

St Paul's Newsletter – 25.11.22



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Headteacher's Message

Dear St Paul's Families,

It's been another incredibly busy week all round and as well as all the usual business at this time of the year, we have also been interviewing for a new school secretary and additional members of the lunchtime team. This morning, we had our Christmas Panto, where M&M Productions excelled themselves during their performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children had great fun watching their antics. Their laughter could be heard throughout school and they very nearly raised the roof cheering the actors at the end of the show. It was a brilliant way to reward all of the children's efforts and hard work this term and was a well-deserved departure from our normal timetable.



Congratulations to our Y3 and Y4 boys and girls who competed in the School Games Indoor Athletics Competition on Monday. As always, they were a credit to St. Paul's showing exemplary behaviour, supporting each other and trying their very best! They came 2nd in silver medal position out of twenty four schools. This is an incredible achievement as many of our team had very little experience in this discipline. Well done to every member of our team. They will receive their medals in our next Sports' Assembly.



It is also well done to our Boccia team, who took part in the School Games Festival on Wednesday. The children were incredibly enthusiastic, demonstrating excellent skills, tactics and sportsmanship. They won four of their five games and were awarded a participation medal each. Our team thoroughly enjoyed the experience and should be very proud of such a great achievement. Congratulations to them all and thank you, Mrs Foster!



6D's assembly yesterday was all about the children's adventures at Liddington and was inspiring for our younger pupils, who are now excited at the prospect of their own Y6 residential. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us - you must be very proud of your child's efforts!

Along with this Newsletter is the latest edition of our Online Safety Bulletin, featuring information and advice for parents on Roblox, Discord and Yubo. It is only a quick read but it is also a great way to keep up with the latest developments in the apps and platforms aimed at children and young people.

Have a lovely weekend everyone – and if you're a football fan, enjoy the England:USA match!

Mrs Taylor

Ufton Court Trip

Yesterday's Ufton Court Trip was a huge success – thank you Year 4 parents for all of your voluntary contributions which enabled the trip to go ahead in the end. The children had a brilliant time, particularly forming two armies for the re-enactment of the battle between Boudica and the Romans.

We are extremely grateful to those parents who went along to help. Your efforts and those of the teachers, ensured a happy and successful day was had by all, with lots of learning about what life might have been like during Roman times. Thank you, Miss Plumley, for organising and leading the trip.



Sadly, Mrs Bryce missed out on the trip as she has been ill all week. We are hoping to welcome her back on Monday.

Christmas Celebration

Rehearsals are underway for our Christmas Celebration. It has been a few years since our last Christmas visit to church and we are very much looking forward to returning for this festive event.

There are three performances, all held at the church, one during the day and two in the evening. Each performance involves the whole school and **lasts approximately an hour**. We are limited to the number of people we are able to have in church and therefore we issue tickets for the event, two per family. There are 220 tickets for each performance but some are for standing room only, due to the layout of the church. **Booking for tickets is online, please look out for the Parentmail regarding tickets which will be sent out on Monday.**

Children should be dressed in full school uniform for each performance, including school shoes, and will need a warm coat, hat and gloves for the walk up to church. We ask for your support in ensuring your child attends both evening performances, not just the one you have tickets for, to avoid missing readers, actors or great big holes in each year group choir. There is nothing more disheartening for the children than to take to the stage with half of their year group missing.

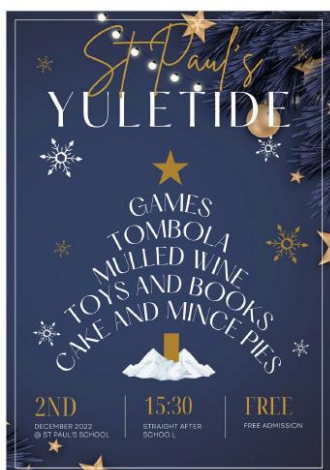
For both evening performances, the children should be dropped off at school at 5.30pm at the playground doors opposite the staffroom (the doors you enter for pick up from the disco etc.) and should go straight to their classrooms where teachers will be waiting to receive them. Those children attending after school club will be collected by staff at 5.30pm. **We always need several extra pairs of hands for each class for the walk up to church and if you will be able to help with walking for any of the performances, please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible.**

The performances themselves are as follows:

- **6pm - Tuesday 13th December (drop off is at school at 5.30pm and pick up is from church at 7pm)**
- **2pm - Wednesday 14th December – this is a change to the original date (children will return to school and should be picked up as normal from the playground)**
- **6pm - Wednesday 14th December (drop off is at school at 5.30pm and collection is from church at 7pm)**

Our one-way system in church at the end of each evening performance and dismissing year groups one by one takes a little time and patience but ensures that we safely reunite pupils and parents. We will send a letter out containing all of this information again and a drawing of the plan of church and pick up routes nearer to the performances, to ensure it remains fresh in everyone's mind.

