

St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 14.06.24

'One body, every person, growing together.'



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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents

We have had a lovely week with the children and have lots of good news to share!



Thanks to our wonderful PTA and parent volunteers, we had lots of fun at Friday's Silent Disco - it was the first time we have held this kind of event and probably the only time that we've seen every child join in singing and dancing. It was a brilliant event and the PTA are to be congratulated on their success. Special thanks also to the staff who came along to help - Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Brodie, Miss Horrod, Mrs Thornhill and Mrs Walker. The Discos raised a fantastic £843.50!

I am delighted to be able to announce that we have appointed a new Site Controller, Maurice Pearson, who will be starting with us on 8th July. He is highly experienced at working in a school environment and very excited to be joining our school family.

Next Thursday is Sports' Day. Please do read the information sent out yesterday as it contains everything you need to know about this event.



Our teachers are currently extra busy writing your child's annual report. These take an incredible amount of time to produce, but the process offers an opportunity to reflect on the achievements and progress of the children in their class. It is undoubtedly a labour of love and takes weeks and weeks to write, proof and print 382 reports but is also a wonderful opportunity for us to celebrate all that the children have accomplished since September. Reports will be sent home on Friday 12th July.



Y6 rehearsals for Lights...Camera...Action! are well underway and already the singing sounds amazing! If you have a child in Year 6 and have yet to book your tickets for a performance, this can be done via the link in the letter sent to you on Tuesday. If you wish to enter the Raffle for the 'Best Seats' in the house, tickets cost £2 each and payment can be made via Scopay. Thank you, Mrs Collins, for coming up with the idea of the raffle and for making the booking process so much easier to administer!

3H did themselves proud this morning with a brilliant assembly focusing on sustainability. They made us stop and think about the contribution we each can make by reducing what we buy, reusing what we have and recycling. It was a brilliant assembly and brought home the fact that we only have one planet and we need to take good care of it.





Talking about caring for our planet, our Forest School work was nominated for recognition at the Celebration of Creation Care Service held in Oxford last Saturday. Mrs McBain and Mrs Gray were presented with a token of recognition for their contribution to the way in which they teach the children to



love nature and understand that the earth is a gift from God, which we need to take care of because it provides us with the things we need to live. We are very proud that their efforts have been recognised in this way as they do such a fantastic job!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Photo Ordering Deadline – Sunday 23rd June

If you haven't yet ordered your class photo, the deadline for free delivery to school is Sunday 23rd June.

Clean Air Day Competition – My Journey

It is National Clean Air Day on **Thursday 20th June**.

This year is #CleanAirDay highlights that cars and vans are the biggest source of toxic chemicals (NOx) in our air. The My Journey Wokingham Team want children to travel in cleaner and greener ways to and from school.

To celebrate #CleanAirDay My Journey are asking primary school children to create a picture, **Imagine what Wokingham Borough would look like if there were no cars? How would you travel?**

Prizes 🏆

Earthsense have provided the top prize for the competition. The best entry from the winning school will win a year's of online air quality monitoring data for their school, using the Earthsense Virtual Zephyr© air quality model via the MyAir platform, this allows pupils to investigate air pollution sources around their school site. There will also be two runners up prizes of a £10 book vouchers for the school and an individual prize of a My Journey goody bag for all the winners and two runners up.

<https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/clean-air-day-competition-20-june-2024/>

Well Done Sophia!



Sophia (5K) attended a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition in Bournemouth on Saturday 8th June. She took third place landing her with a bronze medal!

Well done Sophia!

Sports News

Well we had a very busy week for Sports last week with both boys' and girls' teams playing in the School Games Dynamo Cricket festivals as well as in the Woodley Carnival Football tournament run by USports.



The girls' cricket team were incredible, despite having never played a cricket match before! They came in a very respectable 4th place having lost two matches and won six. I hope the girls continue to enjoy playing cricket in the future! The boys were in a tough group but all played really well. The team began with a player short, but Anaya came to the rescue to make up the team. Unfortunately, the team didn't progress into the semi-finals but a fantastic day was had by all.

The week finished with the Woodley Carnival football tournament- girls in the morning, mixed in the afternoon. The girls set the standard winning their group and made it to the final playing Robert Piggott. After losing to Piggott in the Wokingham Spring Cup it was wonderful to beat them in the final and take the trophy!



The mixed team, not to be outdone by the girls, also won their group despite having some really tough matches. After winning a tense penalty shootout, they also made it into the final and took home the trophy beating Bearwood after another penalty shootout! Fantastic play by all but big congratulations to Lola our POT for being a key player for both teams!



