



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

It is very early days, but we are pleased with the feedback we have received to date regarding the recent changes we have made to Homework. We agree that a renewed focus on reading, spelling, the development of vocabulary and good comprehension will benefit every child, even those who are considered 'free readers'. Removing the need for a username or password has eradicated many of the issues associated with logging in and accessing homework should now be problem free. Homework for all year groups is set every Monday and accessed via the Children's page. If you have yet to have a look, you will find it [here](#)

Today, we were sorry to say farewell to Mrs Hennessey, one of our Year 6 Learning Mentors. She leaves us for pastures new, taking up a position in a local gym. She was presented with flowers and a gift in Assembly this morning and we wish her every success in her new job.

On Monday, we will be welcoming a new pupil, Veda Gorthy, to our school family. Veda recently moved from South Wales and will be joining the children and Miss Lavrich in 6L.

We have had several enquiries about opening/closing times for the Murray Gates. They are opened by staff at 8.30am, the doors into school open at 8.40am and the gates are locked at 8.50am - the start of school. They reopen at 3.15pm and close promptly again at 3.45pm. Any child who has not been collected by this time will be taken to the office and parents contacted.

The forecast for this weekend is good – enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Taylor

We need your help!

The office is inundated with parents dropping off forgotten items to be delivered to class, such as water bottles and lunchboxes. Over the course of the last two weeks, we have had over 90 items brought in after school has started. You can imagine how disruptive for the children this is as their learning is being constantly interrupted by deliveries.

If your child has forgotten their lunch, water bottle or PE kit, please do not worry. Another trip to school is not necessary as we will be able to provide

Upcoming Events

October 1

Open Morning 9.00-9.45 am

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Liddington Parents' Information Evening
6.30-7.30pm, parking on the playground available from 6.15pm

October 4

TVRL – Blue Coat School

October 8

School Photos/Sibling Photos

Safeguarding

YouTube

You Tube has recently introduced a tool called 'Time Watched' which allows you to see how long your child has spent on the platform. There is an option to set a time limit and an option to block unsuitable sites.

Mobile Phones in School

We do not encourage children to bring mobile phones to school but many of our older pupils do. This is on the understanding that they are switched off on arrival at the gates and handed to the class teacher for safekeeping. Phones are returned at the very end of the day and should not be switched on until exiting the site.

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them with access to water, a school lunch and loan of PE kit. If for any reason a spare kit is not available, we will still ensure that we involve your child in the lesson. If you have forms or letters that need returning to the office, please post them in the Post Box situated on the wall of Meadow Nursery by our small wooden gate, when dropping off or picking up. This is emptied on a regular basis and saves you walking round to the main entrance and further unnecessary interruptions for the admin team.

If it is an absolute emergency and you have no choice but to drop off items, they should be left in the wooden box in the main reception. There you will find labels and a pen for you to mark the item with your child's name and class. House Captains will empty the box every day at 9.55-10.15am and also at lunchtime at 1.15pm.

If it becomes apparent as you drop your child off before school, that they have forgotten something, please reassure them that we will be able to provide an alternative in most cases. For musical instruments and any other specialist equipment that you will be bringing in, please remind them to come down and check the box themselves at break or lunch.

Pupil Achievements

Chloe Collier recently passed her pre-bronze dance test 1 in ballroom dancing with Honours. Well done Chloe!

Maestros and iRock Music Lessons

If your child has a Maestros or iRock music lesson, please remind them in the morning what time their lesson is. Timetables are emailed directly to parents by iRock and Maestros, so please ensure that your child knows when their lesson time is. If they can't remember, all timetables are displayed on the notice board by the link doors in the playground so remind them to check.

School Photographs – date for the diary

The photographer will be in school on Monday 8th October 2018 to take individual and group photographs. If you have more than one child in school, we will arrange for them to be photographed together. If you have other children, either pre-school or older children, and would like them to be photographed with their siblings, the photographer will be in the hall from 8.00 am onwards and pictures will be taken on a first come, first-served basis. Please enter the school via the link doors from the playground. There could be a wait for this service, so we have advised Walter Infants/ Meadow Nursery that your child may arrive later than usual that morning.

Parents will receive the proof print in the first week after half term, and orders can be placed online or by returning your order to school. Online orders for delivery to a home address will incur a postage and packaging fee (check proof print for costs). Orders placed through school will not incur a postage and packaging fee. Orders should be received within 2 weeks of the cut-off date for placing orders.

PE & Games

Reminder: For outdoor games, the children are permitted to wear a plain navy or black tracksuit. Football Team shirts, whilst very popular, are not school kit and therefore not allowed. They are permitted for clubs only. Even if a child has lunchtime football and an after school club, they will not be allowed to stay in football team strip between lunch and the end of the school day, as this is not school uniform and unfair to every other child who follows the school rules.

Sporting News

A team of 10 boys and girls recently took part in a mixed football tournament at Willowbank Junior School in Woodley. Twenty two schools were divided into four pools. Our team played brilliantly, particularly as they had never played together before. They came 4th in their pool, just missing out on 3rd place on goal difference. Well done to everyone who took part. The Player of the tournament was Ruby Dalmedo. Congratulations, Ruby!

Mrs Foster, PE & Sport Coordinator



Can you help?

In our efforts to continue to improve the site, we would like to remove the raised planting beds from the Prayer Garden. The beds have served us well over the years but they have reached the end of their life expectancy and are beginning to disintegrate.

To improve safety in this area, we are hoping to raise a working party of volunteers to assist in the removal of the soil (approximately 3 tons of earth!) and to dismantle the beds.

We are seeking volunteers, armed with wheelbarrows and spades, to assist with this project on Saturday 3rd November 2018 from 9am – 11am. If you are able to spare an hour or two, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

| Diary Dates | |
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| Monday 1 st October | Open Morning: 9.00-9.45am |
| Monday 1 st October | Liddington Parents Information Meeting: 6.30-7.30pm |
| Thursday 4 th October | TVRL – Blue Coat |
| Monday 8 th October | School Photos/Sibling Photos |
| Monday 22 nd – Friday 26 th October | HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED |
| Monday 29 th October | INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED |

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Message from Energy Kidz

Energy Kidz October Half Term Holiday Club

There are only two weeks left for parents to claim an exclusive 10% discount on all October Half Term bookings. Energy Kidz will be running their fun-filled Holiday Club at a location near you in Berkshire for the duration of the week. Energy Kidz Holiday Clubs provide fantastic, themed activities for children and reliable childcare for parents.

The theme for October Half Term is Explore the Outback which will give children the opportunity to play Dingo Dodgeball, participate in Bush Tucker Trials and get crafty creating Cork Hats alongside many other exciting and engaging activities.

You can now secure your place with an exclusive 10% Early Bird discount. Book using the code **EOCT18-1** to claim your discount via our website <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/>. For further information, competition giveaways and Holiday Club updates, visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/energykidz/>.

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