



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

The children have worked extremely hard this term and we are proud of their achievements! They have certainly earned a well-deserved break from school.

Talking of achievements, congratulations to Jack Odey and Rhys Hooper who spent weeks planning and preparing a special whole school assembly on Diabetes. It was an interesting and informative presentation and pupils and staff left the hall impressed with the boys' knowledge, and feeling inspired by their attitude.

On Mother's Day, our choir gave a stellar performance as part of the WASMA concert, participating in a splendid evening of music, song and dance at the Hexagon. Each made an impressive contribution and 'stood out from the crowd' with their impeccable behaviour and fabulous singing. Special thanks to Miss Brown for preparing and rehearsing the choir, and to Miss Lavrich, Miss Osborne, Mrs Foster and Mrs Allen for supporting them on the day.

On 21st March, the governors spent the morning in school, visiting classrooms and talking to children and members of staff about learning. They got to see the 'Word of The Day' initiative and the impact this is having on the quality of writing throughout the school. Some also gained insight into the effects of the training and development work the teachers have undertaken in order to deepen pupils' understanding of mathematical concepts. Friday's INSET day focused on maths, with the teachers and Learning Mentors having 'hands on' training with a range of maths manipulatives to further support their teaching of this subject. Maths features in this year's School Development Plan, along with writing, so having the governors in school, looking at the progress we are making, enabled them to monitor our improvement work.

We couldn't end the term without expressing thanks to our fabulous PTA Committee and the team of parent helpers who ensured that this week's discos were such a success. The children had a great time and it was a good way to help round off this term. Special thanks to Mr Millen for braving the elements and directing traffic in the pouring rain! The PTA are now beavering away on plans for the Family BBQ and the Summer Fair, details of which will be sent out after the holidays. Thanks also to our reading volunteers, who generously give up an hour a week to support pupils with their reading. If you have an hour per week to spare and would like to volunteer, please contact the office to find out more details. Training will be provided.

It is hard to believe that we are already two thirds of the way through the year! Next term promises to be very busy with: Bikeability; Sports Day; SATS; Leavers' Production; and the Family BBQ to name just a few of the special events planned. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 23rd April. Happy Easter.
Mrs Taylor
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

April 23 START OF TERM

April 24 – May 9 Year 5
Bikeability Courses

April 25 SATS Information
Evening for Parents, 6.30pm

May 2 Year 4 Ufton Court Trip

May 6 Bank Holiday – SCHOOL
CLOSED

May 10 3H Class Assembly,
9.15am

May 13-16 Year 6 SATs Week

Safeguarding

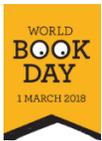
With the advent of more and more internet-enabled devices for children, it is important for parents to know how to help their child use these devices safely. For the latest tips from Think You Know, follow the [link](#)

Should your child complain of feeling bored over the Easter holiday, why not encourage them to check out the [Primary Zone](#) at the UK Safer Internet Centre. Here they will find films, storybooks and other fun sites, with plenty of information to help them enjoy their time and stay safe online.

Bikeability – Unwanted Bicycle Appeal

At the very beginning of next term, Year 5 will embark on their Bikeability training at school, giving them the competency skills for safe cycling.

Not all children that wish to participate currently have bicycles, and the school currently has a very limited pool of suitable spares. If you have any unwanted bicycles at home that are in a serviceable road-safe condition, and are happy to donate them to the school for future use, please could you contact the school office on 0118 978 5219. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



In March, we celebrated World Book Day with the children coming into school in a variety of costumes. We held a special assembly about Oxfam's 'Message in a Book' campaign. Thank you to everyone who brought in a book to donate to Oxfam. The children all made a tremendous effort with their costumes, and below you'll be able to see a selection of some of the characters we saw on the day.



A huge thank you to everyone who sent their child in with money to buy a Red Nose. The money raised really does make a difference. We'll let you know the total amount raised very soon.

Sustainable Eating Project

Plant based proteins help to reduce the impact our eating has on the planet, alongside having a positive impact on our health. The Caterlink development chefs have been working on recipes that are 50% plant based to include powerful proteins such as beans, chickpeas and lentils.

