

# St Paul's Newsletter – 17.3.23



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



It was lovely to welcome the children and staff back this morning. The school was a sea of red, with no two children dressed exactly the same. This tied in beautifully with assembly, where we celebrated our unique differences. We talked together about how sometimes in society people do not always get along, forgetting that it is our differences that make us special. We also discussed discrimination and how sometimes, groups or individuals are treated unfairly because of their beliefs, race, gender, disability or sexual orientation. The highlight was hearing the children's ideas as to how we can all play a part in making sure that our playground and school are a happy place for everyone, and about the ways in which we can value one another.

Tuesday's evacuation was very impressive. All we knew was that it was a real activation. Classes left the building swiftly and quietly, assembling on the playground in under two and a half minutes. It was a while before the fire brigade gave the all clear but throughout the time outside, the children's behaviour was exemplary. It was a cold and drizzly afternoon and some children had come straight from PE. Our kind hearted staff team did a 'Walter Raleigh', taking off cardigans and jackets and laying them on the playground so children who were barefoot had something warm, clean and dry to stand on. The Fire Service received a resounding cheer as they left. The problem had been a faulty light at Walter, which was quickly made safe.

Despite a heartfelt ParentMail message last week, a small number of parents still insist on parking in the road opposite the Murray Road gates. This causes a huge amount of ill feeling and is the source of numerous complaints! The road is private and parking is for residents only. They are within their rights to ask drivers to park elsewhere and should not be subject to rudeness or abuse from anyone, including members of our school community. I would strongly urge parents to park elsewhere, as this would be the same level of care and consideration that you would hope to see from visitors to the area in which you live.



It is a very warm welcome to our newest pupil, Kabutey, who recently joined 3K and a fond farewell to Vrinda who is leaving 3K to start at a new school. We wish her and her family every happiness in their new home and lots of luck for the future.



We wish Mr Walsh, our Site Controller, a speedy recovery. He has been rather unwell this week and has had to take some time away from school. We are looking forward to welcoming him back once he is back to fighting fit and in the meantime, would like to thank Mr Walker, our Site Assistant, for doing a brilliant job of taking on additional duties.

Finally, our hearts go out to the family of Sue Page who recently passed away. Sue was a member of our team of Learning Mentors for over 30 years and a well-loved member of staff. Her association with the school stretched back even further, as both of her boys were also pupils here. Sue worked with over a thousand children, all of whom benefitted from her 'magic touch' – the ability to persuade even the most reluctant of learners to attempt a task when no one else could. In her role as a lunchtime controller, she was also a firm favourite, going the extra mile to help children who had got themselves into difficulty on the playground. She was an exceptionally kind hearted and caring person who will be very much missed by everyone lucky enough to know her or work alongside her. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this very difficult time

Family is everything, enjoy spending time with yours this weekend, especially if you will be celebrating Mother's Day.

Mrs Taylor



## Curriculum Celebration – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 3.30pm – 4.30pm

We will be throwing open the doors and examples of pupils' work from this term will be displayed in classrooms, giving you the chance to take a walk through the school and look at some of the learning that we have been doing in each year group this term. Please avoid walking through the hall as the after school club will be in session.

## PTA Cake Sale – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March



Cakes will be on sale in the Learning Lodge from 3.30pm onwards, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, to raise funds for much needed resources for our school. We would be very grateful for your donations of cupcakes, tray bakes, buns and cakes, baked or bought (NUT FREE). Cakes should be brought into school on

Friday morning, ready for the sale at 3.30pm. Please remember to bring cash with you on 24<sup>th</sup>, so that you can round off your week with a sweet treat!

## Break the Rules Day Fundraising Event – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding a Break the Rules Day in conjunction with Walter Infant School. All proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the victims of the recent earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

The House Captains will be out on the gate on Friday morning, collecting a 50p fine for every rule broken. A child can break as many rules as they like – none, some or all: if they decide to go the whole hog, the cost will be £4.50. Please do give generously as the situation in Turkey has worsened with the danger to life increased even further by the flooding.



## Great Fundraising!

### You're a top 20% fundraiser, St Paul's CofE Junior School

Your Children's Mental Health Week 2023 page was one of the most successful JustGiving pages last month. Out of thousands of fundraisers, you were in the top 20%. Congrats on raising so much for Place2Be - you're an absolute hero.

