



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

Thanks to our marvellous PTA and their months of preparation, Friday's Christmas Fair was a roaring success. What a lovely way to spend an evening, working together for the children of St Paul's. Thanks to your generosity and all of our volunteer helpers, stall runners and food makers, it was a fantastic event enjoyed by all who attended. We were delighted to be visited by Santa, who managed to squeeze us in to his very busy festive schedule. Everyone who visited him in the grotto enjoyed a very warm welcome. We can't thank the PTA Committee enough for organising such a successful evening. The total funds raised will be announced shortly.



Lots of people commented on how festive the hall is looking – special thanks to Mr Millen, Mrs Crouch, Mrs Lander, Mrs Coe and Mrs Tunnicliffe for decorating our 12ft Christmas tree and making it look so beautiful. Thanks to Mrs Walker for working her magic on the display boards in the hall and for accompanying our winners to the Dressing the Christmas Tree event on Wednesday.



This week promises to be another very busy one with our dress rehearsal in church this afternoon, followed by two performances on Tuesday and the final performance on Wednesday evening. The children are in good voice and you are definitely in for a special treat. Last week, we sent a ParentMail, containing all of the arrangements for drop-off and pick-up but in case you missed this important information, we have included it again below.



Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December is our Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. The children can wear their own clothes, topping off their outfit with a Christmas jumper should they wish to. No donations required.

Have a good week.

Mrs Taylor

## Upcoming Events

**December 10** – Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church  
2.00pm and 5.30pm

**December 11** – Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church  
5.30pm

**December 13** – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

**December 17** – Year 3 Christingle Making

**December 19** – PTA Christmas Discos – Year 3/4 6.15pm and Year 5/6 7.45pm

**December 20** – **END OF TERM, 2.00PM FINISH**

## Safeguarding

To safeguard all of our children, if you record or take photographs during the Christmas Celebration, these images may only be recorded for personal use and shared with immediate family and friends.

Images must not be shared on social networking platforms or other websites that can be accessed by members of the general public.



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## Dressing the Christmas Tree Competition

Teddy Inns, Year 3



All of the competition entries were of such a high standard that it was a hard job for the School Council to pick just two winners. Congratulations to Teddy Inns, Year 3 and Eloise Tomkins, Year 4, for their stunning decorations, which now adorn the Christmas tree in the Market Place. Well done Teddy and Eloise! You may have seen the rest of the decorations on Friday evening as they are currently on display in the school hall.

Eloise Tomkins, Year 4



## PTA Christmas Fair Programme Winners

Congratulations to Jacob Melhuish (Yr 3), Elliott Langley-Aybar (Yr 4), Shriya Kuchimanchi (Yr 5) and Jessica Tarrant (Yr 6) for their winning designs for the Christmas fair programme.



## Christmas Post

Our postbox can be found in the library. Collections are at 10.00am and 12.30pm and all envelopes should be addressed with first and surname and class. Deliveries will be made to each classroom by the House Elves at 1.30pm each day.

## Christmas Celebration Arrangements

Rehearsals for this year's performance are almost complete.

All 3 performances will be held at St Paul's Church:

- Tuesday 10 th December at 2pm (children will return to school following the performance)
- Tuesday 10 th December at 5.30-6.30pm (collection of children is from church)
- Wednesday 11 th December at 5.30-6.30pm (collection of children is from church)
- Parking will be available on the playground from 4.45pm.
- The children should enter school via the Link doors, which will open at 5.00pm.
- Pupils attending EnergyKidz will be collected by school staff at 5.00pm.
- Every child will need a warm coat, gloves and hat for the walk up to Church.
- Nativity children only – Entrance via 4A at 4.50pm for costuming.

We ask parents to support this event by enabling each child to attend on both evenings. There is nothing more disheartening for the children than to take to the stage with half of the cast missing because their parents came on a different evening!

It promises to be a very special celebration and we look forward to seeing you there.

