

# St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 06.10.23

*'One body, every person, growing together.'*



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

We had possibly too much excitement earlier this week when a gas leak was identified and suddenly had to evacuate the school. Luckily, within a few minutes of the leak being discovered, the supply was isolated and the area made safe whilst we waited for the engineer to respond. Thankfully, this happened just a few minutes before the end of the day and so caused the minimum of disruption but it is a shame that we were unable to sell books on the final day of the Fair. As always, the safety of the children, staff and parents comes first.



Thank you so much for the generosity of your donations for our Harvest Festival. The collection boxes were overflowing by the time the last child arrived. Your donations will make a huge difference to families in our local community and help plug the gaps where the foodbank was low in stock. Annette Medhurst joined us this morning, sharing the different stages of the work of the foodbank. We would like to thank her, Father Richard and our four prayer readers for a lovely celebration of Harvest and of how we can make a positive contribution to our community.



We had a great turn out for the PTA AGM on Wednesday and elected the new committee members for the coming year. Our outgoing committee have done the most amazing job and raised a huge amount of money for the school over the years and we would like to say a huge and very heartfelt thank you to the following: Chair: Katleen Nixon; Vice chair: Prajakta Kataria; Treasurer: Yogita Mistry; Secretary: Jenny Littleford; Co-Opted Member: Charlotte Willcox; Co-Opted Member: Zahra Khan.

Although I had to miss 4P's assembly this morning to attend a meeting, I have it on good authority that the children did a great job of delivering an interesting presentation on the work of some Black poets and their influence on British literature. Well done 4P!

The October edition of our Online Safety Bulletin features an article on Live Streams and information about gaming. Taking no more than a few minutes to read, it is full of helpful advice about how to keep your child safe in the digital world.

We still have vacancies for Learning Mentors, one with Lunchtime Controller responsibilities, and a Site Assistant. For more information please see the Vacancies tab on our website.

It seems we are in for a sunny weekend – whatever you get up to, have a lovely time.

Mrs Taylor

## Online Safety – Filtering and Monitoring

It is always helpful for parents to understand what safeguarding systems we have in place to protect our pupils and as well as an extensive range of policies, procedures and training for staff, every year group has online safety lessons as part of the Computing Curriculum.

In addition, we also have filtering and monitoring systems in place.

### What is filtering and monitoring?

Filtering systems block access to harmful websites and content.

Monitoring systems:

- Identify when someone searches for or accesses certain types of harmful online content on school devices;
- Identify who is searching for or accessing the harmful content;
- Alert the school about it so we can intervene and respond;

Whilst no filtering and monitoring software is perfect, all of our staff are vigilant when pupils are online and ensure the appropriate use of the internet by:

- Monitoring what pupils are accessing on devices during school hours;
- Ensuring that children do not use any device unless in the presence of an adult;
- Ensuring that screens are visible at all times;
- Circulating around the classroom/ICT Suite during computing lessons or when the I-pads are in use.

### What systems do we use?

- Our internet provider is RM;
- We use RM Safety Net software which provides our firewall and our filtering and monitoring combined;
- The software blocks certain websites or search terms & alerts the Designated Safeguarding Lead, the Deputy DSL and IT Technician.

From this, we are able to identify the computer, user, time and date of the search, as well as the URL. This enables us to view the information that the user was trying to access and take appropriate action.

Inappropriate content includes:

- Illegal content (e.g. child sexual abuse);
- Discriminatory content (e.g. sexist, racist or homophobic content);
- Sites that promote drugs or substance abuse;
- Extremist content (e.g. the promotion of terrorism);
- Gambling sites;
- Malware and/or hacking software;
- Pornography;
- Pirated material (copyright theft);
- Sites that promote self-harm, suicide and/or eating disorders;
- Violent material.

All staff have a safeguarding duty for filtering and monitoring, which is why we ask our teachers and learning mentors to complete certificated online safety training each year. Online Safety also features in our staff Safeguarding Bulletins and refresher training through the year. Should you have any queries regarding filtering and monitoring, please contact [admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).

## Message from the Governors



and foundation governors who are appointed by the diocese. A term of office lasts for 4 years – you will be amazed at how quickly the time flies. Depending on interests and expertise each governor sits on at least one of the three committees: Learning & Teaching, Health & Safety and Finance & Personnel. Our current governors have introduced themselves on the [governor page](#) of the school web site.