St Paul's Yuletide - Friday 2nd December 3.30pm – 5.30pm



Donations are as follows:

- Y3 & Y5: chocolate tombola (selection boxes, chocolate Santas, boxes of chocolates or bags of sweets).
- Y4 & Y6: bottle tombola (drinks, toiletries; unopened and in date)

Members of the PTA will be out on the gate next week, from Monday 28th until Friday 2nd, to collect your donations. Please do support us if you can, as we are hoping to raise enough money to buy some fabulous new resources for school!

Friday 2nd of December will be a non-uniform day as a thank you for your donations.

If you have any books, board games or jigsaw puzzles that are complete and in good condition that you would also like to donate, please send them into school too. We do not need any other types of games or toys at this time.



Curriculum Celebration – 6th December 3.30pm – 4.30pm

We will be throwing open the doors so that pupils and parents can visit classrooms to look at displays and examples of work in a variety of curriculum areas. Entry is via the link doors and you will be free to visit any classroom you wish to view some of the learning that we have been doing this term. If you have time to visit a class from each year group, you will be able to see how the children's knowledge and skills develop as our pupils move up through the school.

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 absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk, detailing name, class and the reason that your child is unable to come to school that day. **Please do not worry about phoning school as well – the written record of why your child is absent is what we really need.**

Punctuality

Despite the appeal in last week's Newsletter, we continue to have a high number of children arriving late each day. The gates close at 8.40pm, the time that school starts. Anyone arriving after this time, must be signed in at the Oxford Road entrance of school. The Education Welfare Service regularly monitor our registers for attendance and punctuality is one of the areas they will be reviewing before the end of this term.

HAF Programme – Christmas Bookings Open

The Christmas HAF Programme is now live! The programme is open to any families who are receiving benefits related free school meals (FSMs) and helps to fill the gap for those children during some of the main school holidays (Christmas/Easter/Summer) by providing funded activities and a healthy meal. This is separate from universal free school meals which is for all children from Reception to year 2 and is also separate from pupil premium. Parents must have applied and been accepted for FSMs through their child's school in order to automatically qualify for the HAF programme.

Full details of what is on offer for Primary, Secondary and SEND provisions this Christmas can be found at:

[Book a place on Holiday, Activities and Food programme - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

To participate in the programme, parents need a unique WBC booking code. If you do not yet have a code, you can request one by completing a form online at:

[Holiday, Activities and Food programme - Wokingham Borough Council](#)

If you already have a code, but do not remember it, email: HAF@wokingham.gov.uk

The Christmas programme will consist of:

- Funded holiday clubs for primary aged children (2 days of 6 hours per day)
- Funded supervised activities for secondary aged young people
- Funded holiday club with Reading Football Community Trust or family Stay and Play sessions at Building for the Future for children with SEND
- HAF Christmas Event – a session to attend as a family consisting of activities, crafts, a panto, food and an appearance by Father Christmas, two dates with one date for children with SEND

Funding is limited and therefore not guaranteed. The priority is for those families who are not able to afford any activities for their children during the holidays and where a child/children are identified as vulnerable/in need. Please include as much information as possible on the reason for referral to support the application.

Keep up to date with the HAF Programme by visiting our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HAFprogrammeWoky/>

Emily Bartle - Holiday, Activities and Food Programme Support Officer: Emily.Bartle@wokingham.gov.uk

Help with cost-of-living crisis

The Council and its partners can help you if you're struggling with the cost of living. The impact of the crisis is wider than we've ever seen in Wokingham Borough. More people than are relying on credit cards, asking families members for help, missing meals and their overdrafts to get by. You can go to them for help. Here's how:

Funding for families, food and energy

Almost 2,000 young people who receive means-tested free school meals have had help through the [Household Support Fund](#) already.

If your child gets means-tested free school meals [apply for the Household Support Fund through First Days Children's Charity](#)

If your child does not receive means-tested free school meals we have another grant you can apply for if you are struggling.

If you're struggling with bills or buying food [apply for the Household Support Fund through Age UK Berkshire or Citizens Advice](#)

Please note you are only able to apply for one grant type from the Household Support Fund.

Other support options:

Go to the [cost of living help hub](#) for help and tips open to all

Go to the [help for families with cost of living](#) advice pages

See how you can get [help with household bills](#)

[Register for priority services](#) if you have children aged five or under, you are pregnant or if you or a family member is disabled or has a long term health condition

See services you can contact directly for [help with essentials like food or warm clothes](#)

If you'd prefer to talk to someone, contact One Front Door. This is a service led by Citizens Advice which helps residents find the most appropriate support. Use the [online referral form](#) or call [0808 278 7958](tel:08082787958), Monday to Friday.

