St Paul's Newsletter – 09.6.23

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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

What a sensational Health and Wellbeing Week! It was no surprise that the children looked so tired heading out of the gate this afternoon – they literally haven't stopped moving for the last four days and today was by far the busiest! Over the course of the week, they have tried their hand at rugby, tennis, tag, dance, frisbee and Pilates, and learned about healthy eating, relaxation, mindfulness, healthy eating and artificial limbs. Rebekah Green, Team GB kayaker, taught us about what it means to be an Olympic athlete and all that this entails and proved to be a great motivational speaker to launch our sponsored event. Thank you for supporting this so generously. To date, you have raised £1381, some of which will go towards supporting athletes of the future and some will go to supporting the work of the school. The week has been months in the planning and it is thanks to the efforts of Mrs Foster and Miss Osborne that the children had hands on experience of such a wide range of fun and interesting activities and such a fabulous Sports Day experience! Thank you both!

Our gratitude goes to all who volunteered their time and skills:

- Jake from Bracknell Rugby club and Dan from Rams Rugby;
- Henry and Oscar from Core Skills Coaching;
- Lou Collins for her Dance Workshops;
- Annette Medhurst who provided the Healthy Eating Workshops;
- Chloe Holt who came in to teach about Artificial Limbs
- Sam and Aaron for Frisbee coaching;
- Greig from the School of Kindness;
- Mrs Rathwell who led the Pilates sessions
- The Lawn Tennis Association led a taster Tennis coaching session.

Yesterday saw the whole school, staff, governors and parents out on the field for Sports Day. It was an active, fun filled morning with the children working collaboratively, in mixed year teams, trying their hand at each sporting station. Thank you to our own staff, the team from Soccer in Sports, Emmbrook School Sports Leaders and the governors who all supported this event – we couldn't have done it without you! We were immensely proud of how the children supported and encouraged one another and of the sporting behaviour we saw displayed throughout the morning. Thank you to all those parents who were able to join us – we hope that you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. Congratulations to all of the pupils in Walter House, who were overall winners, and to Team E who won the Sportsmanship Cup. Photos of the event and the final scores can be found later in this Newsletter.



Next Friday will be a non-uniform day for donations for this event. Further to our ParentMail earlier today regarding next Saturday's Summer Fair – thank you to those of you who have volunteered since our plea for help. We are still desperate for volunteers as without more parents helping, we may have to cancel this event!

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Mrs Taylor

Sports Day

1 st Walter	969 points
2 nd Selwyn	915 points
3 rd Jameson	900 points
4 th Lewis	878 points

Sportsmanship Award goes to Team E. Wilbur 5k, Archisha 6B,Aryav 5D, Ameya 4R, Akshara 3H, Cruz 5D, Leela 4P, Eloise 3K, Jueun 6T, Anna 4P, Isabella 5K, Ralphie 3B, Olivia 3B, Arjun 4R, Aiden 6D, Danica 4C and Udbhasita 5S.





Sporting News

The boys and girls were incredible at the School Games QuadKids athletics competition this morning at Palmer Park. They took part in a sprint, 600m endurance run, long jump and howler throw. They all put in incredible performances and tried their best. As always, they were fantastic ambassadors for St Paul's. Now we have a nervous wait to find out the results!

PTA Summer Fair Saturday 17th June 2023

There will be tombola stalls, raffles, games, sports activities, bouncy castle, wipe-out, Nerf gun alley, refreshments, sweets, BBQ and much more so please do show your support and help us raise a record amount! ST PAUL'S Please support us to deliver this event by: Buying raffle tickets – these will be sent out with your child this week – more tickets Summel are available via pta@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. Please send all money back to school by Friday 16th June SCHOOL FAIR Donating tombola prizes and near perfect condition books, board games and puzzles Please could each child bring in one tombola prize? Year 3: bottle for adult bottle tombola Year 4: wrapped gift for a boy aged 7-11 Year 5: bottle for adult bottle tombola Year 6: wrapped gift for a girl aged 7-11 All years: Please bring an age-appropriate book, board game or puzzle in excellent condition. Please bring to school on Friday 16th June ACTIVITIES Bouncy Castles - Food & Drink Stall Fun Games - Face painting & glitter tattoos Raffles & tombolas - much more

If you are available to lend a hand, please sign up via this

link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090D4BAFAC29AAF58-stpauls2

Swimming Timetable

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 they remain at home for safekeeping.

Online Safety Video for Parents

This week's file is the sixth in the series and focuses on Screentime. 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 container, situated to the left of the wooden gate into the playground.

May 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.

Cost of Living Help Hub

How has the cost of living crisis impacted you?

We've launched a survey to find out what this winter was like for residents.

Alongside our <u>Hardship Alliance</u> partners we're seeing how you are coping with the impacts of the cost of living crisis.

Your responses shape how we'll work together to support residents across the borough. It will take about five minutes but responses **must be completed by Friday 9 June**.

Take the cost of living survey.

Using credit cards to buy essentials? Get support

As the cost of living crisis continues to impact our communities, many are being forced to go into debt to buy the essentials for daily life.

Our partners can provide £100 per household with a food, fuel or cash voucher through the Household Support Fund.

It's open to anyone to apply. You don't need to receive benefits to be able to apply.

There's also special support for families where children receive means-tested free school meals.

This can be used for food, bills, energy costs or other every items. Apply now.

A round up of the latest support and help options can be found on our cost of living help hub.

Junior Jam

'Calling all 8-18 year old musicians! Would you like to play alongside a live band? Would you like to be a more confident performer?

If this is music to your ears, the monthly Junior Jam at The Outlook in Reading is the stage for you!

To find out more, say hi to us on IG @music.made.fearless and check out when the next jam is happening'

Fundraising!

In February, we took part in Dress to Express, dressing up as superhero's and in our favourite clothes, to support Children's Mental Health week 2023 and we are thrilled to say we raised **£742.99**. Every penny we raised is helping make a tangible difference to the lives of children and young people when they need it most. Well done St Pauls Families!



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. <u>Apply through First Days</u> <u>Children's Charity</u>.

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

19/6	26/06	03/07	5/7	10/7	17/7	18/7
6Т	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

Friday 16 th June	Non-Uniform Day ** NEW**	
Sat 17 th June	PTA Summer Fair 11.30am-2.30pm	
Upcoming		
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 21st 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	



Clean Air Day 2023 Competition

A breath of fresh air for Wokingham!

22 May - 23 June

Clean up our air to look after your mind this Clean Air Day on 15 June. This year's theme is all about looking after your mental health. People who breathe polluted air are more likely to develop mental health and brain conditions.

We'd love you to create a picture using the colouring template provided to show how walking, scooting or cycling to school makes you feel.

Please include how you get to school in the picture, as well as your name, class and school.

The first prize is a year's access to air quality monitoring data for an individual school, using the Earthsense Virtual Zephyr© air quality model via the MyAir platform to investigate air pollution sources around the school site. There will also be My Journey goody bags for the runners up.









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