There are 3 vacancies on the governing body of our school for Parent Governors. The governing body is made up of people from different groups including parents, teachers, local authority appointed members

## What do governors do?

School governors:

- are responsible for the strategic management of the school;
- oversee its aims, values and ethos;
- promote high standards of educational attainment;
- monitor pupil progress and attainment;
- ensure compliance with the National Curriculum;
- manage the budget, including deciding the number of staff and pay;
- participate in the appointment of the Headteacher and Deputy Head;
- regulate school conduct and discipline.

The governors act as a team, but the amount of time that each is able to give to the role varies. The full governing body meets every half term and committees between 3 and 6 times a year. The governors support the school in practical ways throughout the year by joining in with events. Once a term they are invited in to spend a whole day in school observing how their discussions and decisions are being put into practice. The highlight of these days is always talking to the pupils in their classrooms, over lunch and in the playground.

## What will I get out of being a governor?

You will get:

- the knowledge that you have played a significant part in improving children's education and supporting the staff;
- a chance for continuing professional development and to develop new skills, such as chairing meetings, asking questions, making suggestions and monitoring the budget;
- A chance to work as part of a dynamic team.

If you think that this is a way in which you would like to contribute to the school please get in touch with the clerk to the governors by email [Pauline.wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:Pauline.wells@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk). There is a legal process to follow in appointing governors but the clerk will be able to help you through this process and training for your future role will also be available. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Playtime Snacks



As a Healthy School, we encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not permitted.

## Junior Jam

'Calling all 8-18 year old musicians! Would you like to play alongside a live band? Would you like to be a more confident performer?



If this is music to your ears, the monthly Junior Jam at The Outlook in Reading is the stage for you! To find out more, say hi to us on IG @music.made.fearless and check out when the next jam is happening'

## 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 the office to find out more or follow the link <https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-information-and-services/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

The final swimming lesson will take place on Friday 13th October.

## 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

Monday 9th October	5D Forest School session
Tuesday 10th – Friday 13th October	Walter / Jameson / Lewis / Selwyn Hustings
Wednesday 11th October	Parents' Consultations 3.50pm -7.40pm
Thursday 12th October	Parents' Consultations 8.50am - 11.10am
Friday 13th October	5D Class Assembly 9.00am
Friday 13th October	Pool closes
<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Monday 16th October	House Captain Election
Tuesday 17th – Friday 20th October	Y6 Liddington Residential Trip
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October	Half Term
Friday 24th November	Non-Uniform day WADE, Wokingham
Sunday 10th December	Annual Primary Schools' Carol Concert 5pm Loddon Valley Leisure Centre
Tuesday 12th - Wednesday 13th December	Christmas Celebration, St Pauls Church 6-7pm
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15th December	End of term – 2pm finish



UPCOMING  
**FAMILY EVENTS**




**Pumpkin Trail**

A family event at The Look Out this October Half Term. Purchase a map for £3 from The Look Out Reception, follow the trail around the forest, laugh at the jokes and head back to the Look Out Discovery Centre to be rewarded with a treat.

→ The Look Out, Bracknell, 21-29 October



**Glow Walk**

A family walking event to see Dinton Country Park glowing in the dark... Come and join us for a 2 mile walk around Black Swan Lake and take in the various light features around the lake including a light tunnel, UV station and disco balls + more...

→ Dinton Country Park, Wokingham, 18 November



**Dinton Santa Dash**

Fun, Festive, family fun for all at Dinton Country Park.

Two distances to choose from: 2km or 5km.

Medal, mince pie and Santa suit for every entrant.

→ Dinton Country Park, Wokingham, 16 December

For more information about First Days Children's Charity and the work we do, please pop over to our website or follow us on social media.

[www.firstdays.net](http://www.firstdays.net)

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**just play sports**

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Use your childcare vouchers or pay with tax-free childcare

## Just Play Sports Clubs

From the sport-mad to the have-a-gos, here you'll find clubs packed with games for any ability and a ginormous focus on fun.

<p><b>All Years Mixed Multi Skills Club</b></p> <p>Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm</p> <p>£7.50 a session</p>	<p><b>All Years Mixed Football Club</b></p> <p>Friday 3.30 - 4.30pm</p> <p>£7.50 a session</p>
<p><b>All Years Mixed Football Club</b></p> <p>Monday Lunchtime</p> <p>£6.50 a session</p>	<p><b>All Years Girls Football Club</b></p> <p>Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm</p> <p>£7.50 a session</p>

**Book online at [bit.ly/stpaulsclubs](https://bit.ly/stpaulsclubs)**

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