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St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and a very warm welcome back to the start of this new term. On behalf of all at St Paul's, we would like to wish every member of our school family a joyful and rewarding 2019.

Welcome to Ella Morgan, Kartheek Kota and Altion Thaqi, who are joining classes 3H, 3G and 4M respectively. Welcome also to Miss Brown, 3F's new teacher (W,T,F), Miss McDaniel, Learning Mentor in Year 6, Vicky Judd, PE and Games Assistant, and our new Governors, Colin Hudson and James Richardson.

The children returned full of energy and enthusiasm and despite having been back for just over a week, they have already made an excellent start to their new topics. It promises to be an extremely busy term and we are looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that our pupils make the best possible progress.

Mrs Taylor Headteacher

Internet Safety

Helping your child navigate the digital world can be challenging as technology is evolving rapidly, particularly in the area of social networking. We are regularly asked to comment on whether we believe certain platforms are suitable for pupils and we always caution parents to follow the terms and conditions of each site. Age restrictions are set for good reason and primary aged children are considered underage for many platforms that are readily available. We believe the only long term solution to e-safety is to build a child's own knowledge of what is safe. Parental monitoring and a filtered internet feed reinforce e-safety taught by school and help protect your child when on line.

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 at 6.30pm that day.

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



Upcoming Events

January 14 PTA Meeting, 7.30pm – All welcome

January 17 TVRL Race, Braywick Park, Maidenhead

January 18 5P Class Assembly, 9.15am

January 22 On-line Safety Talk, 6.30pm

25 January 3F Class Assembly, 9.15am

31 January Liddington Information Evening, 6.30pm

Safeguarding

It is the school policy that any child who rides a bicycle or scooter to school, should wear an appropriate safety helmet, together with high visibility clothing.



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. Parking will be on the playground and the gates will be open from 6.15pm. Please enter via the link doors as reception is unmanned after 5.00pm.

School Postbox

Our post box is on the wall of Meadow Nursery, just above the small wooden gate into our playground. Letters and post can be left here to save walking all the way around to the Oxford Road entrance. The box is emptied daily.

Request

Please ensure your child has a carrier bag in with their PE kit every Thursday. This is to hold muddy trainers and kit after the outdoor multisport session. The same is true for any child who attends lunch or after school football – a bag for dirty boots will help prevent mud from being walked through school.

Parking

We work hard to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and local community but unfortunately we had several letters of complaint in the run up to Christmas. Please park responsibly and with consideration for others. Avoid leaving your vehicle in the car park of Keeble House, in the private road alongside West Oak Care Home or in front of residents' driveways in St Paul's Gate. The white lines in Murray Road denote passing places. When drivers park here, there is no room for two-way traffic and Murray Road is brought to a standstill. Behaviour such as this is inconsiderate to residents but the position that some cars have been left in makes it very dangerous for the children walking to and from school. Please make every effort to park away from the site to help us keep your children safe.

Unexpected Success



Congratulations to Samuel Pester, Kiran Penman, Kasey-Mai Williams and Lanie-Rose Henry-Wright who competed in the Wokingham competition for New Age Kurling. This was the first time ever St Paul's had competed in this competition, and our team were absolutely outstanding coming away with silver medals. There were a total of 16 schools all taking part, divided into two pools. Our team had to play 7 matches in the heats, coming out winner of our Pool. We won the semi-final and narrowly lost the final to Farley Hill by 2 points. Well done to all of you!

Run the World Programme

At the end of last term we launched an exciting new programme called Run the World. This programme is designed to support our vision ensuring all pupils leave primary school with the knowledge, skills and motivation to help them lead a healthy, active lifestyle and to continue to participate in physical activity in sport.

Every day at some time during the day, the children will go outside and run or walk around the playground. All completed laps will add up to a weekly total for each class. These will then be totalled for the whole school

and translated into miles. Progress will then be plotted on a map on the Sports Noticeboard as we travel around the world. We will also run fun competitions during the programme to keep the children motivated.

The children will run or walk in their school uniform, there is no requirement for any extra kit. We hope the children have already shared their enthusiasm with you, and we have been delighted to see how well everyone has responded so far – It will be very interesting to see where in the world we end up. We have already run to Cardiff, Dublin and Edinburgh, and are currently residing in Amsterdam until we can add on the totals this week!

