# St Paul's Newsletter – Autumn 30.9.22

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### Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

The weeks are flying by and it is hard to believe that we have already reached October!

This morning, the children of 4P delivered a fascinating assembly about the power of books and reading, which was an excellent way to round off a week where reading has been a focus. Monday is the final day that the Book Fair will be open, and if you still have not had a chance to visit, there are lots of books still for sale, or waiting to be ordered. Thank you to everyone who supported this venture, as the books bought generate commission for the school so that we too can add new stock to our class libraries. Our thanks to Mrs Tustin and to all the staff who volunteered to help sell books after school.

Next week promises to be a busy week with photos, Open Morning and our Harvest Festival, details of which can be found below.

Have a good weekend, everyone.

Mrs Taylor

#### Reporting an absence

If your child is unwell, we need a written record from you of why they are not at school for our register. Absences should be reported via the absence section under ParentMail, or by emailing <u>absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</u>, detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day.

#### Punctuality

We have a significant number of pupils frequently arriving late for school and it is often the same children every day. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that school starts at 8.40pm, the time that the Murray Road gates close. It is important that children arrive in school on time every day for a number of reasons:

- It is the legal responsibility of parents to ensure pupil arrive on time;
- Arriving on time ensures a calm, well-ordered start to the school day;
- It is stressful for a child to arrive late and flustered, and it can feel very awkward to walk into the classroom to find the lesson has started without you;
- Arriving late disrupts the learning of others.

The table shows how much learning is lost over the school year.

If there is a particular reason why you are finding it difficult to ensure your child arrives in school on time, please contact the school office on 0118 978 5219.

Minutes lost	Impact		
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost		
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost		
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost		
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost		
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost		

Days are school days and calculated over a school year

#### Photographs – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

The photographer will be in school on Monday for pupil portraits. After having their photo taken, your child will be given the proof card to bring home. Ordering of photos will be online directly with Cardwell and Son, with no orders or payments by cash/cheque being accepted via the school office. Orders will be delivered to school and sent home with the children.

#### **Open Morning – Thursday 6th October**

We will be holding our first open event on Thursday 6th October, giving you an opportunity to see our school during a normal working day. School will be open from 9.00am to 9.55am and should you wish to drop in during these times, please sign in

at the Oxford Road entrance, where you will be issued with a visitor's badge and map. We make no changes to the timetable and lessons run as normal for this event to give you a feel of what learning is like at St Paul's. If you are unable to visit on the 6<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding further open events during the year.

### Harvest Festival – Thursday 6th October - change to the original plans for this event

We are having to adjust our Harvest festival plans slightly, downsizing them and celebrating with just the pupils and staff at school instead of at church, with parents. Thank you to those parents who originally agreed to help walk the children up to church. Hopefully, we will be able to call on your help for future events.

Once again, we have chosen the Wokingham Food Bank as the charity we will be supporting. Below is a list of items that are low in stock at the Foodbank that they would particularly like to receive. Collection boxes for Harvest donations will be out at the Murray Road gates on Thursday morning.

If you feel able to support this very worthy cause, please only donate one item per child.

Year 3	Tinned fruit Tinned tomatoes Tinned potatoes Tinned vegetables	
Year 4	Pasta sauce Rice Tinned cold meat Hot dogs Tinned meat pies	
Year 5	Tinned rice pudding and custard Fruit juice/squash Jam/preserves Long life milk	
Year 6	Toothpaste and toothbrushes Shampoo and conditioner Deodorant Washing up liquid Small packs of washing powder/liquid	



## The Foodbank currently have an abundance of pasta, baked beans and tea bags and would prefer not to receive those items at this time.

#### **Lost Property**

We are drowning in lost property because so many items do not contain the name of the owner. This makes it impossible to reunite children with their belongings. PLEASE ensure that all items of clothing, including coats, shoes and trainers are clearly labelled with child's name and class. Lost property can be found in the green container situated to the left of the wooden gate into the playground.

#### School Council News

Congratulations to our newly elected School Councillors:

- 3B Elissa Feist
- 3H Eleanor Baines.
- 3K Evie Higton
- 4C Evelyn Clements
- 4P Millie-Mae Dean Savery
- 4R Finley Bradshaw
- 5D Zoe Tomlinson
- 5K Louie Grimes-Brown
- 5S Samarth Rao
- 6B Archisha Gupta
- 6D Emily Threlfall
- 6T Rimass Alsayd

#### What a talented bunch!



It's oh-fish-ial that budding angler, Riley, has the magic touch. Despite being one of his first fishing trips, he landed an impressive total of five fish on Saturday and was over the moon with his catch.

Lola and her Finchampstead U11 girls cricket team were recently crowned Berkshire Champions. They played a very closely fought match against Henley and came out on top. Lola was voted best bowler by the other team!

**Outdoor PE** 



#### Supporting your child to stay safe online

One of Childnet's aims is to give young people and families the knowledge and skills to make the most of time online. On their website is a dedicated area containing advice for parents on what to do if your child comes to you needing help and where to support online concerns. There are also helpful tips about how to speak to your child about taking the steps they need to stay happy and safe online. <u>https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/get-help/</u>

#### We can help

The cost of living crisis and rising energy costs is affecting everyone and a huge worry for many families is how they will make ends meet. We can support you in a number of ways, including an 'on the day' emergency delivery of a school food parcel directly to your door, or for a more substantial family food parcel, including specialist items such as nappies and cleaning products, we can make a referral to Wokingham Foodbank for you. We can also make referrals for top up fuel vouchers (prepaid meters only). We will be happy to help in any way we can, so do not hesitate to call us on 9785219. All enquiries will be dealt with in strictest confidence.

# PE and Swimming Swimming Timetable

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Thursday
5D, 6D, 3H	5K, 4C, 3K	5S, 4R, 3B	6T, 6B, 4P	Outdoor PE – all classes

#### **Forest School Sessions**

The timetable for this term's sessions can be found below and pupils will need to bring suitable clothing with them on that day e.g. track suit bottoms, hoodie, T shirt and trainers. Shorts and skirts are unsuitable for the woodland area.

3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	12 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>5S</b>	4C	4R	6D	4P	6T	3B	3H	5K

Diary Dates	
Next Week	
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Cardwell & Son – individual pupil photographs
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Liddington Information Evening 6.30pm – 7.30pm
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning 9.00am – 9.55am
Thur 6 <sup>th</sup> October – <b>(change to original</b> <b>plan)</b>	Harvest Festival – this will now be held in school and involve only pupils and staff. Collection boxes for donations will be at the Murray Road gates.
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> October	3B Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Upcoming	
Tues 11 <sup>th</sup> October	5S Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Online booking opens for Parents' Consultations
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Disco Y3 & Y4 6.15pm – 7.30pm
Thur 13 <sup>th</sup> October	PTA Disco Y5 & Y6 7.45pm – 9.15pm
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3K Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parents' Consultations

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunizations for Y3 to Y6	
Fri18th November	6T Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> November	6D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	PTA Christmas Fair 5.30pm – 7.30pm	
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm	
Mon12th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm- 3pm	
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm	
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am	
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term – 2pm finish	

