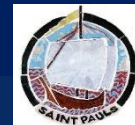


St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 07.10.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

There is nothing nicer than having parents visit school and we were delighted that so many of you were able to join us for Open Morning on Thursday. We had a total of 89 visitors, most of whom managed to visit every year group during the session. We were delighted with the feedback we received and incredibly proud of our happy, hardworking pupils and staff team! Here are just some of the comments we received:

- Lovely to see everything 'in action'.
- You really notice the progression from each class and year group going up.
- Really welcoming, friendly, positive environment that clearly sets out to engage and excite the students for learning.
- The classrooms are full of life and so welcoming.
- Great to actually experience what a lesson is like.
- Good to see differentiated ways to learn, small groups, laptops, carpet time.
- All of the children were well supported.
- Very impressed with how the business ran as usual in spite of having so many people around.
- It was lovely to see such a calm, purposeful atmosphere through all years.
- The school has a really nurturing feeling.

The next event will be in the Spring term and will take place after lunch. to give visitors the chance to see foundation subjects being taught. The date will be published in the first Newsletter of 2023. We will ensure that we open the pool area for the summer term open event so that parents have an opportunity to see where the children swim.

If there are any Y6 parents who were unable to join us on Wednesday evening for the Liddington presentation, the slides are available in the Y6 area of the website [here](#). Mrs Armstrong and Miss Plumley did an excellent job of fielding a significant number of questions, but if there are any queries outstanding, please email us on admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

Thank you very much for supporting our Harvest Festival with so many donations for the Wokingham Foodbank. During our Harvest Assembly, we learned all about the work of this organisation and the children had the opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the support they provide. They deliver a staggering number of food parcels each year and were delighted to be the focus of our harvest celebration again this year. Special thanks to Dr Medhurst and to Father Richard for making our Harvest Festival both memorable and interesting.

Have a great weekend everyone.
Mrs Taylor

Black History Month

Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It celebrates the history, arts and culture of black British people. Awareness of, and education about, the history of white British people is well-established, but black British history is underreported and underrepresented. Dedicating a month to it every year helps redress that balance, and helps us all learn more about our shared History as Britons. This year's theme is Time for Change: Action Not Words.

In assembly this week, we have been learning about why we mark Black History month and about Joe Clough, the first ever black bus driver in Britain.



Reporting an absence

If your child is unwell, we need a written record from you of why they are not at school for our register. Absences should be reported via the absence section under ParentMail, or by emailing absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk, detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day.

Break Time Snacks

We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not allowed.

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 labelled with child's name and class. Lost property can be found in the green container situated to the left of the wooden gate into the playground.

House Captains

Congratulations to all of the candidates who stood for the role of House Captain. It was an extremely close run election with only a few votes separating each of our candidates. The children receiving the highest number of votes were as follows and these children are this year's House Captains for St Paul's:

- **JAMESON- SOPHIE AND JAKE**
- **SELWYN- EMILY AND AHMAD**
- **WALTER- ELEANOR AND EVAN**
- **LEWIS- LOLA AND JAIYEN**



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 Timetable

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

Outdoor PE

Thursday
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.

10 th Oct	17 th Oct	7 th Nov	14 th Nov	21 st Nov	28 th Nov	5 th Dec	12 th Dec
4C	4R	6D	4P	6T	3B	3H	5K

Diary Dates

Next Week

Mon 10 th October	Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations 7pm
Tues 11 th October	5S Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Thur 13 th October	PTA Disco Y3 & Y4 6.15pm – 7.30pm
Thur 13 th October	PTA Disco Y5 & Y6 7.45pm – 9.00pm

Upcoming

Fri 21 st October	3K Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
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

Fri 18th November	6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Thurs 24th November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2nd December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2nd December	PTA Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm
Tue 6th December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Mon 12th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm - 3pm
Tues 13th & Wed 14th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm
Fri 16th December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Tues 20th December	End of term – 2pm finish



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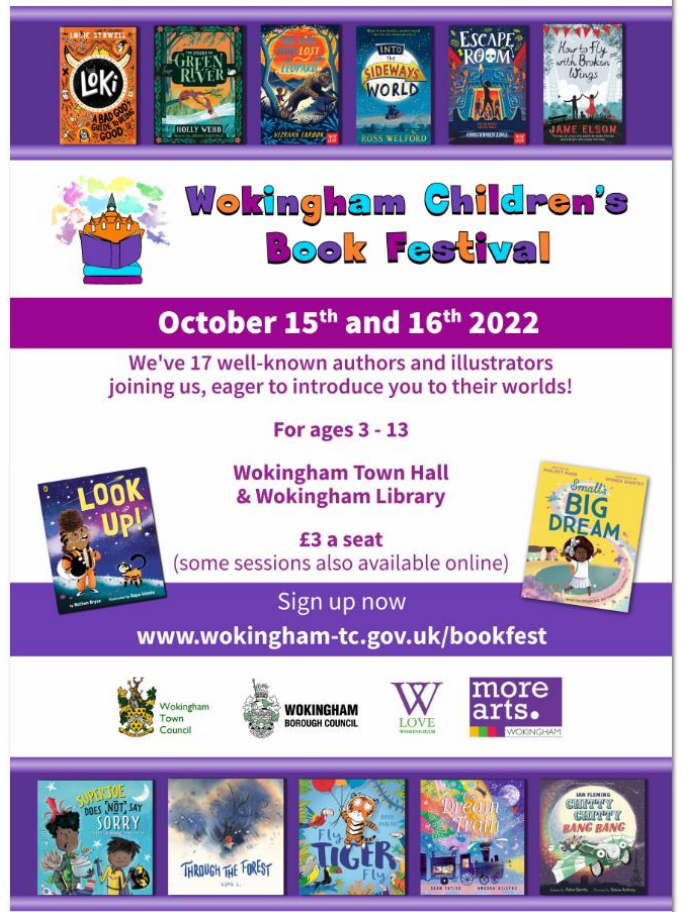
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