St Paul's C of E Junior School



Dear Parents,

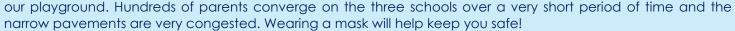
Another brilliant week of learning and the children and staff are continuing to pull out all of the stops as we head towards half term. Next week and the first week back after the holiday will be our assessment weeks, in which the children will complete a series of tasks to enable their teachers to carry out a comprehensive review of each pupil's progress since the start of the term. They will use this information to design targets for each child which will be shared with you at our Parents' Consultations in November. These meetings will be virtual and more information regarding dates and how to book an appointment will be sent out via Parentmail straight after half term. For those parents without access to an internet ready device, consultations will take place via telephone.

We have been asked by a number of you about the likelihood of the government deciding upon a 'circuit-breaker' two-week half term. At this stage, we are not aware of plans for such an event and are not anticipating any changes to our original half-term dates.

With almost every child now back at St Paul's, our attendance rate has almost returned to its usual high standard – thank you very much everyone! For the continued health and wellbeing of our school community, you can continue to help us keep everyone safe and well by:

- Keeping children who are sick/unwell at home;
- Ensuring only one adult per family enters the school site;
- Maintaining a social distance from all parents and staff;
- Making sure your child brings a warm coat to school each day.

Wearing masks outdoors is not mandatory but we wholeheartedly encourage you to wear one on the approach to school and when on



We know that the traffic can be problematic in the morning, as can having to drop children off at different schools but we have a small number of pupils who are arriving late every day. It is vital that your child arrives at school on time to avoid disrupting lessons for other pupils and missing out on learning.



Earlier today, you received a letter regarding our Harvest Appeal for the Wokingham Foodbank. If you are able to donate, collection boxes will be at the entrance to the playground next Thursday morning for children to drop items off on their way into school.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

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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.

In assembly this week, we been learning about the groundbreaking efforts of women such as Mary Seacole but also about women whose achievements may be less well known but are no less significant - women



like Fanny Eaton (Royal Academy model), Lilian Bader (first black woman to join the Armed Forces), Evelyn Dove (actor and singer) and Phillis Wheatley (first black poet to be published in England). We have also learned about modern day icons like Joan Armatrading, Malorie Blackman, Dr Shirley Thompson and Zadie Smith.

What Have We Been Up To This Week

3D has been learning about 3D art! We've used shading techniques learnt to recreate Monet's haystacks. What budding artists 3D have!







Mr Day, 3D

With the new Covid rules in place in school 3L have had to be creative with our music curriculum. We have been learning body percussion and how to use sign language to sign some well-known songs. Mrs Allan came into each Year 3 class and taught us some of the basics, as she is able to sign. The children really enjoyed learning this new skill and we have used it for signing during other times in the day, such as the register.





Mrs Vickers, 3L

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Uniform/PE Kit

We have received a number of appeals from parents asking if families could please check that their child has come home in their own uniform/PE kit. Even though the children are all in their class bubbles in one room, there are still pieces of uniform/PE kit going missing. To help reunite missing items with their rightful owner, please ensure that all uniform is clearly named.

Reminder: PE and Games Kit are part of our school uniform. Only a white t-shirt, plain navy blue or black shorts, joggers/sweatshirt or tracksuit are permitted. On non-PE days, children should come to school in shoes, not trainers.

Bikes Left at School

Please remember to take your children's bikes and scooters home at the end of the day. They should not be left overnight in the bike racks at school. We have got a couple of bikes that have been left at school since Wednesday which have now been moved out of sight to the sports container.



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 make a donation can be found at https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/ways-to-give/donate

October Half Term Holiday Clubs



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



Bag2School – Thursday 8th October

Thank you to the PTA for organising Bag2Schoool and to everyone who donated. Donations weighed in at 296kg which equated to £88.80 raised.



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Berkshire Maestros Taster Sessions



If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please see the flyer below for details on how to book a taster session at school:

It will not be possible to offers hands on Woodwind or Brass taster sessions at the moment. Voice lessons are being taught remotely and do not currently take place in school.

Fee assistance from Berkshire Maestros is available to those who need it. All bookings should be made via Berkshire Maestros and not through the school.

Golden Certificate Winners

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



Year 3

3L

- Sam building resilience in Maths by keeping going.
- Yara getting started with her work more independently.
- Kathryn being a fantastic role model to the other children in 3L and always doing exactly what she is asked.
- Madyson setting out her column addition exactly as she was shown.
- Tommy always being polite, listening and being patient.
- Lola listening twice as much to reach her full learning capacity.

3B

- Ethan consistently demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and taking responsibility for his own progress.
- Willow demonstrating a fantastic improvement in focus and readiness to learn.
- Megan for quite simply being fantastic.

3D

- Aryav asking sensible questions to extend his learning. Well done!
- Eva being willing to share her ideas and working hard to meet success criteria.
- Reuben showing enthusiasm for his learning and making contributions that helped the rest of the class with their learning.
- Rylee working hard on his written calculation methods for addition.
- Rufus working hard on his written calculation methods for addition.
- Fabian showing great interest in his learning and always being happy to take on a challenge.

Year 4

4L

- Lola fantastic diary writing in English.
- Adam putting 100% effort into everything he does and with a smile on his face.
- Wyatt putting all of his effort into demonstrating good learning behaviours.
- Daisy showing determination in Maths and making good progress.

