St Paul's Newsletter - Summer: 20.05.22

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching half term – the weeks are flying by!



4C's assembly this morning was fascinating, packed full of interesting information and facts about bees and how as pollinators, they play a part in every aspect of the ecosystem. The children have certainly been 'busy bees' with their learning this term and taught every member of their audience something new. It was a great way to round off the week – well done 4C!

We are always excited to welcome new members to our school family, On Monday, Mariia Karpova, joined 5S and the children, particularly Timati, are doing a wonderful job of taking great care of her. Mariia joins us from Ukraine and Timati has been working extra hard, translating from English into Russian and back again, to help Mariia settle in. We also welcomed Mrs King, our new finance assistant, who will be working in the office alongside Mrs Deen, who recently took over

from Mrs Crouch as our School Business Manager.

Mrs McBain, our Forest School practitioner and learning mentor for 4R has had a very exciting day today! She visited Buckingham Palace to see her son, Josh, being awarded a gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. The DofE programme is a demanding, non-competitive personal challenge, open to all young people, which takes a minimum of 12 months to complete. Young people build their own programmes with activities in five sections – physical, skills, volunteering, a five-day residential and a four-day expedition. Josh is an ex-pupil of St Paul's and this fantastic achievement will hopefully inspire other pupils in the future



LIVING WITH COVID

We have had several queries regarding pupils testing positive for Covid-19. There have been no changes to the guidance published in previous newsletters and we have included it again in this week's edition for your information. To report a pupil absence, please email

absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

Finally, just a reminder that Monday 23rd May is class photo day. Please ensure that your child comes to school in full uniform,

including sweatshirt/cardigan and school shoes.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Taylor

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Year 3 Victorian Day		
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Half Term		
INSET DAY – school closed		

Selwyn - 6784 Lewis - 7212 Jameson - 6888 Walter - 7431

<u> Platinum Jubilee Celebration – Friday</u> 27th May

We will be marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee by holding a special celebration picnic on the field next Friday. The children are invited to come to school dressed in **red**, white and **blue** – no donation necessary.

The day before, Thursday 26th, every child will be given a Union Jack plate to take home and fill with delicious picnic treats for their lunch on 27th. The plate is solely for your child and there will be no sharing of food, but please ensure that there are no nut products. If stuck for ideas, you may wish to include sandwiches, cake, crisps and any other of your child's favourite picnic food. As it is a royal celebration, pupils are welcome to bring in squash or juice as well – **no fizzy drinks please!**

We have booked some extra special entertainment as a surprise for the children and some of the residents from Westoak will be joining us too. We are very much looking forward to getting together to celebrate in style and will post photos of this special event on our website.

Sports Day - Thursday 9th June

Sports Day will be held on Thursday 9th June from 9.15am until approximately 12.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend. This event is weather dependent and any decision to cancel the event will be made at 8.00 am on the day and a message sent out via ParentMail. A reserve date of Thursday 7th July has been set.

A letter was sent to parents on 18th May containing full details, including information regarding kit and lunch arrangements for the day. Please note, the deadline for ordering a school packed for Sports Day is Monday 23rd May.

Assembly Dates

As always, parents are welcome to join their child's class assembly. Please enter school via the Oxford Road entrance. Assembly starts at 9:15am and lasts approximately 15-20 mins.

26/05	17/06	01/07	08/07	15/07
4R	4P	6L	6N	6B

PE and Swimming

Swimming

Swimming is part of the PE curriculum and for the rest of this term, replaces indoor PE. On swimming days, pupils should come to

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

school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool.

Outdoor PE

All classes have an outdoor PE lesson on Thursday and should come to school dressed in PE kit.

Thursday		
PE – All		
Classes		

Bikeability

We have several enquiries regarding arrangements for Bikeability training this term. Unfortunately, the providers did not have the capacity to include St Paul's for this year. Training has been scheduled for Summer 2023 and we are hoping to include both our Year 5 and 6 pupils.

we believe Avanti Cycling will be offering Bikeability at various locations in Wokingham during the summer holidays. Once these dates become available we will publish them in an upcoming newsletter.

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Cycle training specialists

Well done!

On Saturday, 14th May, the Wokingham and Emmbrook FC Tigers took on Centre Skills Gold at Reading City stadium for the BYDL Cup Final. After a nail-biting match, Tigers brought the trophy home with a 3-1 win! Congratulations BYDL U11 champions! Charlie, George, Sam, Harry, Archie, Lucas from St Paul's and the rest of the Tigers team. Go Tigers!





On Tuesday, Dolly competed in a National Cheerleading Competition in Telford and her squad came in 4th. A great achievement – well done, Dolly!

Last Week, Marlie's family welcomed Basil, a rescue street dog from Cyprus. Marlie, has been making sure that Basil is cared for, well fed and is teaching him how to play in the garden!



Happy Birthday

Many happy returns to our pupils celebrating this week:

Tsz (4C), Jaidan (3K), Alfie (6L), Aryav (4C), Dhruv (4P), Holly (3K), Brody (6L) & Lola (5D)



Golden Certificates



Clara, Natanya, Reuben, Arjun B, Arjun R, Ainesh, Molly, Leila, Mayuri & Anna (3K)

Matilda & Oliver (3H)



Liam, Brody, Leila, Udbhasita & Louie (4P)

Timati, Erin & Leena (5S)



Forest School News

We've enjoyed the sunshine this week at Forest School. Our seedlings are growing well in our new grow-house and the children on Tuesday afternoon picked the first of our broad beans that we planted back in the autumn – enjoying popping the beans out of the pods and after discovering how soft and furry the inside of the pods were, they sampled the beans which were enjoyed by most. The children have noticed many buds on our apple trees and we already have some blossom on our recently planted strawberries – all this overnight rain is doing the allotment the world of good.