And if you're not struggling but have time and want to help others, why not see if you could volunteer locally to support organisations [helping people struggling with the cost of living](#).

Learning to ride a bike

The My Journey Wokingham team are still running our popular Learn to Ride sessions during the Winter months, as they are held indoors at the FBC Centre, in Finchampstead, RG40 4ES. These sessions are aimed for children aged 5 years or over who are struggling to ride a pedal bike without stabilisers. They run after school on Wednesdays, from 4.00 – 5.00pm. There are spaces on the last 2 sessions of this term, due to run on: 30th November and 7th December 2022.

Further details and the link to book online is here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-learn-to-ride-fbc-16-november-2022/>

Sessions cost £6 per but anyone who is unable to meet the costs should contact: myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk to discuss options.

Be Bright Be Seen Competition

Details of the competition can be found here: <https://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/be-bright-be-seen-quiz/>
The deadline for entries is 30th November 2022 and the winner will be awarded with a class set of high vis jackets with our school logo printed on the back.

Reading Agency- Winter Mini Challenge

The 2022 Winter Mini Challenge, presented by The Reading Agency in partnership with Science Museum Group starts on 1st December. The Summer Reading Challenge 2022 saw thousands of children reading and exploring science and innovation as part of this year's Gadgeteers theme. Now that it's getting chilly and the winter holidays are approaching, we're back with even more fun experiments and reading encouragement. Children can join the Gadgeteers as they use their ingenuity and creativity to keep everyone entertained during a snowstorm. Get ready for cool do-it-at-home experiments and learn along the way as you read for pleasure with the Winter Mini Challenge!

The Challenge runs from 1 December 2022 to 20 February 2023.

More information on the Challenge and how to get involved can be found at wintermini.org.uk.

The Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge

The Little Explorers Book Club Library Challenge is a great way for young children to discover their local library. It is open to library members aged 7 and under.

- Each child needs to have their own library card
- Children collect a stamp each time they borrow books
- Collect six stamps to get a certificate
- Ten certificates to collect

Contact your local library branch for more information. Wokingham Libraries are also running the following activities throughout the Christmas holidays:

- Storytime- with children's author Fiona Barker
- Finchampstead Library- Wed 21st Dec 10:30am
- Wokingham Library- Wed 21st 2.30pm
- Lower Earley Library- Thurs 22nd 10:30am
- Woodley Library- Thurs 22nd 2:30 pm
- Get Arty - Wokingham Library- December 22nd, 10:30-11:30

PE Timetables

On indoor PE days, pupils should come to school in uniform, bringing their kit with them to change into. All pupils should come to school in outdoor kit each Thursday.

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

17th Oct	7th Nov	14th Nov	21st Nov	28th Nov	5th Dec	13th Dec	14th Dec	15th Dec
4R	6D	4P	6T	6B	5K	3K	3B	3H

Diary Dates	
Next Week	
Mon 28 th – Fri 2 nd December	Donations for the St Paul's Yuletide Celebration
Fri 2 nd December	4R Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Fri 2 nd December	St Paul's Yuletide 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Upcoming	
Tue 6 th December	Curriculum Celebration 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Tues 13 th	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 6.00pm – 7pm
Wed 14 th December	Christmas Celebration, St Paul's Church 2pm – 3pm & 6.00pm – 7pm
Fri 16 th December	5D Class Assembly 9.00am – 9.15am
Tues 20 th December	End of term – 2pm finish





Christmas Camp and Inset Fun Day @ St. Pauls Junior School

Open To Boys and Girls Aged 4 - 11

Venue: St. Pauls Junior School,
Wokingham RG41 2YJ

Dates:
Christmas Camp: Wednesday 21st -
Friday 23rd December

Inset Day: 4th January

What We Offer:
Football, Multi Skills, Cricket, Dodgeball
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More Information...

Timings:

Normal Day: 10:00am - 3:30pm
Extended Day: 08:30am - 5:30pm

Prices:

Full Week Booking Normal Day: £76.00
Full Week Booking Extended Day: £103.00
One Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00
One Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

Inset Day Booking Normal Day: £28.00
Inset Day Booking Extended Day: £38.00

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What to expect

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- ★ The kid's favourite WOW activities - Mission Possible, Target Archery, Ultimate Frisbee and much more!
- ★ Winter-themed Activities - Winter-themed sports, snowball relays, snow globe making, scavenger hunts and more!
- ★ Winter Wonderland Activities - from decorate the tree creations, Winter parties, candy cane playdough, greeting cards, 'snow'ball battles and more!

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- Wellness Kidz
- Energetic Kidz
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