



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

What a cold and frosty start to the day – Christmas is definitely on its way!

A heartfelt thanks to all those of you who are following our guidance and helping us to keep our school community safe. We are doing everything we possibly can to keep our school fully open and your ongoing help is much appreciated. If you are one of our families with siblings attending St Paul's and wait in the astro turf area for drop off/ pick up, to avoid pupils from different class bubbles mixing, please ensure that your child remains by your side at all times. We ask that you observe 2metres social distancing from other adults in this area.



For some time now, we have wanted to move to a warm packed lunch option and the good news is that now that Caterlink have recruited a new cook for St Pauls, we will be doing so from 7<sup>th</sup> December onwards. The menu can be found on our website [here](#).



It will take more than a pandemic to stop us from having some festive fun! We have a calendar of events planned to spread some Christmas cheer and help the children enjoy the run up to the end of term. This year, our beautiful Christmas tree will be erected on the playground by our site team, Mr Walsh and Mr Rothwell. Each class will feature in this year's Christmas Celebration and once filming has finished, we will post our video on MS Teams. Plans are in place for class Christmas parties and we will be holding a live festive quiz, where classes and their teachers will pit their wits against one another. We have sent an invitation to the North Pole, inviting Santa to be our Quiz Master - fingers crossed that he is not too busy to join us! We are hoping that he might also consider judging our competition for most 'Christmassy' classroom too. Father Richard is racking his brains as to how we can overcome the current restrictions and still manage to end the term with our traditional Twelve days of Christmas and we will keep you posted about this and share more information about these events in next week's Newsletter.

For obvious reasons our Christmas Post Box will be out of commission this year and if your child would like to send a Christmas card, we ask that they send just one to their whole class. These will be read out to the class by the teacher and put on display for everyone to enjoy.



Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December and I am delighted that we will be celebrating with a traditional Christmas Lunch. Caterlink have worked hard to come up with a solution to overcome the fact that we are unable to gather as one to eat in the hall. Instead, we will be celebrating with traditional festive fayre, delivered to each classroom. The menu for Christmas lunch can be found on our website [here](#) and further information on how to order will be sent out next week by ParentMail.



This year's pantomime has been booked and is the diary (Oh no it isn't – oh yes, it is) and will be a virtual performance of Jack and the Beanstalk. What a great way to round off the Christmas fun at St Paul's.

We finish early on the final day of term and the staggered ends to keep the classes separate, makes things slightly more complicated this year. We have come up with a plan to avoid clashes with the timings for siblings at Walter and still honour this tradition. The arrangements will be as follows:

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term pick up times:



Year 6: 1.25pm

Year 5: 1.35pm

Year 4: 1.45pm

Year 3: 1.55pm

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor – Headteacher

### What Have We Been Up To This Week



Following an interesting TV programme on Komodo dragons presented by Steve Backshall, the Year 4 children created their own imaginative lizards and wrote a non-chronological report about them. It was wonderful to see them so excited when presenting their findings in the style of Steve Backshall, and having their presentations recorded. Well done Year 4!



6B pledging to put an end to bullying last week.

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

## Road Safety



Please impress upon your child the need to take extra care when walking near parked cars or reversing vehicles. Earlier this week, one of our pupils was knocked by a reversing car. Thankfully the pupil suffered no injuries but was obviously very shaken. Whether you are a driver or pedestrian, please take a good look at your surroundings to ensure that it is clear to walk safely near parked cars, or reverse your vehicle.

## Relationships Education at St Paul's

Children and young people are growing up in an increasingly complex world and living their lives seamlessly on and offline. This presents many positive and exciting opportunities, but also challenges and risks. In this environment, children and young people need to know how to be safe and healthy, and how to manage their academic, personal and social lives in a positive way.

Last year, the government made Relationships Education and Health Education compulsory in all primary schools in England and schools have a duty to have implemented this curriculum by summer 2021. The guiding principles are that the compulsory subject content must be age and developmentally appropriate and taught in a sensitive and inclusive way, with respect to backgrounds and beliefs of pupils and parents, and always with the aim of providing pupils with the knowledge they need of the law. Teaching about mental wellbeing is also central to these subjects.

Schools retain the freedom to determine their curriculum within the bounds of the guidance, including whether or not to teach human reproduction. This is something that has always formed a part of the curriculum at St Paul's, with lessons taking part in the upper school, usually Year 5.