Thank you for your support with our fundraising for Children's mental Health Week! We were delighted to discover that we were one of the top 20% of fundraisers for this very worthy cause!

## Y3 Wokingham Walk



This week, Year 3 have been carrying out geography fieldwork, exploring land use in the area in which we live.

Despite the damp and windy conditions, 3K and 3H managed to complete their surveys in the town centre and learned some fascinating facts about Wokingham along the way. Sadly, 50mph winds put a stop to 3B venturing out on Monday and their trip will now take place after Easter. Thank you very much to all of the parent volunteers who accompanied Miss Best and Miss Osborne this week.

## Musketeer Fencing



The children thoroughly enjoyed the Little Musketeers fencing taster sessions last week, learning lots of new skills and the art of duelling. Thank you very much to Mrs Tillson for arranging such a brilliant experience for the whole school. We will be glad to welcome Little Musketeers as a new morning club at St Paul's from next term onwards!



## Achievements



Last weekend Harrison Sweet came first in an under 12's tennis tournament at Purley Bury in Surrey- Congratulations!

Ethan participated in the Woodley Festival of Music & Arts during last weekend and entered into the Public Speaking Year 6 and Under Class. He gave a speech about the Catan board game which inspired other board game genre in the world and was awarded with a Silver medal



## Cost of Living Help Hub

Wokingham have pulled information, help and support together in one place, to help families who are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other essential household items. There is also additional support available in the school holidays for families who have children eligible for Free School Meals. For more information, follow the link [cost of living help hub](#)

## Families eligible for Free School Meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support. Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. [Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

The amount you get in total depends on the number of children in your family who receive free school meals:

- One child - £120
- Two children - £210
- Three children - £315
- Four children - £420
- Five children - £525
- Six children - £630

## Emotional Wellbeing Strategy WBC

Wokingham are currently in the early stages of developing a new Emotional Wellbeing Strategy for children and young people with mild to moderate emotional wellbeing needs. To help understand what these look like, they are asking parents to take part in a survey to help prioritise areas of need for the next few years. They are hoping that as many people as possible will complete the survey and share what they believe to be the priorities. The survey closes on 22<sup>nd</sup> March and can be accessed here: [\(16\) Project • Children and young people's emotional wellbeing \(wokingham.gov.uk\)](#)

## Covid Vaccine Clinic

The Covid vaccine clinic at Shutters Café at WBC Shute End offices will offer the **first and second doses** of the vaccine as follows:

**Children aged 5-11** Sunday, 26 March 2023, from 10am to 4:45pm. Sessions can be booked ahead on the [NHS website](#), we encourage bookings as walk-in availability is limited. If you can, bring your [NHS number](#), and wear a face covering. Details on the [WBC Covid vaccinations webpage](#).

## Message from Reading Football Club

You are invited to Reading Football Club's 4<sup>th</sup> and final Schools and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23!

**When?** Reading vs Burnley, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm

**Where?** Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 4<sup>th</sup> and final schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. As part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1

17 and Under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#StPaulsCE** once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

### How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email [sales@readingfc.co.uk](mailto:sales@readingfc.co.uk) or call 0118 968 1313. We hope to see you all on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2023!

## Dotty about drama? Adore animation? Giddy over gigs? WBC wants to hear from you!

We are putting together some new plans to develop arts and culture across the borough and want to hear from you what you enjoy, what you'd like to do more of and what's stopping you.

Although we often think of arts and culture as quite traditional things, it also includes everything from slam poetry to all styles of music to drama and film making.

If you could spare a few minutes to help us understand more about what it is you would like, then we can make sure our plans have something for everyone.

To take the survey, visit – <https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/arts-and-culture-for-young-people>

From Wokingham Borough Council



## PE Timetable

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

<b>Monday</b> 3H, 6D, 5D	<b>Tuesday</b> 3B, 3K, 5K	<b>Wednesday</b> 4R, 4P, 5S	<b>Friday</b> 4C, 6B, 6T	<b>Thursday</b> Outdoor PE – all classes
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## Forest School Sessions

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

<b>20/3</b> 4P	<b>27/3</b> 4C	<b>28/3</b> 4R
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## Class Assemblies

Each class will deliver two assemblies per school year. The majority of which will take place on Friday morning. Assemblies last approximately 15 minutes and start at 9.00 am. Parents of the class are welcome to join us for these occasions. Entrance to the school is via the Oxford Road and this is the timetable for the remainder of this term.