We saw a fantastic afternoon of athletics at the School Games QuadKids competition. Our team were all fantastic having to complete a sprint, 600m, throw and long jump. It really is a competition to test all round fitness. There were some fantastic performances particularly in the 600m with all our team doing extremely well. Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Mrs Foster

Swimming

Pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. We ask that swimming trunks are close fitting and not long, baggy Bermuda style shorts and that girls wear a one-piece suit. Swimming hats can be purchased from school.

Mondays			Tuesdays			Wednesdays			Fridays		
5D	3D	3H	5K	3B	4P	5M	6B	4B	6T	4R	6S

Class Assemblies

Just a reminder about upcoming class assemblies, the majority of which will take place on Friday morning. These events last approximately 15 minutes and start promptly at 9.00 am. Parents of the class performing are welcome to join us for these occasions and should **enter the school via the Oxford Road entrance.**

21/06	28/06	05/07	17/07
4B	5K	3D	4R

Contacting the School Office

If you email our school office, please remember to include your child's full name and their class. This is the most effective way to ensure messages are passed on quickly and leaves no room for error.

Forest School



The children have been very busy this week tending to their allotments. Strawberries have been picked and enjoyed, weeds have been removed and compost (donated to us by RE3) has been added to enrich our soil. We have planted pumpkin, radish and carrot seeds, along with some runner bean plants that were also been donated to us.

The pond area is a favourite place for many of our children. They enjoy observing the nature and wildlife that it provides and follow our "respecting the nature" rule when they catch newts, water boatmen and pond snails.



During our reflection, the children shared some emotions that they have felt while in the woods. While many spoke of feeling calm and happy, one child shared feeling "victorious because I balanced on the slackline for 3 seconds" and another felt "happy because I have made a new friend."



Please note that due to Big Swap Week the Forest School Timetable has changed

17/06	24/06	01/07	15/07	16/07	17/07	18/07
6B	3D	6S	6T	3B	4R	5D

If your child is attending a Forest School session, please can you provide them with long trousers and a long-sleeved top. This will enable them to move around our woodland more freely, without being stung by the nettles. Thank you.

Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk by 8.15am on each day of the absence. Please ensure you give your child's name, class and symptoms: stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records.

Next Week at School

Thursday 20 th June	PTA - Bag to School and Frozen Thursday
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Thursday 20 th June	Sports Day 9.00am – 1.00pm
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Friday 21 st June	4B Class Assembly
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Sunday 23 rd June	Deadline for Ordering Class Photos
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Diary Dates

Friday 28 th June	5K Class Assembly
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Monday 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Accepting Tombola Donations for the Summer Fair
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Friday 5 th July	Dress Down Day for Summer Fair
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Friday 5 th July	3D Class Assembly
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Friday 5 th July 2pm	Year 6 Production – Lights... Camera... Action!
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Saturday 6 th July	PTA – Summer Fair
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Monday 8 th July 6pm	Year 6 Production – Lights... Camera... Action!
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Friday 12 th July	End of Year Reports
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Friday 12 th July	PTA – Frozen Friday
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Wednesday 17 th July	4R Assembly
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Wednesday 17 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco
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Friday 19 th July 9.30am	Leavers Service at St Paul's Church – Year 6 parents welcome
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Friday 19 th July	End of Term – 2.00pm finish
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Wokingham Bikeathon

Sunday 23rd June 2024

Event Hub: Cantley Park
Twyford Road, Wokingham, RG40 5TU



Refreshments
on route



Family
friendly



Sustainable
medals

Register now!

Adults £20 • Children £5 (ages 12-17)
or FREE with a paying adult!
Under 12s - FREE!



Not-for-profit
event, raising
funds for local
charities



www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk

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Not sure who to vote for...?

Your chance to hear the candidates!

Wed. 26th June, 7.30pm
All Saints' Church,
Wiltshire Road

Organised by *Wokingham Churches Together*
www.wokinghamchurches.org.uk

Doors from 7pm, with
refreshments available.
Questions are to be
submitted on the night,
in time for a 7.30pm start.
Questions will be chosen to
represent a variety of topics.

For further information
email church.office@spauls.co.uk



4 routes to choose from:

Short



Suitable for families
and leisure riders
⌚ 60-90 minutes

Intermediate



Quietest route
recommended for families
⌚ 120-160 minutes

Long



More experienced riders
⌚ 120-180 minutes

Extra Long



More experienced riders
⌚ 180-240 minutes

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See you there!

www.wokinghambikeathon.co.uk

Upcoming courses include:

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- Dealing with the Transition to Secondary School
- Every Penny Counts
- IT Skills for Work
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- Love Food, Hate Waste
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- Sensory Maths
- Understanding Anxiety in Teenagers
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