



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

It has been a tremendously busy half term and the children and staff have definitely earned a well-deserved break from school. They could not have worked any harder so far this term and are due some rest and relaxation this coming week. Well done and thank you everyone!



We have a few fond farewells for members of our team: Miss McDonogh commences maternity leave next week and we wish her well with the arrival of a new brother or sister for Reuben! We will of course keep you updated and include a picture of her new baby in a future Newsletter.

Sadly, due to ill health, Mrs Hooper has stepped down from her role as lunchtime controller. We would like to express our thanks to her for taking such good care of the children during her time at St Paul's. Our pupils and staff, particularly the lunchtime team, will certainly miss her.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Gaskell, part time teacher in 5S and welcome to Ms. Richardson, who has taken on the role Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the remainder of the year. Whilst sorry that Mrs Gaskell decided now is the right time to leave, we are pleased to be able to welcome Ms. Richardson to our school family. We wish Mrs Gaskell every success for the future.

Finally, Mrs Perkins, one of our admin team, is off to pastures new. She leaves St Paul's to join the personnel department of a large academy trust, where we wish her every success. She will be very much missed by her colleagues on the admin team and leaves big shoes to fill!

Finally, we know that the pandemic has led to a huge increase in the number of parents on furlough and as support for this scheme is coming to an end, some companies have no choice but to make wide ranging redundancies. If you are facing financial difficulties and struggling to buy food, please contact us on admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk as we can help.

Have a good half term – I hope you are able to spend some good quality time with your family and have an opportunity to wind down!

Kind regards,

Mrs Taylor – Headteacher



Black History Month

Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October and this year, the focus is on women who have helped shaped our history and culture. Last week's assemblies all focused on black women through history. This week, we been learning about the efforts of men such as Ignatius Sancho (playwright and poet), Olaudah Equiano (author of the best-selling autobiography on being a slave), Ira Aldridge (actor), John Edmonstone (scientific researcher), Samuel Coleridge Taylor (composer) and Sir Learie Constantine (cricketer and Peer). We also learned about modern day icons like Paul Stephenson (first black social worker and rights campaigner), Sir Trevor MacDonald (TV broadcaster) and Wilfred Wood (first black Bishop in the Church of England).





Yesterday, we celebrated Harvest with a special assembly, during which we listened to the parable of the Good Samaritan and reflected on what key lessons we can learn from this story. We also heard about the work of the Foodbank and what happens to our donations on their journey between St. Paul's and the families they will help.

As you can see from the photographs below, the boxes were overflowing and your donations weighed in at a massive 131.6kg. Thanks to your efforts, the Foodbank will be able to continue to support people in our local community struggling to buy food. We had a few last-minute donations this morning. Mrs McBain has kindly dropped these into the Foodbank this afternoon. Thank you everyone who supported this year's Harvest Appeal!



Generous offer!

You may well have read about the response that many organisations and companies have made after the latest announcement regarding the free school meal voucher scheme.

Situated in Winnersh, just opposite the traffic lights at the entrance to Sainsburys supermarket, Zottadeli's is well known for their fresh Italian foods and wine. They have made the very generous offer of take away packed lunches over half term for children in the local community eligible for free school meals.

 Zottadeli
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Good Morning Everyone,
We are saddened to hear about the governments decision on the free school meal scheme.
As the community has supported us through these crazy times, we are offering free take away pack lunches from Mon 23rd Oct to Sat 31st Oct (sandwich, piece of fruit, snack and a drink) for kids who access free meals at school.
Please private message us and don't be afraid to reach out. As part of a community we are always here to help.

For any extra information, please get in contact.

St Paul's Pumpkins!

Three pumpkins were picked from the Forest School allotment today by Erin (4M), Daisy (5P) and Tom (5P). These were planted and cared for by children attending keyworker school during lockdown with Mr Day.



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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs. J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

What Have We Been Up To This Week

In 3L this week we have been palaeontologists. A few weeks ago we made moulds of fossils in clay, then added layers of glue and sand to enclose them. This week we excavated them to see how they looked. It was hard work getting the fossils out without breaking them, but we had lots of fun and were really pleased with the results.



