

St Paul's Newsletter – 19.5.23



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,



Thank you to the PTA Committees of both Walter and St Paul's for organising Wednesday's Circus, and to all of the parent helpers who supported this event. From the oohs and aahs, it sounded as if everyone was very impressed with the skills of the performers and it was wonderful to see children and parents from across our two schools enjoying time together.



The Parish Rooms Trust has been very generous and agreed to fund the purchase of 192 Dictionaries for the school. This is over £1200 of much needed resources that will make a huge difference to learning across the curriculum. We are immensely grateful to the Trust and to Mrs Tustin, our Reading Subject Leader, and Father Richard, both of whom helped secure the funding.



I promised to keep you abreast of developments in the Prayer Garden. Our new planting scheme is bedding in happily and as you will see, the wisteria has never looked better!



I am delighted to be able to advise that the pool is finally, ready to reopen on Monday. The swimming timetable can be found below and we have included a reminder about the kit children will need each week. The pool is a balmy 32 degrees and the whole area is ship shape and ready to welcome the first class on Monday.



Don't forget, the photographer will also be in school on Monday for class photos and on Tuesday 23rd, the poet, Joshua Seigal, will be visiting St Paul's. A range of Joshua's books will be on sale after school in the library, costing £7 each - payment by cash or card accepted.

Your child will have brought home a letter and sponsor form this evening – this relates to our upcoming Health and Wellbeing Week 6th – 9th June. Mrs Foster has been beaver away on this project for weeks and has lined up lots of exciting sporting activities, including sponsored circuit training with a Paralympian.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Open Morning next Thursday. In the meantime, have a good weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor

Swimming Timetable

Swimming is part of the statutory PE curriculum and lessons will commence on Monday 22nd May, replacing indoor PE sessions.

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

On swimming days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing the following kit with them:

- Girls - one-piece swimsuit
- Boys - swimming trunks – no long, baggy shorts please!
- Towel
- Swimming hat (these can be purchased online through the school website)
- Optional extra: • Goggles with the BSi mark.

For children to participate safely in PE and Swimming lessons, all earrings must be removed and we advise earrings remain at home on these days for safekeeping.

Children will also need to be able to fit their own swimming hat, so please practise with them over the weekend.

Lessons focus on the skills needed to swim confidently across all four strokes, as well as self-rescue. As with any activity, your child's safety and enjoyment is our number one priority. Please remind them about the importance of poolside safety and that every child will be expected to follow the instructions of the adults first time, every time, stopping immediately they hear the whistle.

- One short burst on the whistle – stop
- Continuous bursts on the whistle – exit the pool

Swimming is part of the national curriculum and therefore compulsory, all children are expected to participate unless we are advised in writing by a medical practitioner.

Class Photos on Monday

On Monday, Cardwell and Simon, the school photographer will be in school to take class photographs and a group photograph of our Year 6 Leavers. Please make sure that all children arrive in full school uniform, including school shoes, long hair should be tied back and pupils should bring along their best smiles!

Photos can be ordered online and your child will bring home further details on Monday.

Online Safety Video for Parents

This week's file is the fourth in the series and focuses on YouTube. You will find the link to the film and other useful resources in the ParentMail message accompanying this newsletter.

Lost Property

We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment. If you think you are missing any items, please can you look through the green lost property container, situated to the left of the wooden gate into the playground.

Can we also take this opportunity to remind you to clearly label every item of uniform and PE kit to ensure items can be reunited with their rightful owner?

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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.

This week's attendance is as follows:

YR 3 95.4%
YR 4 97.6%
YR 5 98.1%
YR 6 96.9%

Reporting absences

If your child is absent from School, please email absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk or ring school on 0118 978 5219 to let us know that your child is not well enough to attend school but **we will require it in writing also**. We request that we receive this **no later than 8.30am**. It is important that we have the correct information for our registers.

When sending emails to the school, please include the child's full name and class. **If your child is off due to vomiting and diarrhoea, they must not return to school within 48 hours of the final episode.**

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](#)

Nut Policy

We do not permit any items in school containing nuts. Please check packaging carefully when choosing items for lunch boxes and break time snacks. Playtime snacks can be any of the following - fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and nut free cereal bars. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and sweets are not permitted at break.



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

All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

Thursday
Outdoor PE – all classes

Forest School Sessions

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

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

Next Week

Thurs 25 th May	Open Morning 9.00am – 9.55am
Thurs 25 th May (NEW)	Year 3 Victorian Day

Upcoming

29 th May – 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Mon 5 th June	Inset Day – school closed
Tues 6 th – Fri 9 th June	Mental Health & Wellbeing Week
Thurs 8 th June	Sports Day 9.00am until approximately 12.30pm
Sat 17 th June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm
Wed 21 st 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 st June	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.15pm
Wed 5 th July	Year 6 Production 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Thurs 6 th July	Year 6 Production 2.00pm – 3.00pm
Tues 11 th – Fri 14 th July	Big Swap Week
Fri 14 th July	Reports sent home to parents
Mon 17 th July	Y6 Enterprise Day
Tues 18 th July	Y6 Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church (tbc)
Wed 19 th July	PTA Year 6 Leavers' Disco – 7.00pm -9.30pm
Thurs 20 th July	End of Term – 2pm finish



Half Term Camp and Inset Day @ Walter and St. Pauls

Open To Boys and Girls Aged 4 - 11

Venue: St. Pauls Junior School,
Wokingham RG41 2YJ

Dates: Tuesday 30th May - Friday 2nd June
Inset Day: Monday 5th June

What We Offer:

Football, Multi Skills, Cricket, Dodgeball
Rounders, Tennis, Tournaments, Competitions,
Mini Olympics and much more!

THE SWIMMING POOL WILL BE OPEN ON
WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY

More Information...

Timings:

Normal Day: 10:00am - 3:30pm

Extended Day: 08:30am - 5:30pm

Prices:

Full Week Booking Normal Day: £101.00

Full Week Booking Extended Day: £137.00

One Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00

One Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

All Prices Include VAT

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Maidenhead, Wokingham, Romford,
& Royal Tunbridge Wells

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

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Inset Day Holiday Club!

Running on Monday 5th June at St Crispin's Leisure Centre!

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Fun packed multi-activity clubs for every child!

Venue: St Crispin's Leisure Centre

Dates: Monday 5th June

Times: 08:30am to 17:30pm

Price: £34.00

Our Inset Day Holiday Club will uniquely cater for each child's talents and interests, forging unforgettable memories in an amazing experience! With a brilliant mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, we help children build social, emotional and interpersonal skills in a safe and exciting environment!

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Email: church.office@spauls.co.uk
or call: **0118 979 2122**

Scan the QR code to email!



THE DETAILS:

When: Sunday 25th of
June, 3pm-5pm

Where: St Paul's Parish
Rooms, Reading Road,
Wokingham, RG41 1EH

All year 6's - 11's
welcome!

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FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY 3-5KM RIDES

Reading

Sun 7th May, Thames Lido, 2pm
Sat 13th May, Dee Cafe, 2pm
Sat 10th June, Thames Lido, 12pm
Sun 10th Sept, Reading Cycle
Festival, 12pm



Wokingham

Sun 11th June, Cantley Park
(Wokingham Bikethon), 10am
Sat 8th July, Elms Field, 2pm
Sat 7th Oct, Elms Field, 2pm



SCAN FOR OUR LATEST DATES

Family Cycling Reading

KidicalMassReading.co.uk

