

St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

The Year 6 performances of The Tempest were stunning, with the children bringing the 'house' down on both nights. Performing outside on two beautiful summer evenings, made this event all the more special and each audience was quickly transported to a far away magical island. The tremendous efforts of the children in learning their lines and actions in so few days, and in performing in such close proximity to their audience, was very impressive. We are tremendously proud of them. Our thanks to the Year 6 Team for supporting the children throughout and preparing them for their show stopper!

It will be extremely difficult to bid farewell to this very special group of children and The Tempest was the first in a series of events that mark their final few days as pupils at St Paul's. Yesterday, each class attended a transition workshop, led by LKC Services and on Monday they will be letting their hair down at the PTA Leavers' Disco and BBQ, 6.15-7.45pm. Finally, on Friday, the whole school will walk up to church to take part in the Leavers' Service, to which Year 6 parents and family members are very welcome to attend. This service will be our way of saying a heartfelt goodbye to all of our leavers, children and staff. Whilst we appreciate that our Year 6 pupils have started to feel almost too cool for primary school, we do expect them to continue to attend in full uniform, including school shoes, until the end of term.

Today was the final day of Big Swap for our current Year 3, 4, and 5 pupils. The children have spent this week with their September teachers and Learning Mentors, in what will be their Year 4, 5 and 6 classrooms. There has been a real buzz of excitement throughout school as children and staff get to know one another, ready for the new school year.

Our generous spirited Year 6 children have camped out in Year 3 to enable this to happen, where they have been working on their enterprise project which will run next Tuesday. A parent mail was sent earlier today, containing details of this whole school event.

The children's reports have been sent home today and so if they are not handed to you straight away, please check rucksacks and bags.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair tomorrow at 11.30am-1.30pm. The PTA committee have worked hard to get everything ready, and this morning members and volunteers were preparing the final touches. If you are able to lend a hand at any point tomorrow, it is not too late to volunteer. Many hands make light work and all of the money raised benefits every one of our pupils.

Mrs Taylor
Headteacher



Upcoming Events

July 13 – PTA Summer Fair, 11.30am-1.30pm

July 15 – iRock Concert, 2.30pm (for parents of children in bands)

July 15 – Leavers' Disco, 6.15-7.45pm

July 19 – Leavers' Service, St Paul's Church, 11.00am

July 19 – End of Term, 2.00pm

Safeguarding

Digital Parenting is a free online safety guide, created by The Vodafone Foundation and Parent Zone. It is packed with important safety information and expert advice on issues such as healthy screen time and sleep, with content relating from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 4. You can find the link to the latest guide as well as back issues [here](#).



Meat-Free Mondays

Natalie Foster (Year 6) wrote a persuasive letter suggesting that, in the interests of sustainability, the school should consider having one meat-free day on the menu each week. Natalie was invited to a meeting with Caterlink and taking this into account, alongside trying to reduce our food waste, she helped design our new menu for September. The menu will be circulated to parents, and will be available on the website and from the start of the autumn term, we will be introducing Meat Free Monday. Well done, Natalie. Thank you for your suggestion and input into the design of our new, more child friendly menu!

Help Us Receive Funding For Our School!

St Paul's has been selected to take part in the Greenredeem School Donation Scheme along with 14 other Wokingham schools. You can earn points from Greenredeem by recycling and reducing waste and donate the points to our school. All you need to do is register at www.greenredeem.co.uk/wokingham to start collecting and donating straight away. You will also get money off at local shops and restaurants or win some great prizes.

Once registered you will receive weekly emails to ask if you have recycled - each week is worth 25 points! There are also pledges, quizzes and blogs that you can read for more points. Points can be donated by going to Spend points, Donations, Wokingham School Donations and you will see St Paul's.

We are currently in the lead but other schools are hot on our trail - the more points we have the bigger share of the £3000 we will receive.

The scheme runs until the end of September so there's plenty of time to get donating! The more points we get, the more funding we will receive from the £3,000 available for us. The money that we receive will be spent on continuing to develop our Forest School provision.

Please sign up today, spread the word and get donating!

Run the World



It was a great week for run the world the week before last, the children ran 9,156 laps of the playground which is the equivalent of 2,289 miles.

Congratulations to 5K for running the most laps in the week (1,725) and to Year 6 for running the most laps across the week (3,209) – well done!

Our journey takes us across the Mexican border to Portland in Oregon, United States of America.

Thank you again for motivating the children to do so well.

The world map on the PE and Games noticeboard is updated every week to show our running journey.

Mrs V Judd, PE & Games Assistant

Sporting News

Apology – In the last newsletter there was a misspelling of Andre, Kasey-Mai and Elysia in the article below. Sincere apologies to the children.

Luckley Festival For All

Each year the students from Luckley organise an athletics competition for Year 4 pupils. 12 schools took part, each bringing a team of eight young athletes. The children participated in a series of different field events such as long jump, speed bounce and javelin etc. Next, they all competed in a series of running races, 50m, 100m, 200m and 400m. Finally, the afternoon finished off with relay races in both boys' and girls' teams. Our athletes gave an incredible performance, and demonstrated great skill in their field events, particularly Andrei Munteanu who brought home a gold medal as overall boy's winner on the field.

On the track, Ruby Dalmedo and Samuel Seward came in 2nd in their 400m races and 4th and 3rd overall respectively. Aidan Duesbury, Andre Duesbury, Kasey-Mai Williams and Freya Gibbs won their heats convincingly, but just missed out on the overall winners medals, coming 2nd overall. Evo Ivanov and Elysia Ang also won their heats convincingly, earning gold medals as the overall winners of the 50m races. Both relay teams won their heats with the boys winning gold medals as overall winners of the relay. Well done to everyone!

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

ABC to read

If you're interested in helping a child who is struggling to read, you can train as a volunteer reading mentor with the charity ABC to read. The charity is looking to place reading mentors in 30 schools within Berkshire. Please see the flyer below for further details.



Wokingham Borough Libraries Events

There's lots of events for both children at adults taking place at Wokingham Borough libraries throughout the summer. For a list of events please follow the link below to the Wokingham Borough Libraries Newsletter: –

<https://wp.me/p5mHbU-3Q1>

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| Saturday 13 July | PTA Summer Fair: 11.30-1.30pm |
| Monday 15 July | iRock Concert for Band Member Parents: 2.30pm |
| Monday 15 July | Leavers' Disco: 6.15-7.45pm |
| Friday 19 July | Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Paul's Church: 11.00am – Year 6 Parents Invited |
| Friday 19 July | END OF TERM: 2.00pm Early Finish |
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Volunteers urgently
needed to help a child
find the fun in reading



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