

# St Paul's Newsletter – 28.4.23



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

I am afraid that the final works on the swimming pool have unearthed a much bigger issue, in that we need a completely new boiler – isn't it always the way! Mrs Deen, our School Business Manager, is working hard to arrange for the installation of a replacement as soon as possible and we are keeping everything crossed that swimming lessons will commence Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Once confirmed, we will send the swimming timetable out to all parents and include it in the Newsletter. In the meantime, indoor PE sessions will continue as normal.

A warm St Paul's welcome to Karter - 3K, Ying Ying - 5K and Vaibhavi – 5D who joined us this week. It is always lovely to welcome new members to our school family and the children and staff are doing a great job of helping them settle in and make new friends.



Congratulations to Jayden Oxley, 3H, on becoming a big brother. Maliana arrived on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, her Daddy's birthday, weighing in at 7lb 7oz. She is being spoiled by all of her brothers, who are over the moon that they finally have a sister – and what a beautiful one she is too!

Thanks to the parent volunteers who supported 4R's trip to Reading Museum this morning. The children had a brilliant time, particularly travelling by train.

Preparations for celebrating the coronation on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> are underway. We will be dressing in red, white and blue, having a picnic on the field and holding our Crown Competition. All pupils are invited to design and make their own version of a Coronation Crown to bring in on the day and wear during our pageant. The judging panel will choose an overall winner for each year group and our four winners will be presented with a commemorative gift.



Look out for the School Nursing Service Newsletter, sent out earlier day. It is packed with helpful tips and advice of how to support your child in developing healthy habits.

Our continued focus on readiness to learn when coming in from break and lunchtime is paying dividends and the impact can be felt across the whole school.

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend, everyone!

Mrs Taylor

## Attendance

Good school attendance is vital to your child's education and wellbeing. Children who attend school regularly are more likely to feel settled in school, maintain friendships, keep up with their learning, and gain the greatest benefit from their education. There are only 190 school days each year, leaving 175 days for holidays, appointments and other events that would otherwise impact on learning. The target for all pupils is a **minimum of 95%** attendance at the end of the school year and below you will find a table which you may find helpful - you will see that if your child misses half a day a week, their attendance will be 90%. They will have missed 95 lessons, which is 19 days away from school, which equates to almost 4 weeks. If they missed this amount every year, by the time they sit their GCSEs, they will have missed half a year of secondary school.

175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR					
175 to spend on visits, holidays, shopping, family events and appointments					
190 School Days in a Year	10 days Absence	19 days Absence	29 days Absence	38 days Absence	47 days Absence
190 days of school	180 days of school	171 days of school	161 days of school	152 days of school	143 days of school
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
GOOD ATTENDANCE		CAUSE FOR CONCERN		SERIOUS CONCERN	

## Online Safety Videos for Parents

Thank you for the positive feedback we received regarding our online safety videos for parents – we are delighted that so many parents think they will be a useful resource. We thought that they were a great investment and as technology develops at such a rapid pace, help you in understanding the risks and issues your child may face. This week's film is the second in the series and focuses on 'The 4C's': Content; Contact; Conduct and Commerce. You will find the link to the film and other useful resources in the ParentMail message accompanying this newsletter.

## Parking – you can do better!

It is with dismay that we are having to include another plea to the parents of St Paul's regarding parking. Several of our parents have started to park outside the parking bays at the Oxford Road entrance, making it dangerous for any cars pulling in or out of either school. Inconsiderate parking such as this puts pedestrians and drivers in danger as visibility is significantly reduced and there is insufficient space to maneuver safely.

Earlier this week, two St Paul's parents parked directly in front of the gates of the car park to Walter Infant School, making one of their staff member late for picking up his own child, who was very distressed by the time he arrived.

## Walk to School Week

The week of the 15th May is Walk to school week and we are encouraging children to be more active. By walking to school, they will be well on their way to reaching the recommended 60 minutes minimum physical activity per day, which helps them engage in their learning in the classroom. This year's theme is 'walk with wildlife' to find out more visit:

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/products-and-services/projects/walk-to-school-week>



## Competition Time!



As part of Wokingham Borough Councils' activities to mark the coronation of King Charles III, Wokingham Town Council is holding a colouring competition for children aged 12 and under. The entry form and colouring page can be found at the end of the Newsletter and is also available to download from the town council's website in the next couple of weeks, along with information about other Coronation related events and activities happening around the town.