They have invited St Paul's to trial some of their new 50% plant based recipes on our summer term menu. We have agreed to be involved in the trials and the following meals will be based on their new recipes:

- Beef bolognaise;
- Beef lasagna;
- Chicken and bean fajitas;
- Chicken tikka masala.

Further information about the new recipes can be found at the end of this newsletter and posters will be displayed in the hall.

Run the World



Another really good week last week, with the children running an impressive 9,103 laps between them. This has been converted to 2,275 miles, which will take us from Lima in Peru to Santiago in Chile.

Congratulations to 5K for running the most laps in the week (1,292) and to Year 4 for running the most laps across the week (3,091) – well done everyone!

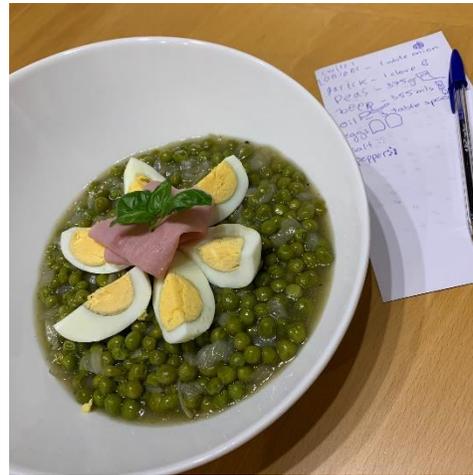
The world map on the PE and Games noticeboard is updated every week to show our running journey.

Uniform and PE Kits

Please ensure that all items of clothing and shoes that come into school have your child's name on it. It's much easier to reunite lost articles with their owners if they are named.

Young Pea Chef of the Year

Isabel has recently submitted her entry for the Young Pea Chef of the Year in the hope of winning £500 for a Grow Your Own School Project. Young chefs are asked to create a dish showcasing peas. We all wish Isabel the very best of luck!



World Book Day



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MMR Catch Up For Year 2 Students

The School Immunisation Team are offering a MMR catch up for Year 2 pupils. For any parents who have children in Year 2, please see further details in the flyer below.

Trial Keyboard and Piano Lessons with Berkshire Maestros



Along with many other instruments, Berkshire Maestros offer Keyboard and Piano lessons at school and the piano/keyboard teacher currently has vacancies. If your child is keen to learn the keyboard/piano, and would like a trial lesson, please send an email to RaphaelBardwell@berkshiremaestros.org.uk Trial sessions can then be arranged.

Raphael Bardwell, Berkshire Maestros

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Diary Dates	
Tuesday 23 April	START OF TERM
Wednesday 24 April – Thursday 9 May	Year 5 Bikeability Courses
Thursday 25 April	SATs Parent Information Evening, 6.30-7.30pm
Thursday 2 May	Year 4 Ufton Court Trip
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 10 May	3H Class Assembly, 9.15am
Monday 13 – Thursday 16 May	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 17 May	5P Class Assembly, 9.15am
Friday 17 May	PTA Family BBQ
Wednesday 22 May	SRE Video for Year 5 Parents
Thursday 23 May	6W Class Assembly, 9.15am
Friday 24 May	5S Class Assembly, 9.15am
Monday 27 – Friday 31 May	Half Term – SCHOOL CLOSED

What are Plant Based Proteins?

Plant Based Proteins are powerful proteins such as beans, chickpeas and lentils.



Plant based proteins help to reduce the impact our eating has on the planet, by producing less greenhouse gases than meat or dairy.



Eating more plant based proteins will also use up less resources such as land and water, as well as helping reduce the loss of animal and plant species.



Look out for the plant based proteins within your school meals!



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Plant based proteins are foods such as beans, chickpeas and lentils.



They contain powerful proteins to help us to build, maintain and repair the tissue that make up our bodies!



They also contain lots of fibre to keep our hearts healthy, and help us with digestion.



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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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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

Calling all year 2 parents...

Is your child protected against MMR?

Measles • Mumps • Rubella

All children in the UK are usually offered the MMR vaccine at 12 months and again at 3 years and 4 months, which means they would be fully protected against these diseases by the time they start Primary School.

To make sure your child's vaccines are up to date either check your child's personal child health record (red book) or contact your GP.



If your child is not up to date with their MMR vaccines it is not too late to get this done

Contact us

School aged immunisation team...



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West Berkshire - 0118 920 7575