Mrs Vickers, 3L

Road Safety



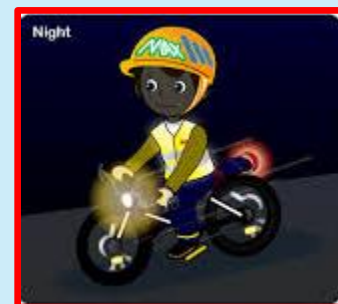
On Saturday night, we will be setting the clocks back an hour and summer time ends. Road traffic collisions increase by 20% in the fortnight after the time change and sadly, some of those collisions will involve child pedestrians and cyclists. Children under-16 are one of the most vulnerable groups of road users. Whilst younger children are at risk, the data shows that 11 - 15-year-olds are actually at more at risk from accidents that kill or

result in serious injury.

The resources below will help remind children, especially teenagers, about road safety and safe cycling.

Teaching Road Safety: A Guide for Parents <https://www.rosipa.com/media/documents/road-safety/teaching-road-safety-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Safety First – Cycling at Night <https://www.cycletraining.co.uk/cycle-training-and-cycle-safety/safety-first-cycling-at-night/>



Travel Corridors

The latest guidance on Coronavirus (COVID-19) Travel Corridors can be found [here](#) (updated 18 10 20). This provides an up to date list of countries which, if visited, individuals will be required to self-isolate upon their return for 14 days.

St Paul's Remembrance Churchyard Trail

St Paul's Church have put together a small prayer walk focusing on remembrance that is suitable for all ages. Pick up a pack from inside church.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion want to ensure that everyone can still get their poppy, so have developed an A4 poster for the iconic Remembrance Poppy that your child can download, print, and display at home. Further details on this and how to donate can be found at

<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate>

St Paul's Remembrance Season Churchyard Trail

24th October – 11th November 2020



Pick up a pack from inside church and spend some time exploring the churchyard, praying with words and your senses. Suitable for all ages.

October Half Term Holiday Clubs



For further information and booking, please see the flyers below.



Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to all the children on our Golden Certificate Roll of Honour this week - well done everyone!

Year 3

3L

- Olivia - always being polite in the classroom and around the school.
- Jordan - working more independently, particularly in English.
- Benjamin - using all the tools given to him in lessons to produce an amazing recount.

3D

- Vanya - using a range of fronted adverbials in her hot write recount.
- Monty - always putting 100% into all of his work.

Year 4

4L

- ❖ Tomas - fantastic effort and attitude to learning.
- ❖ Archisha - brilliant commitment to learning in every subject.



4M

- ❖ Ruby - always striving to improve her work.
- ❖ Jake - super progress in mathematics
- ❖ Dolcie - super progress in mathematics
- ❖ Erin - super progress in mathematics

4C

- ❖ Daniel - his great work in Maths.
- ❖ Eloise - working so hard on Power of 2.

Year 5

5P

- Lucas - for working very hard to create an excellent and entertaining quest story.
- Fleur - using all of the writer's toolkit to create an impressive and engaging quest story.
- Lucas - his fantastic effort during our Viking topic and deepening his understanding through independent research.
- 5P – 100% attendance this week!

5S

- Tilly – writing a fantastic quest story.
- Geethika - reflective and conscientious work at all times.

5K

- Alina – being a super Mathematician!
- Vyan – managing distractions and developing a mature attitude to learning.

Year 6

6B

- ◆ Erfan - his kind and supportive attitude when a friend was struggling in a lesson.
- ◆ Harry - his exemplary behaviour and wonderful attitude towards learning.
- ◆ Isabelle - her creative and humorous piece of work focusing on which Ancient Egyptian Gods were important in the journey to the Afterlife.

6G

- ◆ Marco - showing great resilience in his work.

