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St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

On Monday we held our Talents' Assemblies – which was a great way to showcase the incredible talents of many of our pupils. We had a wide range of acts who wowed their audience with a variety of performances - gymnastics, music, singing and dancing. We even had our very own comedy duo. Congratulations to all of our performers – thank you for a morning of high quality entertainment!

Our wonderful PTA and band of parent helpers were at it again on Monday evening! The children attending each of the Christmas Discos had a great time. They were a fun way to kick off the final few days of this term.

Thank you to the governors and volunteers who have come into school each week to hear readers, support with sewing, and help with trips and special events. The support has been invaluable and we are hugely appreciative of their efforts.

Our very best wishes go with all of our leavers who are off to pastures new. We wish them every success in the future.

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, I would like to wish you a very peaceful and happy Christmas. Having worked hard all term, the children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries in readiness for the New Year. We look forward to seeing them all back and ready to learn on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Mrs Taylor





Upcoming Events

January 3 Term Starts

January 10 Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre

January 17 TVRL Race, Braywick Park, Maidenhead

January 18 5P Class Assembly, 9.15am

Safeguarding

On **22 January 2019** we have Teresa Hughes, Lecturer - University of Kent (Centre for Child Protection, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research) visiting to deliver online safety training for teaching staff and learning mentors, followed by a Parents' Workshop on 22nd January 2019.

Teresa is a specialist in online safety, safeguarding and child protection working with many schools, Charities, Sports Associations and communities in the UK and overseas. A former police detective working in the Paedophile Online Investigation Team, her law enforcement expertise gives her unique insight into the challenges posed by online grooming, cyberbullying, exposure to harmful material and other issues affecting young people and schools. Teresa has extensive experience of child protection, offender management and online safety issues gained across the law enforcement, industry and charity sectors.

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Sporting News

St Paul's has finished the term off strongly with some fantastic sporting achievements.

Indoor Athletics

Twenty four primary schools competed in a variety of field and track events. Each school has a boys' team and a girls' team. Boys start on the track events and girls on the field events. Each child can compete in a maximum of 2 field and/or 2 track events.

The year 3/4 team fielded a group of children who had never participated in an indoor athletics competition before. We saw some amazing performances from all the children both on and off the track. They were a credit to St Paul's finishing 4th with only 2 points separating them from the bronze medal position.

The 5/6 team demonstrated many outstanding performances, including first place for Sophie Smith and Daniel Frimpong in the Vertical jump, first place for the girls' speed bounce and standing long jump teams and winning performances for Nathaniel Oliver and Natalie Foster in the foam Javelin throwing more than a metre further than the second place children. Both boys and girls teams won nearly all their running heats as well. A great team effort which saw St Paul's winning gold. The team will now go onto represent Wokingham District at the next stage of the competition in March.

Many congratulations to you all!



Football

Both boys' and girls' football teams finished off the term with winning matches. The boys beat the Combes 13-2 to finish top of the league. Player of the match was Owen Quilty.

The girls beat Hatch Ride 5-2 to finish 4th overall. They showed considerable improvement and skill giving a strong performance overall. Player of the match was Chloe Collier.

Netball

The netball team played their seventh match against Shinfield St Mary's on a day that was absolutely freezing. The A team had a very close game which is not represented in the score after losing 10-3. Player of the match was Natalie Foster. The B team also had an extremely competitive game. Unfortunately they were

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a player down after Fleur Maynard had to retire after fracturing her elbow but ended up losing 5-1. Player of the match was Isla Birch.

Diary Dates	
Thursday 3 January 2019	Start of Term
Thursday 10 January	Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre
Thursday 17 January	TVRL Race, Braywick Park, Maidenhead
Friday 18 January	5P Class Assembly, 9.15am
Tuesday 22 January	Online Safety Talk for Parents, 6.30pm
Friday 25 January	3F Class Assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 31 January	Liddington Information Evening for Parents of Year 5, 6.30pm

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