

# St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 9.9.22



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## Headteacher's Message



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and loved ones of Queen Elizabeth II at this sad time. We are grateful and give our heartfelt thanks for her devoted service and faithful dedication. St Paul's Church will be open from 8.00am to 9.00pm today for people to pray, light a candle, and leave a message in the book of condolence. There will be a short service lasting about half an hour at 6pm.

The Church will reopen at 8.00am on Saturday and the book of condolence will remain in Church until the day after the Queen's funeral.

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Dear St Paul's Families,



A very warm welcome to the Autumn Term. I hope that you had a great summer and enjoyed the time with family. It is wonderful to see pupils back in school. They quickly settled and along with the staff, have made a positive start to the new school year. All week, there has been a buzz about learning and yesterday, when Mr Kellet told 5K that they had another 15 minutes of maths to complete, they actually cheered! It doesn't get better than that!

I have had the pleasure of eating lunch with lots of pupils new to St Paul's this week, many of whom have been very excited when telling me what they think of their new school:

- "I love it!"
- "Actually, Mrs Taylor, this school is really quite good fun."
- "My teacher is brilliant"
- "St Paul's is a very smiley school, everyone smiles all of the time!"

I also have it on good authority that, "Maths and English are much funner."

A number of new staff joined us this term – teachers, learning mentors, office and site staff, all of whom have been impressed with the children's excellent behaviour for learning – it promises to be a great year!

For families joining us for the first time, WELCOME! We are looking forward to working in partnership and wish you a long and happy association with St Paul's.

In terms of arrangements for the end of the day, thank you for using the one way system. It makes the end of the day run smoothly and ensures good supervision for the safe departure of all pupils. If running late for pick up, please contact the school office 0118 978 5219, so that we can reassure your child that you are safely on your way and supervise them until you get here. The gates close promptly at 3.40pm and pupils will need to be collected from the Oxford Road entrance by parents arriving after this time.

Today, we are saying goodbye to one of our pupils, Gautham Subramani, who is moving to is moving to High Wycombe. We hope that he and his family quickly settle into their new home and that Gautham enjoys his new school.

We can see from our system that some Year 3 parents are still unable to receive ParentMail communications and are hoping that technical issue will be resolved by Monday.

Have a good weekend everyone – we are looking forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher



## We did it!



We are over the moon to announce that St Paul's has been awarded the School Games Mark Gold Award. This national benchmark allows schools to challenge themselves and demonstrate progress over time against set criteria. There are three awards, Bronze, Silver and Gold and Mrs Foster has worked tirelessly over the last few years, with the help of Mrs Judd and other staff and volunteer parents, to provide and engage pupils in high quality sporting games opportunities and competitions. These have included local competitions against other Wokingham Schools as well as the opportunity to represent Wokingham District at County level competitions.

## What a talented bunch!

A fantastic photo of Emily and Rimass at ice-skating.

Both are very proud to have passed Level 1 after just 6 lessons! Well done to both of you.



Harrison recently competed in the Berkshire County Tennis Championships and reached the quarter finals. He was the only non-county player to reach this stage in the Under 10's. What an achievement!



Archie supported his mum and dad at the Samaritans local run, helping to raise £10000 for the Samaritans Bracknell Wokingham and Ascot Branch. Well done, Archie!

## Travelling Book Fair

The Book Fair will be arriving in school from Tuesday 27th September - Monday 3rd October, with over 200 new children's books to browse and buy! If you are unable to join us, gift vouchers are available at [www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk/parents) to ensure your child doesn't miss out.

St. Paul's earns **FREE BOOKS** for every book sold at the Fair, so this is a great opportunity to support the work of the school and help us stock up our classrooms with new resources. We hope to see you there!

## PE and Swimming

### Swimming

On swimming days, 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 normally be purchased from school but we are currently are waiting for a delivery due to the high demand this week.

### Outdoor PE

All classes will have outdoor PE on Thursday. Pupils should come to school dressed in PE kit. (navy or black shorts or tracksuit, plain white t-shirt). PE & games lessons take place every week in all but the most extreme weather and, therefore, we ask that pupils bring their uniform too, in case they have to change into dry clothes.

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| <b>Thursday<br/>Outdoor PE –<br/>all classes</b> |
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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.

| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sep | 19 <sup>th</sup> Sep | 26 <sup>th</sup> Sep | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct | 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct | 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov | 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov | 5 <sup>th</sup> Dec | 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec |
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| 3K                   | 6B                   | 5D                   | 5S                  | 4C                   | 4R                   | 6D                  | 4P                   | 6T                   | 3B                   | 3H                  | 5K                   |

## Clubs

Information about clubs will be sent out to all parents via Parentmail on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We limit club places to two per child to ensure that as many pupils as possible are able to participate in extracurricular activities.

## School Lunches

The new price of a Caterlink school lunch is £2.30. Caterlink operate a cashless system and for your child to have a school lunch, their Tuscas account must be in credit.



Berkshire Healthcare Health Visiting and School Nursing service have launched a ChatHealth texting service aimed at parents/carers and young people. It is an easy way to support with conversations about health and wellbeing. There are designated staff members running the service Monday-Friday (09:00-16:30) who aim to answer all text messages within a 24-hour period.

Berkshire Healthcare, have different numbers for Health Visiting and School Nursing Services:

- Health Visiting – parents/carers of babies and children 0-4 years  
[Health Visiting | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](http://berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)
- School Nursing – parents/carers of children and young people 5-19 years  
[School Nursing | Children Young People and Families Online Resource \(berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk\)](http://berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk)
- School Nursing – young people 11-19 years

For more information on ChatHealth: [Home Page – ChatHealth](#)

| Diary Dates                                           |                                                                    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> September                        | Curriculum Information Evening 5.00pm-5.30pm & 5.45pm-6.15pm       |
| Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> September                        | 6B Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> October   | Travelling Book Fair – books will be on sale after school          |
| Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> September                        | 4P Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> October                           | Cardwell & Son – individual pupil photographs                      |
| Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm – 7.30pm           | Liddington Information Evening – Y6 parents only (main hall)       |
| Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> October 09.00am – 09.55am        | Open Morning                                                       |
| Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> October 11.00am – 12.00          | Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church – parents welcome to join us. |
| Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> October                           | 3B Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> October                         | 5S Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> October                          | Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations                    |
| Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> October 6.15pm – 7.30pm         | PTA Disco Y3 & Y4                                                  |
| Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm – 9.15pm         | PTA Disco Y5 & Y6                                                  |
| Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October                          | 3K Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October   | Half Term                                                          |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> November  | Parents' Consultations                                             |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> November                        | Flu Immunisations for Y3 to Y6                                     |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> November                         | 6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> November                       | 6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                          | 4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December                          | PTA Christmas fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm                                 |
| Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> December                          | Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm                             |
| Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> December                         | Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm                   |
| Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm               |
| Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December                         | 5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am                                  |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December                        | End of term – 2pm finish                                           |