

St Paul's Newsletter - Spring: 18.03.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

The children looked absolutely fabulous today, dressed to impress, and our hard-working House Captains managed to sell all 400 Red Noses in the two weeks leading up to today's fun. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our fundraising efforts. As we were still receiving donations at the end of school today, we will announce the final total raised in next week's Newsletter. We were very excited at the prospect of the reintroduction of class assemblies and 5D did a great job of delivering the first one this morning – the children enjoyed the chance to perform for parents and peers and their audience enjoyed every minute. We rounded off today's Comic Relief fun with a whole school assembly led by Miss Lavrich and Mrs Buchanan, where we got to hear the best jokes that our children had to offer and learned about how the money we have raised will be used.

Goodbye and good luck to Hayley Griffin who is moving to Montague Park School. We hope that she settles in quickly and makes lots of new friends.

The Housepoint competition for this half term is heating up and the running totals stand at:

Selwyn – 1594 Lewis – 1564 Jameson – 1650 Walter – 1504

Finally, we have been hit hard by Covid again, with a growing number of pupils and staff being affected. Our team have done a great job of covering for colleagues and ensuring that school continues to run as smoothly as possible for the pupils. We do need your help though. Please avoid sending any child to school who is feeling unwell. A pupil testing positive (day 0) requires a negative LFD result on day 5 and on day 6 for it to be safe to return before the period of 10 days of self-isolation has elapsed. Unfortunately, with Mrs Bonner, School Secretary, and Mrs Coe, Admin Assistant, both unwell. This will leave us extremely short staffed in the office over the next week - please be patient if we are unable to respond as quickly as we normally would. Absences should be reported by email to absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. For all other enquiries, please contact us via email and save phoning for urgent matters..

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

We can help

For any family facing financial difficulty, please get in touch on 0118 978 5219. We would be happy to help in any way we can.

We have access to a range of support, including an 'on the day' emergency delivery of a school food parcel directly to your door or a referral to Wokingham Foodbank, for a more substantial family food parcel, including specialist items such as nappies and cleaning products. We are also able to make referrals for top up fuel vouchers as well. If you think we might be able to help you in some way, do not hesitate to get in touch. All enquiries will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Tomas!

Tomas was selected to play for Reading Hockey Club in their under 10's team. This was a Berkshire tournament, versus other clubs. Tom and the team played brilliantly! Not only did they win every game, but they also had the highest number of goals. Each member of the team was awarded a medal and tournament shield.

Congratulations, Tomas!



Happy Birthday!

Many happy returns to all our pupils celebrating this week:

Evangelos (6B), Aurelia (4C), Jemima (5S) & Anjana (3B)



Ride Anywhere Week



From 21-27 March, we're challenging riders to pick a pledge and complete it within one week. We'll send you helpful tips, tricks and tools to help get you riding towards glory! Choose from:

- Ride for health and fitness
- Ride for transportation
- Ride for adventure
- Ride with kids

What do you think you could achieve on your bike in one week? There's only one way to find out! Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to stay updated. Happy riding!

Register early go into a prize draw to win a £250 local bike shop gift card. Please visit Love to Ride Wokingham website for more details. <https://www.lovetoride.net/wokingham>

Bike Safety

BIKE SAFETY *for kids*

Use the Eyes, Ears and Mouth Test

EYES CHECK

Position the helmet on your head. Look up and you should see the bottom rim of the helmet. The rim should be one to two finger-widths above the eyebrows.

MOUTH CHECK

Open your mouth as wide as you can. Do you feel the helmet hug your head? If not, tighten those straps and make sure the buckle is flat against your skin.



HELMETS

Can reduce the risk of severe brain injuries by 88%.

EARS CHECK

Make sure the straps of the helmet form a "V" under your ears when buckled. The strap should be snug but comfortable.

Important Tips

KEEP AN EYE OUT

Actively supervise children until you're comfortable that they are responsible to ride on their own.

IT CAN BE HARD

for kids to judge speed and distance of cars until age 10. Limit riding to sidewalks and be careful for vehicles in driveways, parks or bike paths.