<b>24/3</b> 3H	<b>29/3</b> 3B
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Diary Dates	
Next Week:	
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Curriculum Celebration 3.30-4.30pm
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Break the Rules Day & PTA Cake Sale 3.30pm

**Upcoming**

Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term – 2pm finish
30 <sup>th</sup> March- 16 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> April	SATs Information Evening for Y6 parents 6.30pm - entry via Murray Road Gates
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – The King's Coronation
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week – NO MORNING CLUBS
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	St Paul's and Walter PTA Circus – 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm (all tickets now sold out)
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – School closed
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of the Summer Term
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7.00pm -9.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term – 2pm finish



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ASSIST are pleased to offer the following autism specific workshops

For information about any of the following workshops, or to book a place, please contact:

[ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:ASSISTWorkshops@wokingham.gov.uk)

ASSIST Children's Services, Wokingham Borough Council  
Woodley Airfield Centre, Hurricane Way, Woodley RG5 4UX

The workshops appear in date order up to July 2023 & will be repeated Sept to December 2023

**Cost of each workshop, per adult:**

Parents	Professionals
Carers	Practitioners
Autistic individuals	Others

These workshops are suitable for adult learning

Daytime workshops are offered face to face at the Woodley Airfield Centre RG5 4UX

Evening workshops are usually online

Free parking and refreshments available

**Autism aware** – it is important that you have a basic understanding and knowledge of autism either through your own experience or because you have attended an autism awareness workshop.

**'What is autism' is covered in depth on the autism awareness workshop only.**



Champions for an autism perspective

**Autism Awareness** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build your understanding of autism – the 'hidden' disability including language, social interaction, sensory issues, anxieties and discuss some strategies and tools that might help and support autistic individuals to make sense of the world around them.

**Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger)** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to promote positive behaviours, their understanding of their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger, and so support them to develop their own self-management strategies.

**Understanding and writing social/visual scripts to an advanced stage** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

An intervention using social/visual scripts which can help support development and improved understanding of social events and expectations in a given situation. This may then lead to more effective social responses. You will have the opportunity to write social/visual scripts to describe a social situation, skill or concept and then go on to build and practice these skills.

'Really got me thinking'

'Your workshops help me to really understand the possible perceptions of an autistic person'

'I've learnt more in 2.5 hrs than in the last 6 months'

**A positive, systematic approach to finding solutions** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon

(Registration open 9.15am)

An opportunity to develop new skills in finding solutions, responding in a positive and creative manner towards difficulties and gaining confidence in a team approach to addressing challenges in your setting.

'This was so interesting and insightful – the best training I have ever had on autism, I am now really motivated and inspired.'

Working in small groups to discuss issues that are preventing autistic individuals from moving on and then using a process to identify positive solutions. Candidates could bring a difficulty or challenge from their own setting and use the workshop to generate some ideas to take back and try!

**EVENING ONLINE WORKSHOP!**

**Supporting autistic individuals to understand and self-manage emotions & feelings (including anger)**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023

7pm start, workshop concludes at 9pm (MS Teams presentation)

Build a deeper understanding of autism and consider how autistic people can be supported to promote positive behaviours, their understanding of their own and others' emotions (feelings) including anger, and so support them to develop their own self-management strategies.

**Drawing whilst talking!** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration open 9.15am)

How to use drawing as an intervention whilst having a conversation. Enabling the exploration and enhancement of conversational skills, social understanding and perspective of others – seeing something from a different point of view!

'This has been the BEST training I have attended, and definitely the best autism training, I really enjoyed the session!'

**Autism specific workshop on sexual development and puberty** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

9.30am start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration open 9.15am)

An opportunity to discuss and develop your understanding of the physical and emotional changes at puberty, then how to prepare and support autistic individuals to manage these changes. Exploration of the concept 'public, private and personal safety'.

**Participants must understand that there will be discussion and visual materials that are of an explicit nature relevant to the subject**

**Supporting Siblings** (at Woodley Airfield Centre)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

9.30 start, workshop concludes at 12 noon (Registration opens 9.15am)

(Registration opens 9.30am)

An opportunity to explore the impact on siblings of having an autistic brother or sister. We discuss the difficulties that this can bring as well as the benefits. Included within the workshop are lots of practical strategies and ideas that may be helpful in supporting siblings to understand autism, cope with their experiences and feel valued for who they are.



# Bracknell

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