



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,



Keeping our community safe is paramount but the fact that we have been unable to host any of our normal scheduled events for the last eight months - New Parents' Afternoon, Curriculum Information Evening, Parents Workshops or Open Mornings - has limited every opportunity for face to face communication. Having so few chances to speak with you is frustrating and it is certainly not how we like things to be. We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our upcoming virtual Parents' Consultations as this will give us time with you to celebrate your child's achievements this term and share their next steps in terms of the targets they have been set.

This week, we welcomed two new members of staff. Miss Owen, who has joined our team of Learning Mentors and will also be working as a Lunchtime Controller. We also welcomed Mrs Adeel to the lunchtime team and, sadly, said farewell to Mrs Bannan. We wish her well in her new job

We normally mark Remembrance Day with a special whole school assembly in the hall but as we are still unable to gather our school family together, on Wednesday, after observing two minutes silence, we watched the Wokingham Town Council Act of Remembrance. Today's assembly was led by the new curate for St Paul's, Cara Smart. It was a lovely reminder of how important it is that we learn from the past and live our lives as people of peace.



Thank you very much for the positive feedback regarding our new arrangements for homework – we are delighted that you are so pleased with the new arrangements. No one wants to spend their whole weekend working, so having a range of activities, some long and some short, with different submission dates, makes it manageable for pupils by spreading their work out across the week. We have had good feedback from the children too and the teachers are very pleased with the quality of the tasks that they have submitted so far. This week's Homework schedule has already been posted in MS Teams.



We are very appreciative of everyone's efforts in helping us follow the government's guidelines on social distancing. As with the other areas in the South East, cases of Covid-19 are rising in the Wokingham Borough, with the majority occurring through community transmission, so it is very important to take every precaution to limit the chance of catching or spreading the virus.

While the government has advised that we can meet with one person from another household in an outdoor public setting such as a park or public garden, it is important to remember that the fewer people you meet, the less the virus is likely to spread. Please limit the number of different people you meet and maintain social distancing practices as this will help us keep our school fully open. Further government guidance on social distancing can be found [here](#).

To all of our families celebrating this weekend, we wish you a joyful, prosperous and happy Diwali.



Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

What Have We Been Up To This Week

Intra-School Athletics Competition

The children have been working on their athletics skills during their PE lessons before half term and this culminated in the first of our intra-school competitions. School sport and competitions can be used to settle all children in their return to school post COVID-19 and provide opportunities for challenge, connectedness and friendship, giving the children support and a sense of belonging whilst having fun. All the challenges have been specifically designed around the skills learned during PE lessons and are accessible to all the children.

The aims of the competition are:

- Provide a sense of teamwork within their class bubble;
- Self-competition as well as competing against their peers;
- Have fun during PE by working towards a common goal;
- Provide fully inclusive activities allowing every child to contribute to a class total.

The children all took part in sprint races and a Standing Long Jump challenge. Congratulations to all the children who participated with great enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see so many smiles on the children's faces and hear them all encouraging each other to do their best.

The current leaders in each year group are:

Y3 – 3L

Y4 – 4C

Y5 – 5K

Y6 – 6N

Mrs Foster, PE & Games Co-ordinator

St Paul's PTA Fundraising



The PTA has collaborated with Christmas Tree Express to raise funds. This year why not treat your family to a real Christmas tree delivered straight to your door. Use the code in the flyer below and you will receive £5.00 off the cost of a tree, and Christmas Tree Express will donate a further £5.00 to the school.

If you want to contact the PTA either email: PTA@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk or find them on Facebook: PTA information for St Paul's.

St Paul's PTA

Youth Sports Trust After School Sport Club

Every weekday at 5pm until the end of term (18December) the Youth Sports Trust are running a free 30-minute online club for all children and young people to do some sport, develop skills and have fun in the comfort of their own homes.

The After School Sport Club will be led by Athlete Mentors from different backgrounds, abilities and sports. The first session will take place on Thursday 12 November at 5pm, with the world's number one female inline skater and ten times British Champion, Jenna Downing.

Every day at 5pm from 16 November until 18 December, children and young people can join in with the live broadcast for free on our [YouTube](#) channel. Join in the conversation on social using #YSTAfterSchool and tagging @YouthSportTrust across all social media channels. You might need items from around your home for some sessions, but we'll give some ideas ahead of each club to adapt if you don't have these items.

The different daily themes are below:

Adventure Monday – This might involve getting children to do floor, wall climbing and map reading all within their living room

Tuesday Play – Imaginative play utilising resources in the house to create games and activities to get active

Wild Wednesday – Some high tempo competitive activities involving personal challenges

Thinking Thursday – Introducing cognitive challenges for children through movement. Active noughts and crosses and introducing an element of competition – whether that be against themselves, the clock, their siblings or remotely with friends

Fun Friday – A chance for children to let loose and have some fun. Dancing and doing what makes them feel good.

