



# NEWSLETTER

**ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Autumn 2 2017**

We are already half way through the first half term and already so much has happened. We've had a tremendously busy few weeks, with lots of exciting new developments around learning.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Curriculum Information Evening and for all of your positive feedback about this event. As always, we want to engage parents and provide insight into the lessons that the children experience at St Paul's.

Last Monday, Ruth Bennie (Diocesan Link Advisor) spent the morning in school, visiting classrooms to look at the quality of learning. We were delighted with her positive feedback which reflected the interesting and engaging lessons she saw across the school.

We are also very pleased that once again WBC have categorised our school as Good. This reflects the strengthened outcomes for pupils achieved in summer 2017, and the clear strengths of the school as identified in our 2016 SIAMS inspection.

Open Morning was well attended by parents and prospective parents. A common theme from our visitors was how nice it was to be able to see the school at work and gain an insight into daily life at St Paul's. Some of our new House Captains did a marvellous job of making our visitors feel welcome. Comments included, "Lovely to see how hard the children work," "It was a pleasure to see children so engaged in their learning," "It was nice to see that the children who had been out at i-Rock got straight back on task when back in the class," "Lovely, friendly atmosphere at St Paul's," and finally, "Lovely to see the children doing maths and looking happy!"

## LEARNING NEWS

### Talk4writing

Just before the start of term, the teaching staff undertook training in Talk4writing techniques. Proven to raise attainment, this is powerful approach because it enables children to imitate the language they need for a particular topic orally before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version. For more information follow the link [www.talk4writing.co.uk/about](http://www.talk4writing.co.uk/about)

### Paired Reading

On Friday, we launched a new paired reading scheme with pupils from Year 6 working alongside those from Year 4, and children from Year 5 working with Year 3. Evidence has shown that this approach can significantly improve the reading skills of both pupils in each partnership, as it develops key concepts of fluency and comprehension, enabling children to use discussion to learn, elaborate and explain about what they have read.

Although very early days, initial signs for both of these new methods have been very positive, with children and staff highly engaged and enjoying these fresh approaches to developing key literacy skills.

## LIDDINGTON 2017

Our Year 6 pupils and staff team are due to depart tomorrow morning. They will be travelling to Liddington PGL site, just outside Swindon and are due to return on Friday afternoon. To follow their adventure, click the link at the top of the Welcome page of our website. [http://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website/y6\\_at\\_liddington\\_2017/29839](http://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website/y6_at_liddington_2017/29839)

Year 6 parents, please check out today's page for last minute information and FAQs. This may save you a phone call to school.

**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. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS J M TAYLOR, DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER.**

## HUSTINGS & ELECTIONS FOR HOUSE CAPTAINS

The Hustings were phenomenal this year! We saw so many high calibre presentations, where pupils had thought very carefully about why they wanted to stand for the position of House Captain and which qualities each had that made them a good candidate for the job. Having to choose was a difficult process, every child that stood could quite easily have taken on the role. 34 children applied and of these, 8 were successful, receiving the highest number of votes in total. Before announcing the winners, we have to sing the praises of the following pupils for putting themselves out there, writing and rehearsing speeches and 'wowing' a 400 strong audience made up of friends, classmates, staff and every other pupil in the school.

Lewis – Hannah Randall, Murrlyn Barbour, Florence Blinkhorn, Ani Shah, Alfred Imberg, Owen Beckett

Walter – Emilia Hamilton, Beatrice Jonusaite, Charlotte Waller, Lara Morgan, Emma Conaghan, Niamh Rooney, Ed Rea, Daniel Stanley, Taylor Muldoon, Owen Duxbury, Jaidon Elliott, Elliot Lewis

Jameson – Shree Gomathisankar, Anna Ashbee, Jemima Hargreaves, Faye Tonner, Eleanor Towse, Hasan Mushtaq, Samuel Duckworth, John Cameron Staunton, Jonatan Gere, Ronnie Robinson

Selwyn – Lily Eggleton, Vlada Rangu, Melisska Jablonska, Zain Hussain, Ewan Ransom, Alfie East

Congratulations go to our elected House Captains:

Florence and Owen – Lewis

Beatrice and Elliott – Walter

Eleanor and Samuel – Jameson

Vlada and Ewan - Selwyn

## JEANS FOR GENES

Thank you for your generosity. Our non-uniform day raised £378.10 for this very worthy cause.

## YEAR 3 PARENTS' TRANSITION QUESTIONNAIRE

We will shortly send out a Transition Questionnaire to our Year 3 parents. Please do take a few minutes to complete the survey as your feedback is invaluable. We review the results for monitoring purposes and where possible use your suggestions to improve future transition arrangements.

## CLUBS

| Monday                         | Tuesday                            | Wednesday                            | Thursday                         | Friday              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Running Club – 07.45am         | Years 5/6 Badminton Club – 07.45am | Judo Club – 07.55am                  | Gymnastics Club – 07.45am        | Yoga Club – 07.45am |
| Years 3/4 Badminton – 07.45am  | Lunchtime Lego Club                | Chess Club – 3.30pm                  | French Club 3.30pm               | Football 3.30pm     |
| Years 3/4 Football - Lunchtime | Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm  | Years 5/6 Scrapbooking Club – 3.30pm | Years 4/5/6 Football - Lunchtime |                     |
|                                |                                    | Multisports – 3.30pm                 |                                  |                     |
|                                |                                    | All Years Girls Football - lunchtime |                                  |                     |

**DIARY DATES – Please do remember to regularly check the school website calendar**

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| Tuesday 3rd – Friday 6th October             | Year 6 Residential Trip to PGL Liddington             |
| Monday 9th October                           | Year 6 - National Childhood Measurement Programme     |
| Monday 9th October – 2.45 pm                 | Year 6 Girls to Visit the Holt School                 |
| Tuesday 10th October                         | Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Years 3 & 4                |
| Wednesday 11th October                       | Year 3 Stone Age Day                                  |
| Monday 16th October                          | Year 5 visit to Winchester Science Centre             |
| Wednesday 18th October – 11.00 am            | Harvest Festival in St Paul’s Church                  |
| Friday 20th October                          | Individual pupil photos – sibling photos from 8.00 am |
| Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October            | HALF TERM   |
| Tuesday 31st October – 3.50pm – 7.30pm       | Parents’ Evening                                      |
| Wednesday 1st November – 9.15 am             | Open Morning  |
| Wednesday 8th November <b>8.50am-11.10am</b> | Parents’ Evening                                      |
| Wednesday 29th November                      | Year 3 Christingle Workshop                           |
| Saturday 2nd – Sunday 3rd December           | Festival of Angels – Wokingham Methodist Church       |
| Friday 24th November                         | NON-UNIFORM DAY for PTA Christmas Fair Tombola        |
| Friday 1st December – 5.00 pm                | PTA Christmas Fair                                    |
| Friday 1st December – 9.15 am                | Open Morning  |
| Sunday 10th December                         | Loddon Valley Christmas Concert (Choir)               |
| Tuesday 12th December – 2.00 pm & 5.30 pm    | Christmas Celebration – St Paul’s Church              |
| Wednesday 13th December – 5.30 pm            | Christmas Celebration – St Paul’s Church              |
| Monday 18th December                         | PTA Christmas Discos                                  |
| Tuesday 19th December                        | END OF TERM – FINISH AT 2.00 PM                       |