<https://www.wokingham-tc.gov.uk/>

## Cost of Living Help Hub

Wokingham have pulled information, help and support together in one place, to help families who are struggling to pay for food, energy bills and other essential household items. There is also additional support available in the school holidays for families who have children eligible for Free School Meals. For more information, follow the link [cost of living help hub](#)

## Families eligible for Free School Meals

If your child gets means-tested free school meals you are entitled to financial support. Wokingham Borough Council and First Days Children's Charity are working together to provide payments to help during school holidays. [Apply through First Days Children's Charity.](#)

You can get £15 per week, per eligible child, during school holidays. This applies for half terms, Christmas and Easter holidays. It will be back paid to October half-term if you've not already applied.

## PE Timetable

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>3H, 6D, 5D</b>	<b>3B, 3K, 5K,</b>	<b>4R, 5S, 4P</b>	<b>4C, 6B, 6T</b>

<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Outdoor PE – all classes</b>

### Forest School Sessions

<b>15/05</b>	<b>22/05</b>	<b>12/06</b>	<b>19/6</b>	<b>26/06</b>	<b>03/07</b>	<b>10/7</b>	<b>17/7</b>	<b>18/7</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>5S</b>	<b>6B</b>	<b>5K</b>	<b>6T</b>	<b>4C</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>6D</b>	<b>3H</b>	<b>4R</b>	<b>4P</b>

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.

### Diary Dates

<b>Next Week</b>	
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed due to industrial action
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Coronation Picnic & Crown Competition
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> May	3K Class assembly 9.00am – entry via Oxford Road
<b>Upcoming</b>	
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY – The King's Coronation
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Parents' Forum Meeting – Learning Lodge 3.45pm – 4.30pm
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May- Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week – NO MORNING CLUBS THIS WEEK
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> May	St Paul's and Walter PTA Circus – 4pm, 5.30pm and 7pm (all tickets now sold out)
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Morning 9.00am – 9.55am
29 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Mental Health & Wellbeing Week
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day 9.00am until approximately 12.30pm
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	New Parents' Afternoon 2.00pm – 3.00pm (This event is for the parents of current Y2 pupils who will be joining St Paul's in September)
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Big Swap Week
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports sent home to parents
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Enterprise Day
Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church (tbc)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7.00pm -9.30pm
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term – 2pm finish

All kids aged 5-11 years old are welcome at Camp iRock

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ALL KIDS AGED 5-11 YEARS OLD ARE WELCOME AT CAMP iROCK

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7th-11th August 2023

Alton, Chelmsford, Coulsdon, Didcot, Hemel Hempstead, Romford, Stroud & Rochester

Camp iRock runs for a 5 day week from 8.30 - 4.30 Mon to Fri. End of Week Concert at 14:30 on the Friday!



Places are limited, scan the QR code to secure yours now

Includes T-shirt and MP3 plus music video and downloadable photos

[irockschool.com/camp](http://irockschool.com/camp) 0330 174 2655 [info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com)

## COLOUR RUN

**PROSPECT PARK, READING**  
**SUNDAY 14 MAY • 2pm**

After last year's huge success, we invite you again to join us at our fantastic Colour Run.

A 2.5km course around Prospect Park which you can do either once or twice.

Plenty of 'Colour Throwers' around the course to ensure that you get the full colour experience and make *memories to last a lifetime.*

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The King





# Wokingham Town Council

## **Coronation Colouring Competition**

Colour the Crown overleaf and fill in contact details to be in with a chance to win a book token.

For ages 3 to 12

Entrants name	_____
Entrants age	_____
Parents name	_____
Parents contact (email or phone)	_____

(Please write in caps)

### **Closing Date 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

Drop off your completed entries to Wokingham Town Hall (RG40 1AS) entrance post-box labelled *Coronation colouring competition entries*. (usually available Monday to Saturday 7am to 10pm)

Images of entries (including entrants' first name and age) may be shared on social media.