For more information see the link <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>

Mrs Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

Flu Immunisations – DateChange

As notified via ParentMail, the community school nursing team have brought forward the date of the flu immunisations for our pupils and this will now take place on **Wednesday 18th November**. If you want your child to receive the flu immunisation it is vital that you complete the online form. All information has previously been sent via ParentMail. Without a completed form, your child will not be able to receive the immunization.



Protecting Children's Data



For everything you need to know about protecting your child's data, please follow the link below:

<https://blog.nationalonlinesafety.com/news/protecting-childrens-data>

Design a Reflector Competition



The My Journey Team are launching another competition, this time to highlight Be Bright Be Seen. Children are being asked to design a high-vis clip on reflector, and the winning design will be made into reflectors for all pupils at the winner's school. Please see the flyer below for details on how to enter together with a template. Closing date is 4th December 2020.

Traffic & Transport Team, WBC

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**Pupil
Achievements**



We always enjoy celebrating our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. If there is something that you would like us to include in a newsletter, please email office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

Golden Certificate Winners

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



Year 3

3B

- 3B – being a wonderful team, looking after one another and trying their best.
- Amelia – working hard and taking more responsibility for her learning.
- Vir – demonstrating an improved attitude to learning, which has resulted in a better quality of work being produced.
- Luca – showing more focus and concentration in lessons, which has resulted in better progress.

3D

- 3D – 100% attendance for the week 9th-13th November 2020.
- Theo – always taking care with the presentation of his work.
- Darsh – always showing enthusiasm for learning and being willing to share his ideas.

3L

- Rohan – working independently and having the confidence to have a go.
- Nicolas – comprehensive answers in guided reading, using the text for evidence to back up his answer.
- Matilda – always being focused and engaged in her learning.

Year 4

4C

- ◆ Rimass – progress in Maths.
- ◆ Charlotte – positive attitude to learning.

4L

- ◆ Aidan – always trying to be the best version of himself.
- ◆ Dylan – a great attitude towards learning.

Year 5

5K

- Selma – always trying her best in everything she does.
- Joseph – persevering when tasks are challenging and working hard to complete these.

5S

- Riley – fantastic independent sewing.
- Vismay – excellent commitment to spelling homework.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Robin – sensible behaviour at all times and conscientious attitude towards all areas of the curriculum.
- ❖ Sophia – sensible behaviour at all times and conscientious attitude towards all areas of the curriculum.

◆ 6G

- ❖ Sophia – positivity and resilience when learning how to do long division.

Pen Licence

When the children show consistently fluent, cursive handwriting in terms of letter formation and size and joining and spacing, in all of their work, they will be awarded a Pen Licence.



Congratulations to these children, who have been awarded their Pen Licence this week:

5K

- Nia
- Kelisha
- Bruce
- Alina
- Vyan
- Elyssa

5S

- Rohit
- Aleena
- Lola
- Samuel

6B

- ◆ Xander

Diary Dates 2020

Wednesday 18th November

Flu Immunisation - All Year Groups

Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th November
Tuesday 24th & Wednesday 25th November

Parents' Consultations

Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website [here](#)

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Christmas trees to help the PTA fund! Support

ST PAUL'S JUNIOR SCHOOL

This year treat the family to a beautiful, real Christmas tree delivered straight to your door.

Buy a Christmas tree through www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk this year and receive £5 off any tree and a further £5 will be donated to the school PTA! Please use the unique code below.

Choose from 4Ft, 6Ft and 8Ft, enter your school code and receive £5 off at checkout. Christmas Tree Express will then give a further £5 to the school. Delivery is included.

Pre-order your tree today with the code:

PAUL2020

and we will give you

£5.00

OFF your order*

Order. Decorate. Enjoy.

www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk

*Code is valid until 29th November, or until we sell out, so please order ASAP!

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

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
<p>My child has 1 or more of COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 10 days have passed since test
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>School will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps regarding bubble closures</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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).
<p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 14 days have passed

Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days from day after returning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quarantine period of 14 days from day after returning has passed
My child's class/bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak	<p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School has informed you of when the class/bubble will be reopened.
My child tests negative	<p>INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE NEGATIVE RESULT via the absence mailbox absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss when your child will be able to return (when better). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When they feel better
My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19	<p>Contact the school office to inform us on a daily basis 0118 9785219 or via absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When they feel better or after 48 hours since last bout of sickness/diarrhea.