

# St Paul's Newsletter – Summer 12.07.24

*'One body, every person, growing together.'*



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## Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

Thank you SO MUCH to everyone who contributed to our fabulous Summer Fair, particularly to our small but extremely hardworking PTA, volunteers and staff. Despite the weather, the event was a great success and raised an amazing £2,302!! Thank you to those of you who helped with the set up and manned stalls, and to those who stayed until the end to clear and do the washing up. We are very grateful that so many families braved the elements and came along on the day, spending so generously in support of the school. Thank you to Mrs Tritton for being my 'stunt double' on the day and ensuring things ran smoothly. All in all, it was a great team effort.

This week got off to a fantastic start with the final performance of Year 6's Leavers' Production on Monday evening. I can't tell you how proud I am of our Year 6 children and the Year 6 team - it was an amazing performance, the best to have graced our stage in many years.

Next Tuesday is Enterprise Day and our Year 6 pupils have been beavering away to create a range of stalls for Years 3, 4 and 5 to visit, where they will be able to try their hand at different games and activities and taste a range of delicious home-made goods. Each group received £5 sponsorship from school and their aim, to make as much profit as possible to repay the initial investment and raise funds for charity. There has been huge excitement in the lead up to this event and stalls will be selling their goods and services at pocket money prices. It would be helpful if our Years 3, 4 and 5 pupils bring along some small change to spend at the event. Not more than £3 and no £5/£10 notes please!

This week we welcomed Mr Pearson, our new Site Controller, and although only with us for a very short time, already we can see he is making a very positive impact. If you do see him at the gate, please do say hello and make him feel welcome.

Can I remind parents to ensure children's dinner money accounts are not in debt. As the term draws to a close, it is crucial that accounts are clear and there are no monies owing. Any Year 6 pupil who is in credit will be contacted with details of how parents may claim a refund.

In light of England reaching the final of the European Cup, we anticipate many of our children will be having a late night on Sunday. As Mrs Hargreaves has kindly said that her pupils can arrive any time up until 9.30am on Monday, we will follow suit as we share a considerable number of families. If arriving after 8.40am, pupils should enter via the Oxford

Road entrance to sign in and order their lunch. Should children wish to, they are welcome to come to school wearing a football shirt in place of their polo shirt on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Taylor

## Piano Looking for a New Home



Our piano is in need of a new home. If you are interested in giving it a new place to be loved, please be aware that it will need to be collected from our premises.

The piano's dimensions are as follows: 1160mm high, 1400mm wide and 620mm deep.

We hope that it can bring joy to one of our families.

Please email [office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk)

## Sports News

### District Sports



Congratulations to all our incredible athletes who took part in the Wokingham District Sports Athletic competition last week. The rain stayed away (just!) and the children were wonderful ambassadors for St. Paul's. They were supportive of each other and cheered on their team mates, as well as the other schools. Special mention to both the Y5/6 boys' and girls' teams who both took home the trophies after winning the relay finals. Extra congratulations to the boys' team who took the Boys trophy and to all our teams who were the District Sports Runners Up for this year!

### Tennis

A massive well done to our Y5 tennis team who took part in the School Games tennis competition last Tuesday. There were lots of excellent rallies and I was so pleased to see the children having fun and developing their skills. Well done to all of you!



### Berkshire Games

We took two teams to the School Games Berkshire Finals to represent Wokingham District. We had a mixed team of swimmers and our Y5/6 athletes took part in the QuadKids Athletics competition. The swimmers came 4<sup>th</sup> overall which was an incredible achievement - even more so as I am sure we had the youngest team out of all the schools! The athletes took part in a sprint, endurance run, long jump and a throw. Everyone improved their performances compared to the Wokingham District competition and it was especially pleasing to beat Nine Mile Ride who won the Wokingham competition. I am so proud of all of you, especially Lacie for stepping in at the last minute to make up the team! Both teams took part in a variety of activities during the afternoon. One of the most popular was a dance workshop with Felix Clements who was a BGT semi-finalist and will be representing GB at the Olympics in Breakdancing. It was an absolutely fantastic experience.



## Congratulations Jacob!



Well done to Jacob (5M) for passing his Grade 1 piano exam with Merit! A well-deserved grade showing his hard work and dedication paid off. He can't wait to start Grade 2!

We are very proud of you Jacob – well done!

## Swimming

Pupils should come to school dressed in uniform, including school shoes, and bring their kit (costume or trunks, towel and swimming hat) to change into at the pool. We ask that swimming trunks are close fitting and not long, baggy Bermuda style shorts and that girls wear a one-piece suit. Swimming hats can be purchased from school.

**NEXT WEEK 4R WILL BE SWIMMING ON THURSDAY**

Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Friday		
5D	3D	3H	5K	3B	4P	5M	6B	4B	6T	4R	6S

## Forest School

15/07	16/07	17/07	18/07
6T	3B	4R	5D

If your child is attending a Forest School session, please can you provide them with long trousers and a long-sleeved top. This will enable them to move around our woodland more freely, without being stung by the nettles. Thank you.

## Absence Reporting

If your child is not able to attend school due to illness, please email [absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk) by 8.15am on each day of the absence. Please ensure you give your child's name, class and symptoms: stating that your child is 'unwell' is not sufficient information for our records. As from September we will no longer have access to the absence reporting element of ParentMail.

## Next Week at School

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Enterprise Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00am 4R Assembly
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm Year 6 Leavers' Disco
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church – Year 6 parents welcome
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term – 2.00pm Finish

## Diary Dates

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return to school – Autumn Term
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# Theatre in the Park

Bart Lee Theatre presents

# Jack and the Beanstalk

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024

Performances at 11am & 2pm

Elms Field - Free

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