CHILDREN SHOULD BE ABLE

to demonstrate riding competence and knowledge of the rules of the road before cycling with traffic.

TEACH GOOD BEHAVIOR

Kids learn from watching you, so it's extra important for parents to model proper behavior. Wear a helmet, even if you didn't when you were a kid.

Please can we remind all parents and pupils that if your child is riding a bike to school they **need** to ensure that they are:

1. Wearing a helmet at all times.
2. Riding safely on the roads.
3. Using hand signals.
4. Being cautious of cars & other vehicles.

Use Appropriate Helmets for Different Activities

Children should always wear a helmet for all wheeled sports activities.



WHEN SKATEBOARDING

and long boarding, make sure your child wears a skateboarding helmet.

Use your Hand Signals!



◀ LEFT TURN

▶ RIGHT TURN

■ STOP

PTA News

The 2022 PTA Easter Discos will take place on Tuesday 29th March.

There will be music, party games and a sweet and glow stall!

Tickets are £3 at the door. Please bring pocket money for sweets and drink (50p/£1) or party gadgets (30p/£1).

We will need at least 10 volunteers to run this event, so if you are happy to support please message Pta@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk or visit the volunteer section on the PTA website (<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulswokinghampta>)

Arrival times:

Y3 - Y4 : Arrivals from 18.15, collection by 19.30 and

Y5 - Y6 : Arrivals from 19.45 , collection by 21.15



The PTA have also organized an Easter Cake Sale after school on Friday 1st April.

We are looking for bakers and volunteers to help setup, sell and clear. If anyone would like to get involved then please email us on pta@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk or visit <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stpaulswokinghampta> to volunteer with one click.

Other PTA Information:



Can you help?

The PTA shed was very badly damaged by Storm Eunice and although we have rescued everything that is salvageable, the shed now needs taking down.

We have a skip arriving on the morning of

Saturday 2nd April

and are looking for a small group of volunteers to help empty and dismantle the shed from **2pm onwards**.

With a few pairs of willing hands, this should take no more than a couple of hours—tea, coffee and cake will be provided but please bring a pair of work gloves.

If you are able to lend a hand, please email
PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Forest School Class Timetable – Spring 2022

These sessions will take place in our woodland area, so please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing with them on that day i.e. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

21/03	28/03	04/04
5D	3B	3H

PE Timetable – Spring 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3K	3B	4P	All Classes	4R
	5S	3H		5G
	6L			5D
6N	6B			4C

Children should come to school dressed in their kit. PE & games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their uniform to school too, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

Diary Dates 2022	
Monday 7 th March	Red Noses go on sale - £1.50
Friday 18 th March	Dress to Impress – non-uniform day for a donation to our Comic Relief fundraising
Tuesday 29 th , Wednesday 30 th , Thursday 31 st March	Parents' Consultations – booking information has been sent out via ParentMail
Tuesday 29 th March	PTA Easter Discos
Tuesday 29 th March	iRock Concert – 11:15am (Parents of iRock pupils are invited to attend)
Friday 1 st April	PTA Bake Sale
Thursday 7 th April	END OF TERM – 2.00PM FINISH
Friday 8 th April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 13 th May	PTA Family BBQ
	KS2 SATS (Year 6 pupils only)
Saturday 18 th June	PTA Summer Festival

Term Dates can be found on the website [here](#)

just play sports

8, 11-14 & 19-22 April

Easter holiday camps and Inset funday

Banish holiday boredom with our jam-packed sessions for children aged 5-12

There's something for everyone
Imagination-bursting games, matches and competitions across:

- Football • Multi-skills • Inflatable Zorbs • Tennis
- Rounders • Dodgeball •

New! Arts and crafts sessions

Flexibility to suit you
Standard day: 10.00am - 3.30pm
Extended day: 8.30am - 5.30pm

Where you'll find us
St Paul's Junior School and Walter Infant School, RG41 2TA

How much
Standard day: £28
Extended day: £38
Book a whole week and save 10%

Childcare vouchers accepted

10% sibling discount

Book now at bit.ly/JPSEasterFlyer22

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