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St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

The presentation from this week's Liddington Information Evening can be found <u>here</u>. For those parents unable to join us, it contains the kit list sent out previously this term and other helpful information for preparing your child for the residential.

Next week Mr Bennet, our interim site controller, joins us covering Mr Millen whilst he is on sick leave. A huge thank you to every member of the admin team and to the teaching and support staff who have happily mucked in over the last month to lend a hand. Without their efforts, we would have been unable to keep the pool open for so long, or kept up with running repairs to the site. Staff have gone way beyond the 'extra mile' emptying rubbish bins and recycling boxes, and carrying out all of the daily checks necessary to ensure that the school is a safe place to be. What a fabulous team!

Booking for this term's Parent Consultations will open on Wednesday 16th October under the Parents' Evening section of ParentMail. Booking will close at noon on Tuesday 22nd October. Once closed, appointment lists go out to teaching staff and to make any changes to your original appointment you will need to speak to them directly. If your child is in a class with a job share, both teachers will be present on the day. It will also be possible to book an appointment with Mrs Walker, Inclusion Manager.

Thank you 5K for this morning's assembly. It was good to welcome so many parents to this event, despite such a wet and miserable start to the day.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Taylor Headteacher



Upcoming Events

October 14 – PTA AGM: 7.00pm

October 16 – Open Morning: 9.00-9.55am

October 17 – Year 3 SEN Dropin: 9.00-11.00am

October 22-25 – Year 6 Residential to PGL Liddington

October 28- November 1 – Half Term

November 4 – Inset Day, School Closed

Safeguarding

Children are not permitted to store their bikes at school unless they wear a cycling helmet for the whole of the journey to and from school.



You're never too young to talk mental health

To mark World Mental Health Day, we held a special whole school assembly about how important it is for all of us, adults and children alike, to practice self-care and find ways to feel happy and supported. Below you will find links to games and activities for children, designed to help promote a healthy lifestyle.

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https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/games/build-your-happy-place/ https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/games/wall-of-expression/ https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/games/balloon/ https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/games/aeroplane/

You're never too young to talk mental health Leaflet - produced by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, this leaflet provides simple tips and advice on how to make talking about mental health part of everyday conversation and how to help children express their feelings and learn how to prevent small problems from snowballing into bigger ones. The leaflet is available <u>here</u> in the links and downloads section on our website. There is also a <u>short animated film</u> which aims to give children an understanding of what mental health is and the difference between every day small feelings and big feelings. It also introduces the language of talking mental health.

Lockdown Practice

On Monday 14th of October at 2:45pm we will rehearse our lockdown procedure; this is when we practice what we would do to keep the children safe if there was an external threat to the school. In the case of a fire or similar emergency, pupils and staff are taught how to leave the building swiftly and quietly. In a lockdown, we rehearse remaining in the building until the threat is removed. A distinct procedure is needed because it is different to the standard emergency drills, and everyone needs to be thoroughly well versed in its contents and the role they play.

The children will be warned in advance to ensure they understand this is a rehearsal.

Democracy in action!

We use democratic processes for important decisions, such as the election of School Councillors and House Captains and both of these groups play a key role in helping to make our school the best that it can be.

House Captains

A huge well done and thank you to all of the children who stood for House Captain this year. We were impressed by the calibre of the candidates. We have no doubt that all of the pupils who stood would have been more than capable of taking on this important role. The pupils receiving the most votes at Monday's Election were:



Jameson Shami Dhavane and Lohith Ande

Lewis Eliza Nicholson and William Mugnier

Selwyn Summer Richards Gray and Daniel Frimpong

Walter Emily Griffiths and Ellis Eggleton

School Council

Thank you and well done to all of the children who put themselves forward for election as class representative for the 2019 – 2020 School Council.

The elected representatives for this year are:

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ЗB	Timo Walker-Arvola	4A	Elliott Langley-	5K	Charlton Yao	6B	Mohit
			Aybar				Muneeswaran
3D	Ethan Clarke	4L	Ava Howe	5P	Sophia	6G	Shruti Patil
					Tomlinson		
3F	Eleanor Barras	4M	Alina Kaunds	5S	Shayna Vinod	6W	Sophia Hannaford
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Pokemon Cards

It has been a while since we have had to ban collectible cards. Sadly, the latest craze is causing significant problems amongst a growing number of pupils.

Whilst we would never wish to discourage non-screen based hobbies or prevent the children from having fun, cards have been stolen and some children are putting pressure on others to trade.

Cards have been bought and sold on the playground, whilst others have mysteriously disappeared from lockers and school bags. Staff have made a valiant attempt to reunite cards with their rightful owners, but incidents such as this are becoming more frequent and learning time is being eroded whilst they try to resolve disputes regarding rightful ownership.

From Monday, any cards brought into school will be kept by the teacher and returned at the end of the week. This will ensure that we are being fair to all of our collectors and the playground is once again a happy place.

Thank you

To the parents and governors who helped out with 6W's trip to the Henley River and Rowing Museum.