6N

- ◆ Callum - writing a powerful and moving letter in the voice of Blustav, a character from 'The Snow Merchant'.
- ◆ Che - showing a renewed focus and drive in his learning this week.
- ◆ Leila – offering many carefully-considered and valuable contributions to class discussions

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Pupil Achievements



Congratulations to Harrison (4M) who has just been awarded a high Merit in his recent Initial Grade Violin Exam (3 marks off a distinction)!

Well done Harrison, a great achievement.



Positive Test Results

Should a member of your household test positive for Covid-19 during the holiday, please e-mail us at absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk and we will respond, confirming in writing the date upon which it will be safe for your child to return to school.

Air Quality Banner Competition



CHILDREN'S COMPETITION TO PROMOTE CLEAN AIR

Design a banner that encourages drivers to turn their engine off while their car is stationary and help improve the air quality of the Borough.

- The winning design will be recreated and displayed at Wokingham Station and Twyford
- Deadline: 30th October 2020

Public Protection Partnership

Wokingham Borough Council



There's still time for the children to enter the design an air quality banner competition. The winning entry will be displayed at Wokingham Station.

For information on how to enter, please see the flyer below.

School Travel Adviser, WBC

Oxfam
Half term story time with Jo

Join our volunteer, retired primary teacher Jo, for a wonderful story time this half term and help Oxfam fight Coronavirus around the world!

10am Tuesday 27th October
Tickets: £2.20
<https://www.wegotickets.com/oxfamreadingarea>
(Link will be sent before the event)
This event is run by Oxfam supporters who have no affiliation to Oxfam GB.

Storytime with Jo – Oxfam Coronavirus Appeal


Retired local primary school teacher Jo, will be hosting story time at 10.00am on 27th October in aid of Oxfam. The cost is £2.20 with £2.00 going to Oxfam's Coronavirus Emergency Appeal. Please see the flier below for details on how to book.

*Please note that the school has no connection to this organisation and does not endorse them in any way. Parents should make their own decision if this event is suitable for their child.

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EnergyKidz Holiday Clubs **OCTOBER HALF TERM**
26TH - 30TH OCTOBER

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Dressing the Christmas Tree

We are delighted to tell you that St Paul's C of E Junior School has again been invited to participate in the "Dressing the Christmas Tree" event. This year however, it will be a very different occasion, because we will be handing our decorations directly to the Mayor as he visits our school. Further information will be sent out after half term.

Diary Dates 2020

Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th October	Half Term – School Closed
Monday 2 nd November	Inset Day – School Closed
Friday 4 th December	Flu Immunisation - All Year Groups

Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website [here](#)



COVID-19 Related Pupil Absence - A quick reference guide for parents

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
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<p>My child has 1 or more of COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back and more than 37.6° in children; • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot more than usual in an hour, or 3 or more coughing episode in 24 hours; • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. 	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office to inform us by 8.30am 0118 978 5219 or absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days • Book a test within the first 5 days of symptoms: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 111 • Contact the school office immediately you receive the test result 	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 10 days have passed since test
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree the earliest date for possible return – minimum of 10 days • Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days <p>School will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps regarding bubble closures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 10 days have passed from the test, even if they have a cough or no sense of smell or taste (but no fever) and they feel better (symptoms can last for several weeks).
<p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office 0118 978 5219 • Self-isolate the household for 14 days • Household member to get tested • Contact the school office again immediately upon receiving the test result 	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <p>The test comes back positive and 14 days have passed</p>
<p>Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days • Agree the earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 14 days of self-isolation from date of positive result

NHS test and trace has identified been in close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 14 days of self-isolation from contact with person with positive result
My child and I have travelled and have to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days from day after returning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quarantine period of 14 days from day after returning has passed
My child's class/bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will be in touch with further information, including how to access work online. • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days, unless they develop symptoms, when you need to go to the relevant box above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School has informed you of when the class/bubble will be reopened.
My child tests negative	<p>INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE NEGATIVE RESULT via the absence mailbox absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss when your child will be able to return (when better). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When they feel better
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19	<p>Contact the school office to inform us on a daily basis 0118 9785219 or via absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When they feel better or after 48 hours since last bout of sickness/diarrhea.