St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 23.9.22

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Despite being a short week, it has been a busy one, a highlight of which has been having so many parents visiting school. It was lovely to welcome and have such positive feedback from those of you who attended Wednesday's Curriculum Information Evening – thank you. Working in partnership with parents benefits every pupil and coming to this event provides insight into our curriculum, lessons and the ways we can work together to ensure your child is happy and achieves well at St Paul's.

If you were unable to join us, each presentation can be found on the Home page of our website <u>here</u>. Just select the Year Group button you require.



This morning, saw a packed hall for 6B's class assembly - the first of the school year. The focus was the life of Queen Elizabeth II and having listened to so much news coverage from adults over the last few weeks, it was lovely to hear her life celebrated by children. Well done 6B!



Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts for Jeans for Genes. The children looked fantastic and it was a great way to round off the week. Donations totaled a fantastic **£264.60** for this excellent cause.

Congratulations to Ruby and her family on the arrival of Noah Isiah last week. As you can see from the photo, Ruby is thrilled at becoming a big sister and despite having a broken collar bone, she is still managing to fit in lots of cuddles and help take great care of her beautiful new baby brother.





We are currently recruiting for a new School Secretary. The job description and person specification are available <u>here.</u>

Finally, Rufus Hargreaves did a fabulous job of representing the school at the Civic Memorial Service for Her Majesty the Queen at St Paul's Church last Sunday. The congregation numbered over 200 people, including two Mayors and other important local dignitaries and Rufus read his prayer beautifully.

Thankfully, we have been promised some sunshine over the weekend - looking forward to seeing you next week.

Mrs Taylor

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.

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!

Lost Property

We are drowning in lost property because so many items do not contain the name of the owner. This makes it impossible to reunite children with their belongings. PLEASE ensure that all items of clothing, including coats, shoes and trainers are clearly labeleed with child's name and class. Lost property can be found in the green container to the left of the wooden gate into the playground.

Keeping your child safe online

The internet is an amazing resource, enabling children to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, and on different devices. However, what is available online is constantly evolving. Children are fearless learners and parents often report their child's technical skills are superior to their own. However, children still need advice and protection when it comes to navigating their digital world and managing their lives online.



With this in mind, we have uploaded A Guide to Parental Controls to our website, which can be found here. It includes information on: Operating systems; Home Internet; Social Media; Consoles; TV/Streaming; Search Engines; Mobile Devices and Smart Devices. This practical guide will help prevent your child being exposed to online content which may upset, frighten or worry them.

According to the latest research from Ofcom, nearly half of all 3-4 year olds have their own tablet (Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2022). The September edition of our Online Safety Newsletter features advice for parents as to how to talk to little ones about staying safe.

We can help

The cost of living crisis and rising energy costs is affecting everyone and a huge worry for many families is how they will make ends meet. We can support you in a number of ways, including an 'on the day' emergency delivery of a school food parcel directly to your door, or for a more substantial family food parcel, including specialist items such as nappies and cleaning products, we can make a referral to Wokingham Foodbank for you. We can also make referrals for top up fuel vouchers (prepaid meters only). We will be happy to help in any way we can, so do not hesitate to call us on 9785219. All enquiries will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

PE and Swimming

Swimming Timet	table	Outdoor PE		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
5D, 6D, 3H	5K, 4C, 3K	5S, 4R, 3B	6T, 6B, 4P	Outdoor PE – all classes

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.

26 th Sep	3 rd Oct	10 th Oct	17 th Oct	7 th Nov	14 th Nov	21 st Nov	28 th Nov	5 th Dec	12 th Dec
5D	5S	4C	4R	6D	4P	6Т	3B	3H	5K

Next Week						
Year 6 Hustings (reminder for Y6 pupi	Walter Monday 26th	Selwyn Tuesday 27th	Jameson Wednesday 28th	Lewis Thursday 29th		
Tues 27th – Monday 3rd October	Trave	lling Book Fair		•		
Fri 30 th September	4P Clá	ass Assembly 9.00)am – 9.15am			
Upcoming						
Mon 3 rd October	Cardwell & Son – individual pupil photographs					
Wed 5 th October	Liddir	Liddington Information Evening – 6.30pm – 7.30pm				
Thur 6 th October	Open	Morning 9.00am	– 9.55am			
Thur 6 th October	Harve	Harvest Festival St Paul's Church 11.00am – parents welcome.				
Fri 7 th October	3B Cla	ass Assembly 9.00)am – 9.15am	·		
Tues 11 th October	5S Cla	5S Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am				
Mon 10 th October		Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations				
Thur 13 th October	PTA D	Disco Y3 & Y4 6.1	5pm – 7.30pm			
Thur 13 th October	PTA D	PTA Disco Y5 & Y6 7.45pm – 9.15pm				
Fri 21 st October		ass Assembly 9.00				

Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th October	Half Term	
Wed 2 nd & Thurs 3 rd November	Parents' Consultations	
Tues 15 th November	Flu Immunizations for Y3 to Y6	
Fri18th November	6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Thurs 24 th November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Fri 2 nd December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Fri 2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm	
Tue 6 th December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Mon12th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm	
Tues 13 th & Wed 14 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm	
Fri 16 th December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Tues 20 th December	End of term – 2pm finish	