Pupils, staff and governors all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. "What a wonderful day I had yesterday! It was a real pleasure to be on the trip to Henley. Wasn't it such a great learning experience for us all? One of the children in my group had never been on a train before. Yesterday he went on six, and they were three different types of train, a commuter train to Reading, an Intercity to Twyford and a little rural train to Henley. Walking through Reading station was amazing too. I've been there many, many times but walking alongside enthusiastic children, I saw it all with new eyes." Penny Wallace (Chair of Governors)

Sports Leaders

Alongside School Councillors, each class will also have a Sports Leader. Those chosen are not necessarily 'sporty' children, they just need to feel strongly about sport and physical activity (positively or negatively), demonstrate leadership qualities and have a desire to make a difference to our sports offering. The Sports Leaders' role will be varied and they will meet regularly to discuss ideas and feedback from their peers. Amongst other things, they will organise and help run House Competitions, promote sport throughout the school, write up match reports and help out during the lunchtime Craze of the Week sessions. The Sports Leaders for this year are:

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ЗB	Colbie Dutton	4A	Ella Nicoll	5K	Juno Holdway	6B	Kamran Shah
3D	Sophie Hoover	4L	Jamie Brown	5P	Kasey-Mai Williams	6G	Tristan Sewart
3F	Noah Wyeth	4M	Edward Greswell	5S	Maya Guelbert	6W	Jodie Sawyer

Aldi's Kits for Schools



Thank you to everyone for your support in sending in their team GB stickers. We've completed our first poster and are well on the way to finishing the second. The deadline is 3rd November so please keep the stickers coming in.

Punctuality



School starts at 8.50am and this is the time that the gates on Murray Road are locked to secure the site. We appreciate that mornings can be hectic and traffic in the locality seems busier than ever, but we ask that you make the necessary allowances as it is the legal responsibility of parents to ensure that their child is in school on time. Children who are punctual are able to spend time with friends and have a calm, well-ordered start to the school day. Arriving late often means children miss school work and key information about the day's activities. It is stressful to arrive late and flustered, and it can feel very awkward to arrive after a lesson has begun.

Our school days starts at 8.50am and pupils should be in the playground by 8.45am. If there is a particular reason why you are finding it difficult to ensure your child arrives in school on time please contact the school office on 0118 978 5219.

Badminton - sessions cancelled until further notice

Run the World

Last week the children ran 7,155 laps of the playground which is the equivalent of 1,788 miles. Well done to 6G for running the most laps in the week (1,657) and to Year 5 for running the most laps across the week (2,182) – great work!



Our journey across the world continues and sees us travel from Vancouver to Thunder Bay in Ontario.

Mrs. V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

Energy Kidz and Wokingham Active Kids Half Term Holiday Clubs

The Energy Kidz theme this October half term is 'Hero League' and they will be hosting a variety of superhero activities, ranging from arts & crafts to active play and team challenges, to entertain your child across the week. Activities are run by dedicated staff who encourage a child led environment, whereby children are given the option to take part in the scheduled activities or enjoy supervised free play time of their own.

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See their full Hero League activity schedule and book now for October half term at: www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/." Parents can book their place for October half term via the following link: https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/. Further details please see the flyers below.

Wokingham Active Kids October holiday camps - For further information, see the flyers below. To book a place please email <u>sport@wokingham.gov.uk</u>

Wokingham Children's Book Festival – Information from Wokingham Borough Libraries



Whether you are; a budding writer, interested in developing characters, a bit of a poet, a fan of picture books or simply love illustration, we've got a workshop for you. Books will be available to purchase on the day at WH Smith bookstalls at the venues. Tickets must be purchased for all events, Tickets are £3 and each person attending will need a ticket. To book visit: <u>https://wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest/</u>

October 19th and 20th 2019 Wokingham Town Hall & Wokingham Library For further news and events for children during October half term, please visit <u>https://wokinghamboroughlibraries.wordpress.com/2019/09/27/news-and-events-from-wokingham-borough-libraries-october-2019/</u>

~ Young People and Families Outreach: Libraries Localities, WBC

Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am)			Autumn Term 2019	PE & Games	Games	
Friday 18th October	5P		Monday	5S 5P 6G 6B		
Friday 25th October	3D		Tuesday	4L 4A 4M		
Friday 22nd November	4L		Wednesday	3F 5K 6W		
Thursday 28th November	6W		Thursday		All Classes	
Friday 29th November	55		Friday	3D 3B		

Class Forest School Dates					
Wednesday 16th October	3B	Wednesday 27th November	6B		
Wednesday 6th November	6G	Wednesday 4th December	3F		
Wednesday 13th November	5P	Wednesday 11th December	6W		
Wednesday 20th November	3D				

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (16 September – 2 December)	Badminton – cancelled until further notice	Yoga Club – 07.45am (18 September – 27 November)	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (19 September – 28 November)	Year 3 Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (20 September 29 November)
Badminton - cancelled until further notice	Lego Club – Lunchtime (17 September – 26 November)	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (12 September – 5 December)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (13 September – 6 December)
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (9 September – 2 December)	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November)	Year 6 Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Nutritional Ninjas – 3.30pm (19 September – 28 November)	
Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – 3.30pm (16 September – 2 December)	French Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November)	Multisports – 3.30pm (11 September – 4 December)		
		Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November)		
here will be no clubs o	n the following dates:	-		
W/b 28 th October Monday 4 th November Tuesday 12 th November Wednesday 13 th Noven		ations – no morning clu ations – no after schoo		

Diary Dates				
Monday 14 th October	PTA AGM & Planning Meeting: 7.00pm, St Paul's Staffroom			
Wednesday 16 th October	Open Morning: 9.00-9.55am, all welcome.			
Thursday 17 th October	Year 3 SEN Drop-in: 9.00-11.00am, Learning Lodge			
Tuesday 22 nd – Friday 25th October	Year 6 Residential to PGL Liddington			
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM			
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY – School Closed			

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Tuesday 5 th November	Year 4 Samba Drumming Workshop		
Thursday 7 th November	Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre		
Tuesday 12 November	Parent Consultations: 8.50-11.10am		
Wednesday 13 November	Parent Consultations: 3.50-7.30pm		
Friday 15 th November	Nasal Flu Immunisations, Years 3-6		
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 2.00-3.00pm and 5.30- 6.30pm		
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 5.30-6.30pm		
Friday 20 th December	END OF TERM: 2.00PM		
Term Dates can be found on the website <u>here</u>			





