



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back! We hope you had a good holiday and enjoyed the break from school. For those of you joining us for the first time, we are looking forward to working in partnership with you and wish you a long and happy association with St Paul's. We are delighted to welcome both Mrs Bond (6B) and Mrs Walker (Inclusion Manager), who also joined us this week.



Our new pupils and staff have settled in well and we have had a fabulous first few days. In every classroom there has been a real buzz about learning and this week's assemblies have been about the values that guide our actions and bind us together as a school family.

We are caring and we are kind.
We are always ready to learn.
We are determined and we are resilient.
We embrace difference and diversity.
We have a voice and we listen to others.
We encourage and we cooperate.
We contribute positively to our community.
We are environmentally responsible.

We have already seen many wonderful examples of these reflected in the behaviour and attitudes of the children and staff this week - it promises to be a showstopper of a year!

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Curriculum Information Evening on 17th September. This will be an opportunity to hear from the teachers as to what your child will be studying this term, as well as some general information and housekeeping matters. Each year group team will deliver a short presentation and answer 'housekeeping' questions at 6.00pm, repeating the **same** session again at 6.30pm. You do not need to book a place, just attend at the time that suits you. Parking will be available on the playground from 5.45pm. Please note, entrance to school will be via the playground as the main office closes at 5.00pm.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

Upcoming Events

September 20 - Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform day)

October 1 - Parents' Reading Information Evening: 6.30-7.30pm

October 7 - Individual School Photos

Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00-8.00pm

October 16 - Open Morning: 9.00-9.55am

October 17 - Year 3 SEN Drop-in at St Paul's: 9.00-11.00am – please phone the office to make an appointment.

Safeguarding

Social Media is often scrutinised as impacting negatively on the mental health of children.

Young people are growing up in a technology dominated world, and social media plays a major role in their social lives. The National Safety Online guide for parents on mental health provides a balanced view of both the positive and negative impacts that social media can bring to young people. This document can be found on the welcome page of our [website](#)

Lost Property

Thank you for sending your children to school dressed smartly in uniform. We take great pride in our school and with 384 pupils, it is vital that every item is clearly labelled, including lunchboxes and water bottles. We have already begun to accrue a collection of lost property, despite being only three days into the new school year, so would be grateful if over the weekend, you could double check that every item coming to school is clearly named. Lost property can be found in the large green storage container to the left of the large wooden gate by the entrance to the playground.

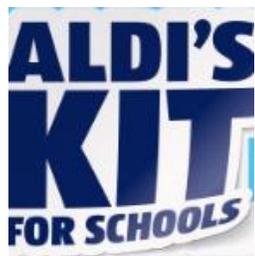
PE & Games

We have had a number of queries regarding arrangements for PE and Games. Pupils are expected to have a kit and participate in all lessons. PE kit for all pupils is a plain white round necked t-shirt and navy blue shorts. 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.** For swimming lessons, a one piece costume, swimming hat and towel are required. The children are welcome to wear goggles.

Children are not permitted to wear jewelry, including pierced earrings, during PE or swimming lessons. The national advice issued by the British Association of Advisers and Lecturers in Physical Education (BAALPE) is that children should remove earrings for PE and swimming. They have stated that the taping of earrings 'creates a perception of safety and is not recommended', as there have been several incidences where an earring stud post has penetrated the bone behind the ear when an unintentional blow has been received. Within the local authority, children's ears have been injured from earrings being pulled out from under the tape. Staff are not permitted to remove or replace children's earrings if they are unable to manage to do so themselves, therefore we ask that earrings remain at home on PE days.

If your child has recently had their ears pierced and therefore must keep their earrings in for 6 weeks, they will not be permitted to take part in PE lessons. After this period, earrings must always be removed. This is why we strongly advise that the most suitable time to have a pupil's ears pierced is at the start of the summer holidays to avoid this impacting on learning.

Aldi's Kits for Schools



Get Set to Eat Fresh - Aldi and Team GB's award-winning schools programme, is committed to improving the healthy eating habits of 1.2 million children by 2020.

From 6th September until 3rd November, with Aldi's Kit for Schools, every time a member of our school community spends £30 in any Aldi store, you'll receive a Team GB sticker. These stickers then need to be brought into school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers, we can send the poster back to Aldi to receive an exclusive sports kit and to be in with a chance to win £20,000 for our school.

For more information follow the link [here](#).

Break Time Snacks



We have a number of pupils with acute allergies and for safety reasons, we do not permit any items containing nuts. Please check packaging carefully when choosing items for lunch boxes and break time 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.

Summer Fair Grand Total



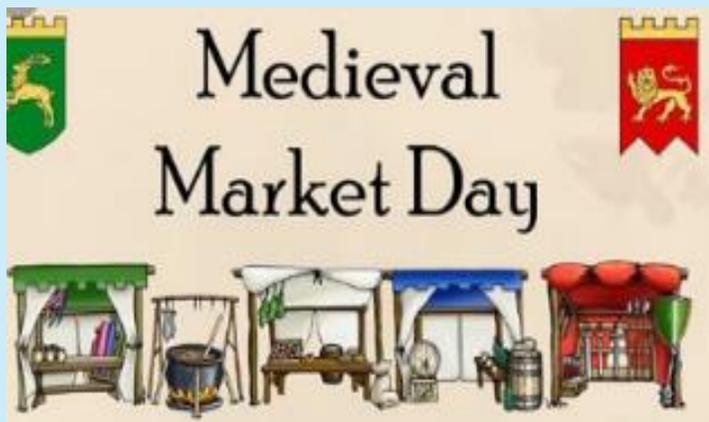
The final total for the amount raised at the PTA Summer Fair is £3,087. This is a tremendous amount and huge thank you must go to all the very hard-working PTA members who give up so much of their free time to help the school – thank you.



Summer Fair 2019



Wokingham Medieval Market Day – 14th September



To celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Market Charter, a Medieval Market Day (Heritage Open Day) will be held on 14th September. For more information follow the link below,

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/read/62788551/medieval-market-day-programme>

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Prayer Garden Makeover

As part of their volunteering programme, a team from the Allegis Group led by Alyson O'Connor, came in during the summer holidays to help give the Prayer Garden a makeover. They did a brilliant job as the pictures below show. The area now has seating for 32 children and will make a great outdoor learning space. What a transformation. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



In the Spotlight

Aspiring ballerina Sophia, was lucky enough to attend a 3-day summer course at the Royal Opera House where she was taught by Dame Darcey Bussell. Sophia also performed in her ballet school's summer gala.



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Diary Dates

Tuesday 17 th September	Curriculum Information Evening: 6.00-6.30pm & 6.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 16 th October	Open Morning: 9.00-9.55am
Friday 20 th September	Jeans for Genes Day (Non-Uniform Day)
Tuesday 1 st October	Parents' Reading Information Evening: 6.30-7.30pm
Monday 7 th October	Individual School Photos Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00-8.00pm
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