## Christmas Celebration Collection



This year our collection at the end of each performance will be in support of the charity Crisis, which helps homeless people. Thousands of people will be without a home this Christmas, and are in urgent need of help.

Every £28.87 that we raise will provide a homeless person with:

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- A hot, delicious, nutritious Christmas dinner;
- Healthcare, including a check-up with a doctor;
- Dental treatment and eye test, including glasses;
- A haircut;
- Safe sleeping accommodation.

£28.87 is less than the cost of the latest console game, mobile phone, new Elsa doll or set of Harry Potter Lego. Please give generously!

### We Care and We are Kind

To care and be kind is a core value of our school. Thanks to a lovely suggestion from Daisy Ogston-Carter, every child in the school is writing a letter for a homeless person this Christmas. That means that 384 people will know that someone is thinking about them and sending good wishes at what can be a very lonely time of year. Our letters will be sent to Crisis along with the proceeds from our collections.

### Menu Change – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

**LUNCH  
MENU  
CHANGE**

In order to avoid two roast lunches in one week, the menu on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December will be Friday's menu of that week: breaded fish with chips/red pepper and cheese frittata/jacket potato with baked beans and peas, lemon shortbread/fresh fruit/flavoured yoghurt.

### Christmas Lunch



Payment for Christmas Lunch can be made online via the website or cash/cheque handed in to the office. Please ensure that payment is made before Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December or check that your child's lunch account has enough money on it to cover the cost of their lunch (£2.05).

### Christmas Fire Safety

With Christmas around the corner, please take a few minutes to read the following message from Green Watch, Wokingham Fire Station.

### THE 12 DAYS OF A FIRE SAFE XMAS



but most of all have a  
very merry christmas!

**ROYAL BERKSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**  
Enabling people to lead safe and fulfilling lives



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## Christmas Holiday Clubs

Energy Kidz – 10% early bird offer ends 1st December, <https://www.energy-kidz.co.uk/holiday-club/>

Wokingham Active Kids - [www.wokingham.gov.uk/activekids](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/activekids).

## Community Events

### Living Advent Calendar

Wokingham's Living Advent Calendar runs from 1st to 24th December each year. Each weekday at 6pm and weekends at 4pm, a venue around the town will host a FREE performance lasting approximately 20 minutes.

This is a community project, where local businesses, charities, performers and individuals work together to present these performances to the public. Each event is paired with a local performer (or group of performers) and a charity who take a collection.

### Wokingham Library

#### Christmas Tree Fairy with the Enchanted Players

The Christmas tree fairy would like to welcome you to Wokingham Library, where you can hear some of the Christmas Tree Fairies all-time favourite poems and stories plus sing along to Christmas songs. At Wokingham Library on Tuesday December 10 at 4pm to 4.30pm. Just drop in!

#### Children's Winter Reading Mini Challenge 2019

This year, young readers can join in the Winter Reading Mini Challenge. With a virtual badge to unlock, lots of online activities and books to enjoy, the challenge has been inspired by 'Pugs of the Frozen North', a frosty adventure which features lots of pugs, written by Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. More information can be found [here](#).

The Winter Mini Challenge starts on Monday 2 December 2019 and finishes on Monday 13 January 2020. To take part you need just to visit the [Reading Challenge website](#) from Monday 2 December 2019 to sign in or register. Just choose 3 books to read from the library and leave you rating and reviews online, this will unlock a virtual badge and a special Pugs of the Frozen North certificate to print off and keep.

Autumn Term 2019	PE & Games	Games	Class Forest School Dates	
Monday	5S 5P 6G 6B		Wednesday 11th December	6W
Tuesday	4L 4A 4M		Wednesday 18th December	3F
Wednesday	3F 5K 6W		Wednesday 18th December	4A
Thursday		All Classes		
Friday	3D 3B			

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Diary Dates	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 2.00-3.00pm and 5.30-6.30pm
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