We've been back in the pond area again this week, dipping the nets and using the pond viewers to work collaboratively to catch newts, pond snails, tadpoles, hoglouse and pond skaters.









Child-led learning on Wednesday saw the children turning over the log seats in our fire circle to find slugs, woodlouse, worms, centipedes and ants. Along with Fobin the Robin, who loves to spend time with us and the discovery of newly dug fox holes, we are learning more about the creatures we share our school woodland with

The remaining sessions for this term can be found below. Please ensure that your child brings suitable clothing with them on the day i.e. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T-Shirt and trainers.

3/05	13/06	20/06	27/06	04/07	11/07	12/07	13/07	18/07
3B	6L	6B	4C	3H	5S	4R	3K	5G

AQ Walk to School Week Reward Unique Code

AN EXTRA BOOST THIS WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Download the free Innovation Valley Rewards app and St Paul's referral code <u>between 9 – 20 May</u> to help **St Paul's** get closer to winning a £50 National Book Token. My Journey Wokingham have added another way for both our school families as well as **St Paul's** to win, with your support!

Here's what's on offer:

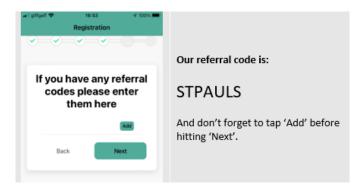
- **For you:** For all the walking you do you'll earn points, which you can exchange for store vouchers, or donate to a charity of your choice.
- For us: When you add our special St Paul's referral code, we get another entry into the competition to win a £50 National Book Token voucher!
 - We'll be competing against some of the other local schools to see who can make the highest number of referrals.

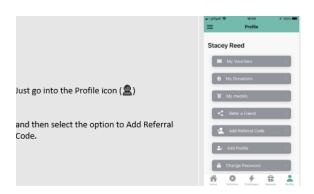
Here's what you need to do:

1. Download the free Innovation Valley Rewards app – if you live in Wokingham Borough, you will be added to the My Journey Wokingham challenge automatically.

Here are the download links:

- App store (iPhones): https://apps.apple.com/us/app/innovation-valley-rewards/id1589266940
- Play store (Android devices): https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.rewardyourworld.innovationvalleyrewards
- 2. When you create your account, you'll need to add our referral code as part of the registration process.





If you're already using the app, you can still add our referral code:

That's it!

Anyone who adds the **St Paul's** referral code <u>between 9–20 May</u> helps **St Paul's** to get closer to winning a £50 National Book Token.

Latest guidance and information for Schools re: Living with Covid-19

The guidance for health protection in schools and other childcare settings has been updated. The link with further information on this guidance and living safely with respiratory infections, including COVID-19 can be found below. The main summary for public health management of specific infectious diseases for respiratory infections including COVID-19 (Chapter 3 of guidance) are:

- Symptoms include runny nose, high temperature, cough and sore throat.
- For most children these illnesses will not be serious, and they soon recover.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people. They can go back to their education or childcare setting when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough.
- If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and where possible avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day, they took the test. The risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower after 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature.
- Any staff who have a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home for 5 days after the day they took the test
- Children and young people who usually attend an education or childcare setting and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

EnergyKidz

Energy Kidz holidays clubs are the perfect solution to ensure your child enjoys a school holiday like no other. With a brilliant mix of skills for sports, energising activities to get children moving, creative sessions that encourage children to express themselves and much more, you can ensure your child doesn't miss a moment by securing their place today.



Claim 10% off Half Term Holiday Club – Use code: EBMAYCAMP22 to claim your discount! Offer ends Sunday 15th May. Confirm your booking now at: https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/

If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to call 0333 577 1533 or email info@energy-kidz.co.uk

Diary Dates 2022 - Term Dates, assemblies and club dates can be found on the website here

Monday 23 rd May	Pupil Photographs – Cardwell & Son			
Tuesday 24 th May	Year 3 Victorian Day			
Friday 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Celebration – children invited to come to school dressed in red, white and blue. No donation necessary.			
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	Half Term			
Monday 6 th June	INSET DAY – school closed			
Thursday 9 th June	Sports Day (9am – 12:30pm) Parents welcome to attend			
Thursday 9 th June	Governor Afternoon			
Sunday 12 th June 2022	WASMA Concert – tickets should be purchased via Hexagon Box Office https://whatsonreading.com/			
Saturday 18 th June	PTA Summer Festival 11.30 – 2.30			
Wednesday 22 nd June	Y2 to Y3 Parents' Information Meeting 2pm			
Monday 27 th June	3H Wokingham Walk			
Tuesday 28 th June	3B Wokingham Walk			
Wednesday 29 th June	3K Wokingham Walk			
Wednesday 6 th & Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Production 6.30pm			
Wednesday 13 th July	Pupil Reports sent home			
Friday 15 th July	Y6 Enterprise Day			
Friday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers' Disco & BBQ 6.30pm – 8.30pm			
Monday 18 th July	Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Y6 parents welcome			
Tuesday 19 th July	End of Summer Term – 2pm finish			

Half Term Clubs