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

House Matches

We will be running the following Inter-house events this term. There will be a form available on ParentMail where you can register your child's interest.

Inter House New Age Kurling/Boccia/Playground Boules - Thursday 24th January. We are running this event during our normal PE sessions. Please can your child come into school in their PE kit with a House colour t-shirt if possible. If you don't have a colour t-shirt we will provide bibs in the relevant colour.

Inter House Cross Country - Thursday 14th February, 3.30 – 4.30 pm – open to all

Inter House Netball - Wednesday 27th March, 3.30 – 4.30pm – open to years 5/6 only

Inter House Football - Thursday 28th March, 3.30 – 4.30pm – open to years 5/6 only

Talent Spotlight



2019 is promising to be a very busy and exciting year for Sophia Hannaford.

In October 2018 she auditioned for London Children's Ballet (LCB). There was a huge turnout at auditions, and from the 708 girls and boys who registered LCB invited just 36 young dancers to form their three touring companies. Sophia was one of the lucky ones to be offered a place at one of their Touring Companies.

Sophia also applied for the Royal Ballet Spring Intensive Programme open to students from around the world and was one of a handful from over 1000 applicants to have been offered a place for a week's intensive ballet training this Easter.

Sophia will also be dancing in St Petersburg, Russia and at Saddler's Wells later this year.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Hanna Kawash who attended her Citizenship ceremony at the Town Hall just before Christmas.

The ceremony was presided over by the Mayor of Wokingham Borough, Mayor John Kaiser. Hanna took her oath of allegiance, and it was a very proud moment.

St Paul's C of E Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all pupils, staff, volunteers, visitors and external agencies to share this commitment.

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Clubs

There is a great range of clubs on offer again this term. All sessions started this week and we have already emailed confirmation of places together with session dates. Please see the table below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club –	Badminton Club –	Judo Club –	Gymnastics Club –	Yoga Club –
07.45am	07.45am (8	07.55am	07.45am	07.45am (11
(7 January – 18	January – 26	(9 January – to be	(10 January – 21 March)	January – 22
March)	March)	advised by coach)		March)
Badminton Club –	Lego Club –	All Years Girls	Years 4/5 Football –	All Years
07.45am (7 January –	Lunchtime (8	Football – lunchtime	Lunchtime	Football -
18 March)	January – 19	(9 January – 3 April)	(10 January – 28 March)	3.30pm (11
	March)			January – 29
				March)
Years 3/4 Football –	Year 5	Year 6 Football –		March
Lunchtime (7 January	Imagineering Club	lunchtime		
- 1st April)	- 3.30pm	(9 January – 3 April)		
- 1 ³¹ April)	- 5.30pm (8 January - 19	(7 January – 3 April)		
	(8 January – 17 March)			
	French Club -	Multisports – 3.30pm		
	3.30pm	(9 January – 3 April)		
	(15 January – 26	(7 January – 3 April)		
	March)			
	March	Years 5/6 Netball		
		Club – 3.30pm		
		(9 January – 20		
		March)		
		Years 3/4 Tag Rugby		
		Club – lunchtime		
		(before half term)		
		Years 5/6 Tag Rugby		
		Club – lunchtime (after half term)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm		
		(9 Jan – 27 Mar)		

Diary Dates		
Monday 14 January	PTA Meeting, 7.30pm (school hall)	
Thursday 17 January	TVRL Race, Braywick Park, Maidenhead	
Friday 18 January	5P Class Assembly, 9.15am	
Tuesday 22 January	Online Safety Talk for Parents, 6.30-7.30pm	
Friday 25 January	3F Class Assembly, 9.15am	
Thursday 31 January	Liddington Information Evening for Parents of Year 5, 6.30-7.30pm	
Friday 1February	5K Class Assembly, 9.15am	
Friday 8 February	3G Class Assembly, 9.15am	
Thursday 14 February	5S Class Assembly, 9.15am	

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Friday 15 February	4B Class Assembly, 9.15am
Monday 18 – Friday 22 February	Half Term
Tuesday 26 February	Parent Consultations, 8.50-11.10am
Wednesday 27 February	Parent Consultations, 3.50-7.30pm









**Please note that the school has no connection to Berkshire
Teaching School Alliance and does not endorse the event in any
way. Parents should make their own decision if this event is
suitable to attend.