make him feel part of it."

"Nothing is too much trouble for Mrs Taylor and her team when it comes to sorting things for the children."

"My child has attended several schools -none comes close to St Paul's."

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"Me and my kids couldn't survive without everything the school does for us."

"I was worried about bullying. The minute I raised it, the head and teachers got involved and the problem stopped the same day. There have been no problems since"

We were also pleased to receive comments relating to areas currently under review as part of this year's development work, such as homework. In their questionnaire, the majority of children felt that they are given the right amount or too much, as opposed to some parents wanting to see more being set. Further information on the Parentview survey can be found [here](#).

Parent Consultations – 12th and 13th November 2019

If for any reason you are unable to make your appointment, out of courtesy, please contact the office on 0118 978 5219 so that we can advise your child's class teacher.

Flu Immunisations

Please ensure forms are returned to your child's class teacher no later than Tuesday 5th November. Even if you are not giving consent, the Berkshire Schools Immunisation Team have requested that you still complete the form indicating this so that they can accurately report numbers back to NHS England.

Message for Year 6 Parents - Applications for Secondary School Places

Applications must be submitted to the WBC Admissions Team by 31st October. Allocation is made on 2nd March 2020. If you have any questions or you need more advice, you can contact the School Admissions Team on 01189 746000.

Fireworks

Fireworks can be great fun for families, not just around November 5 (Bonfire Night/Guy Fawkes Night), but also Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year. Advice is that the safest place to enjoy fireworks is at a large public display - far fewer people are injured here than at smaller family or private parties. But if you are having a firework party at home, you can make the occasion fun and safe for everyone by following the Firework Code.



Firework Code

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used. Children and young people should always be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance. Follow these top 10 tips for a safer fireworks party:

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm.
2. Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time.
3. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary.
4. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back.

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5. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks.
6. Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
7. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them.
8. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators.
9. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
10. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

Menu Change - Bonfire Night, Tuesday 5th November 2019

There will be a special menu to celebrate Bonfire Night which can be found on the website [here](#).

Run the World

The children ran 3,012 laps of the playground last week, which works out as 753 miles.

Well done to 3D for an impressive week, running the most laps (1,158) and to Year 3 for running the most laps across the week (1,910) - great work!



Our journey across the world sees us leave Canada and takes us from Quebec City to Washington.

Mrs. V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

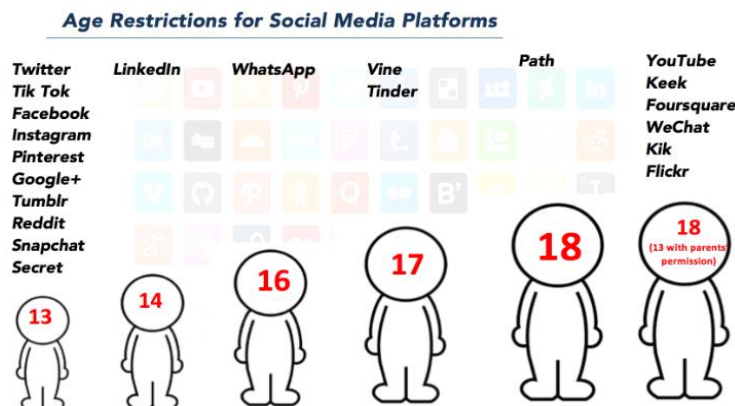
Greenredeem

Thank you to everyone for donating your points to put St Paul's in first place in the recent School Donations Scheme. We were top of the Leader Board with a massive 118,203 points, generating a £682.97 for our school! This money will be spent on continuing to develop our Forest School area and we will post pictures of the items we buy in an upcoming Newsletter. Well done and thank you to everyone!

Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair was well supported so another thank you to everyone for buying so many books. As a result of your generosity £1012.42 was raised. This means that we can restock our classroom libraries.

Social Media



PTA Christmas Fair



Last year our fantastic PTA raised a staggering £12,500 for the school. Thanks to their hard work and your generous support, the school and every pupil benefitted greatly.

This year's PTA Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 6th December from 5.30-7.30pm. The fair is always great fun and extremely well attended. Our committee are working extremely hard in the run up to this event and if you are able to lend a hand for an hour or two in helping to prepare, or could spare an hour on the night, please contact the PTA as soon as possible: Email: PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk Facebook: PTA information for St. Paul's. This will not be the only opportunity to volunteer and further information will be sent out by the PTA after half term. Many hands make light work and this event really is full of festive fun and cheer.

October Half Term Holiday Clubs

Energy Kidz –To book a place please email : www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/.

Wokingham Active Kids - To book a place please email sport@wokingham.gov.uk

Community Events

Wokingham Library – <https://wp.me/p5mHbU-4ad> (see page 8 for further details).