We would like to invite parents to join a working party of staff, governors and parents to help us to develop our new Relationships Policy and curriculum. We are looking for two parents per year group to join staff and governors on this working party. If you would be interested in volunteering, please email [admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk). The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th January at 4pm. For further information, a full copy of the guidance is available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

## Healthy Snacks



We encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for morning break – fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars are all suitable items. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not permitted.

## PE Uniform

Reminder: PE and Games Kit are part of our school uniform. Only a white t-shirt, plain navy blue or black shorts, joggers/sweatshirt or tracksuit are permitted (a base layer can be worn underneath to protect from the cold, but this should be either white/blue/black. We are seeing lots of brightly coloured t-shirts and leggings being worn during PE/Games lessons at the moment. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

## First News Digital Edition



The children can now access a digital edition of *First News* by logging into their MS Teams account and selecting the 'Cohort' option.

*First News* is a UK newspaper for young readers. It is published in a full colour tabloid format every Friday, and aims to present current events and politics in a child-friendly format, alongside news on entertainment, sport and computer games.

## Wokingham Christmas Windows



Churches Together in Wokingham are encouraging a new initiative for Advent. This festive season, why not brighten up our town and spread some joy by decorating a window in your home with scenes from the Christmas story for all your neighbours to see! For some ideas on how to get started, please see the flyers below or follow the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/wokinghamchristmaswindows>

## Adult Education Courses run by Wokingham Borough Council

### Managing your child's anxiety – online course

26/11/20 and 3/12/20

11:00 - 12:00 or 13:00 -14:00

Learn more about anxiety. Identify the causes and effects of anxiety, signs of anxiety in children and simple tips for families to use to manage every day worries. This interactive, tutor led course is aimed at parents of primary school aged children.

To book a place email [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) or call 07785314603

### Supporting Anxious Teenagers – online course

8/12/20 and 15/12/20

19:30 - 20:30

Learn more about the link between anxiety and the behaviours we see, understand the stresses faced by teenagers that might cause anxiety and explore support strategies families can sue.

To book a place email [adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:adulteducation@wokingham.gov.uk) or call 07785314603

Eligibility - To access these courses you will need to be a Wokingham resident, be over 19 or older as of 31st August 2020, be a citizen of the EEA and have been ordinarily resident in the UK/EEA for at least 3 years (NB a number of exemptions also apply, if you are not an EEA citizen please contact us to check your eligibility).

All of these courses are delivered online by our tutors in small groups and available free to Wokingham residents. For details of more Adult Education courses visit our course listing website <https://sites.google.com/prod/view/wokingham-acl?id=courses>

Adult Education Coordinator, Wokingham Borough Council

## PTA Fundraising

The PTA are continuing to raise funds for our school. Details about two key initiatives are below, and a flyer has been sent out via ParentMail.

Thank you in advance for your support!

**Easy Fundraising:** This is an easy way to raise funds when shopping online. From grocery shopping to home insurance, from lockdown treats to Christmas presents. Visit your favourite retailers through the Easy Fundraising website (<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>) and shop as normal. Once you have made a purchase, the retailer will make a small donation to the PTA – at no extra cost to you. Remember to select 'St Pauls Schools Association Wokingham' as your charity. You can opt in for the donation reminder to make it even easier.

**Smile Amazon:** Smile Amazon is another easy way to donate to the PTA when you shop online. Amazon will donate a small amount of what you spend directly to the PTA. Log into the Smile Amazon website ([www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://www.smile.amazon.co.uk)), select 'St Paul's School Association', and shop as usual."

St Paul's PTA

## Winter Holiday Clubs

For further details on how to book a place for your child, please follow the links to our website.



[Energy Kidz Winter Holiday Club](#)



[Just Play Sports Christmas Club](#)

### 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](mailto: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

- Lyla – consistently working hard and trying her best.

#### 3D

- Evan – always putting 100% effort into his work. Well done!
- Amelia – demonstrating an excellent understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division.

#### 3L

- Nathan – always working to the best of his ability and challenging himself.
- Taisia – being a patient and excellent friend to have.
- Noyun – handing in and completing his homework online to help support his learning in class.

### Year 4

#### 4C

- ◆ Sreeja – her neat presentation in all the subjects.
- ◆ Oliver – his enthusiasm for learning and for always giving 100% effort.

#### 4L

- ◆ Kayleigh – a positive attitude to learning and trying her best.
- ◆ Noah – being a great team player.

#### 4M

- ◆ Dom – never giving up.
- ◆ Jueun – producing some excellent work even with a broken arm!

### Year 5

#### 5S

- Ella – an excellent and mature attitude towards all her learning.
- Jack and Mario – fantastic commitment to their learning.