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4M

- Dolly always trying her best.
- Emily fantastic Mathematics work.
- Owen fantastic Mathematics work.
- Kakoon always showing caring and kindness by helping both children and adults.
- Aishiki demonstrating subtraction with exchange to her Talk Partner.
- Marco some excellent Maths work this week.
- Owen excellent effort in all areas of the curriculum.

4C

- Thai focusing and always trying to achieve his best.
- Alice neat presentation and working so well in all lessons.
- Sinclair his enthusiasm in learning his spellings.
- Aditya focusing and always trying to achieve his best.

Year 5

5P

- Ellie modelling determination and putting fantastic effort into her learning.
- Elena setting a wonderful example as an excellent and encouraging talk partner.
- > Bethany for making the most of every learning opportunity and never settling for less than her best.
- > Andre for his fantastic effort and contributions during group work in English this week.

5S

- Jack excellent sketching and shading of a 3D object in art.
- > Ethan for always being ready to learn.
- > Ffion fantastic engagement and contributions to all lessons.
- Arabella (5S) her fantastic effort with subtraction work this week.

5K

- > Tommy showing an excellent attitude to learning.
- George showing an excellent attitude to learning.
- > Aarush being an amazing mathematician.
- Mohammad settling in well and always trying his best

Year 6

6B

- Disha her quiet and conscientious attitude in class a great role model.
- Ruby immersing herself in all class discussions and her enthusiasm in sharing her views.
- Sanveer his wonderful contributions to a group writing task.
- Brajan fantastic comprehension in his reading sessions.

6G

- Marcus for his positive attitude to learning.
- Shayna for her impressive diary entry written from the perspective of an Egyptian God.
- Emilia for her descriptive diary entry written from the perspective of an Egyptian God.
- ♦ Edie for her consistent hard work in all subjects.

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• Evo - for consistently asking in-depth questions to further his learning.

6N

- Shashank for a powerfully written and evocative retelling of the film, Road's End, through the eyes of Red Scarf.
- Miranda being such a good role model in all aspect of learning.
- ♦ Thomas excellent problem-solving skills in Maths.
- Sathvik being a helpful and supportive Talk Partner.

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Wokingham Adult Education Courses October/November 2020

The Wokingham Adult Education Centre offers many useful and informative online courses which parents may be interested in. Courses are free to Wokingham residents or parents of children attending Wokingham schools:

Introduction to being a Teaching Assistant: 04/11/2020 - 09/12/2020 10:00 - 11:30

Learn about the roles and responsibilities of a teaching assistant, as well as gaining an understanding of other roles working with children. Gain confidence in applying to roles in schools and employability skills. This is an interactive course, delivered by a tutor via Zoom, with opportunities to share experiences and learning. To book a place email adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk or call 07785314603.

Ukonline: Tuesdays ongoing 14:00 - 16:00

Support with basic IT skills for beginners. Making better use of your PC, laptop, iPad, tablet or smartphone. Support for video calling (e.g. Zoom, Teams, Skype, Facebook Messenger, Google Meet, WhatsApp). Support for email, Internet Search, Online Safety, Online Shopping and Services etc. To enquire ring Jon White on 0776 738 0722 or email adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk

Managing your child's anxiety: 05/11/2020 - 12/11/2020 11:00 - 12:00 or 13:00-14:00

Learn more about anxiety. Identify the causes and effects of anxiety, signs of anxiety in children and simple tips for families to use to manage every day worries. This interactive, tutor led course is aimed at parents of primary school aged children. To book a place email <u>adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk</u> or call 07785314603.

Supporting Anxious Teenagers: 17/11/2020 - 24/11/2020 19:30 - 20:30

Learn more about anxiety. Identify the causes and effects of anxiety, signs of anxiety in teenagers and simple tips for families to use for support strategies. This interactive, tutor led course is aimed at parents of secondary school pupils. To book a place email <u>adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk</u> or call 07785314603.

Understanding Anxiety: 27/10/2020 19:00 - 21:00

This workshop will help you develop ways to understand the causes of your anxiety and develop techniques to deal with this condition. With the support of our qualified counsellor, our understanding anxiety workshop will support your journey to reducing worry day-to-day. Run by Activate Learning - for more information or to enroll please contact wellbeing@bracknell.ac.uk or call 01344 766654.

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Music Lessons

Do you like music? Interested in learning an instrument?

Berkshire Maestros offers musical instrument and singing lessons in your school, face to face during the school day. Prices start from just £10 per lesson*,

and you can even hire an instrument from us!

Instruments in your school Piano/Keyboard

Violin Guitar Voice Percussion

Taught by Raphael Bardwell Fernando De Niis

James Newberry Theodora Sharp Craig Tutton

Find out more or book your FREE taster session below

More info please

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Diary Dates 2020	

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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		

The quick reference guide for parents regarding COVID-19 Related Pupil Absence can be found below.



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

What to do if	Action needed	Return to school when
 My child has 1 or more of COVID-19 symptoms: 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. 	 DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL 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 	Either: The test comes back negative Or The test comes back positive and 10 days have passed since test
My child tests positive for COVID-19	 DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL 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 School will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps regarding bubble closures 	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).
Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms	DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL 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	Either: • The test comes back negative Or The test comes back positive and 14 days have passed

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Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	 DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL 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 	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	DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days	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	DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days from day after returning	The quarantine period of 14 days from day after returning has passed
Mu child's class/bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak	 DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL 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. 	School has informed you of when the class/bubble will be reopened.
My child tests negative	INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE) A (1 1 6 1 1 1
	NEGATIVE RESULT via the absence mailbox absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk • Discuss when your child will be able to return (when better).	When they feel better