Canal & River Trust - <https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/features/family-fun-this-october-half-term>

Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am)			Autumn Term 2019	PE & Games	Games
Friday 22nd November	4L		Monday	5S 5P 6G 6B	
Thursday 28th November	6W		Tuesday	4L 4A 4M	
Friday 29th November	5S		Wednesday	3F 5K 6W	
			Thursday		All Classes
			Friday	3D 3B	

Class Forest School Dates			
Wednesday 6th November	6G	Wednesday 27th November	6B
Wednesday 13th November	5P	Wednesday 4th December	3F
Wednesday 20th November	3D	Wednesday 11th December	6W

Diary Dates	
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 4 Samba Drumming Workshop
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre
Tuesday 12 November	Parent Consultations: 8.50-11.10am
Wednesday 13 November	Parent Consultations: 3.50-7.30pm
Friday 15 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations, Years 3-6
Tuesday 19 th November	Year 6 National Childhood Measurement Programme
Friday 6 th December	PTA Christmas Fair: 5.30-7.30pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 2.00-3.00pm and 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 5.30-6.30pm
Thursday 19 th December	Christmas Discos: Year 3/4 6.15pm Year 5/6 7.45pm
Friday 20 th December	END OF TERM: 2.00PM
Term Dates can be found on the website here	

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Clubs – Autumn Term 2019				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (16 September – 2 December)	Badminton – cancelled until further notice	Yoga Club – 07.45am (18 September – 27 November)	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (19 September – 28 November)	Year 3 Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (20 September – 29 November)
Badminton - cancelled until further notice	Lego Club – Lunchtime (17 September – 26 November)	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (12 September – 5 December)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (13 September – 6 December)
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (9 September – 2 December)	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November)	Year 6 Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Nutritional Ninjas – 3.30pm (19 September – 28 November)	
		Years 3/4 Lunchtime Netball Club (6 November – 4 December)		
Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – 3.30pm (16 September – 2 December)	French Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November)	Multisports – 3.30pm (11 September – 4 December)		
		Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November)		

Cricket Club has now finished for this term and will resume summer 2020.

There will be no clubs on the following dates:-

W/b 28 th October	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Inset Day
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Consultations – no morning clubs
Wednesday 13 th November	Parent Consultations – no after school clubs

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Community Events

Please note that the school has no connection to any of the organisations included in our newsletter and does not endorse them in any way. Parents should make their own decision if any event is suitable for their child.

What's On for Children in Wokingham Borough Libraries October Half Term 2019

Famous Five - Create a picnic collage, try out our Famous Five treasure hunt and decorate Timmy the dog. Places must be booked. £1.50 charge

Spencers Wood Library	Monday October 28	3pm to 3.45pm
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Sand Art - Just drop in and create a sand art picture or sand bottle with Kids Bee Happy with Meddl. E4 per picture or £3.50 per bottle for children aged 4 to 11 years old. Just drop in!

Lower Earley Library	Monday October 28	10.30am to 12.30pm
Woodley Library	Tuesday October 29	10.30am to 12.30pm
Wokingham Library	Wednesday October 30	10.30am to 12.30pm

Pebble Art - Just drop in and have a go at making a pebble troll with Kids Bee Happy with Meddl. E4 per pebble troll or £3 per pebble art for children aged 4 to 11 years old. Just drop in!

Lower Earley Library	Monday October 28	2pm to 4pm
Woodley Library	Tuesday October 29	2pm to 4pm
Wokingham Library	Wednesday October 30	10.30am to 12.30pm

Boredom Buster Activity Session - Join us for DK inspired activities with puppets, paper chains and star wars spot the difference. For children aged 4 to 10 years old. £1.50 charge Just drop in!

Finchampstead Library	Tuesday October 29	2pm to 2.45pm
Spencers Wood Library	Thursday October 31	10am to 10.45am
Twyford Library	Tuesday October 29	2pm to 2.45pm
Wargrave Library	Wednesday October 30	10am to 10.45am
Winnesh Library	Wednesday October 30	1pm to 1.45pm
Lower Earley Library	Tuesday October 29	10am to 10.45am

Lego Creation Session - Lego building session, for children aged 5 to 10 years old. £1.50 charge, Places must be booked.

Finchampstead Library	Tuesday October 29	3pm to 3.45pm
Spencers Wood Library	Thursday October 31	11am to 11.45am
Twyford Library	Tuesday October 29	3pm to 3.45pm
Wargrave Library	Wednesday October 30	11am to 11.45am
Winnesh Library	Wednesday October 30	2pm to 2.45pm
Lower Earley Library	Tuesday October 29	11am to 11.45am

Outdoor Let's Explore - Fun and creative session exploring the outdoors and nature with the rangers from Dinton Pastures. For children aged 3 to 8 years old. Free, Places must be booked.

Lower Earley Library	Thursday October 31	11.15am to 12noon
Wokingham Library	Thursday October 31	9.45am to 10.30am

Get Arty - Spooky themed arts and crafts fun on for children aged 4 to 10 years old. Places must be booked, £1.50 charge

Wokingham Library	Friday November 1	10.30am to 11.30am
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Wokingham Borough Libraries Contact details

Arboretum Library	0780 1664520	Wargrave Library	(0118) 940 4656
Finchampstead Library	(0118) 908 8176	Winnesh Library	(0118) 979 7519
Lower Earley Library	(0118) 931 2150	Wokingham Library	(0118) 978 1368
Spencers Wood Library	(0118) 988 4771	Woodley Library	(0118) 969 0304
Twyford Library	(0118) 934 0800		



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