#### 5K

- Zoe and Max – working really hard in Maths to solve tricky subtraction questions.
- Nia and Nulan – producing great homework each week.

### Year 6

#### 6B

- ❖ Jourdan – sharing his fascinating animal knowledge in science.
- ❖ Boh – his wonderful presentation on the Lake District, that was the perfect introduction to our Geography.

6N

- ❖ Anusha and Charlton – refining their drawing skills and creating a highly effective final piece in Art.
- ❖ Trinity – trying her best in everything she does.

6G

- ❖ Jai – his hard work with Mrs Lindsay when learning about clauses.

## Diary Dates 2020

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

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

Please see below for above-mentioned flyers

# Wokingham



## Christmas Windows

This festive season, brighten up our town by decorating a window in your home for all your neighbours to see!



Be inspired by these themes for each week of December —try one or all five!

For the week beginning :

- 30th November—Mary is visited by Angel Gabriel
- 7th December— Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem
- 14th December—Shepherds and Angels
- 21st December—Baby Jesus is born in a stable
- 28th December—The visit of the Wise Men

Not sure where to start? For more info, for ideas and downloads, plus to share images of your windows go to our Facebook page — [@wokinghamchristmaswindows](#)



You could use tissue paper, cut outs, paints, lights, figures, pictures...

Whatever you would like to!



### Themes

**30th November—Mary is visited by Angel Gabriel**

*The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus". Luke 1:30-31*

**7th December - Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem**

*Joseph and Mary travelled from Nazareth in Galilee to Bethlehem in Judea. Luke 2:4.*

**14th December—Shepherds and Angels**

*In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. Luke 2:8-9*

**21st December—Baby Jesus is born in a stable**

*Mary gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. Luke 2:7*

**28th December—The visit of the Wise Men**

*In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." Matthew 2:1-2*



Remember to share images of your windows on Facebook so more people can enjoy them!

[@wokinghamchristmaswindows](#)

All images are for inspiration and are courtesy of Toton Churches Advent Windows

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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"> <li>• <b>HIGH TEMPERATURE</b> – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back and more than 37.6° in children;</li> <li>• <b>A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH</b> – this means coughing a lot more than usual in an hour, or 3 or more coughing episode in 24 hours;</li> <li>• <b>A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE</b> – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything.</li> </ul>	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact the school office to inform us by 8.30am 0118 978 5219 or <a href="mailto:absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk">absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</a></li> <li>• Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days</li> <li>• Book a test within the first 5 days of symptoms: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test">https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test</a> or call 111</li> <li>• <b>Contact the school office immediately you receive the test result</b></li> </ul>	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test comes back negative</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test comes back positive and <b>10 days have passed</b> since test</li> </ul>
<p>My child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219</b></li> <li>• Agree the earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 10 days</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days</li> </ul> <p><b>School will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps regarding bubble closures</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>After 10 days have passed from the test</b>, 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).</li> </ul>
<p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contact the school office 0118 978 5219</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the household for 14 days</li> <li>• Household member to get tested</li> <li>• <b>Contact the school office again immediately upon receiving the test result</b></li> </ul>	<p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test comes back negative</li> </ul> <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The test comes back positive and <b>14 days have passed</b></li> </ul>

Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219</b></li> <li>• Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days</li> <li>• Agree the earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 14 days</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>After 14 days of self-isolation</b> from date of positive result</li> </ul>
NHS test and trace has identified been in close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219</b></li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 14 days</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>After 14 days of self-isolation</b> from contact with person with positive result</li> </ul>
My child and I have travelled and have to self-isolate as a period of quarantine	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219</b></li> <li>• Agree an earliest date for possible return – <b>minimum of 14 days from day after returning</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The quarantine period of <b>14 days from day after returning has passed</b></li> </ul>
My child's class/bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak	<p><b>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school will be in touch with further information, including how to access work online.</li> <li>• Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days, unless they develop symptoms, when you need to go to the relevant box above.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School has informed you of when the class/bubble will be reopened.</li> </ul>
My child tests negative	<p><b>INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE NEGATIVE RESULT via the absence mailbox</b>  <a href="mailto:absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk">absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss when your child will be able to return (when better).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When they feel better</li> </ul>
My child is ill with symptoms <b>not</b> linked to COVID-19	<p>Contact the school office to inform us on a daily basis 0118 9785219 or via  <a href="mailto:absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk">absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When they feel better or after 48 hours since last bout of sickness/diarrhea.</li> </ul>