



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,



Welcome to Ajitesh Raj who recently joined 4M. It is always lovely when a new pupil and their family become members of our school community. I am pleased to report that the children and staff in 4M are doing an excellent job of helping him settle in.

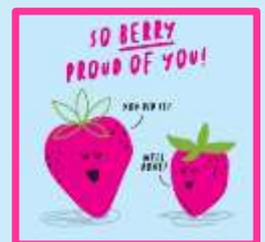
This week was Anti Bullying Week and all of our assemblies have focused on this theme and of how important it is that we stand united as a school against this type of behaviour. To ensure that our school is a safe place to be for every pupil and member of staff, we take any allegations of bullying very seriously and work swiftly to make sure that they are thoroughly investigated, the necessary action is taken and the right support put in place for both the victim and the perpetrator.



We are very pleased with how the first round of virtual Parents' Consultations went. Apart from a small number of parents experiencing technical difficulties, all of which Mrs Lander and Mrs Brook managed to resolve, both evenings ran very smoothly. The teachers thoroughly enjoyed finally meeting 'face to face' and feeding back about each child's progress and achievements. If your meeting is next week and you do not seem to have received your confirmation containing the link to your appointment, please check your junk mailbox. If it is not there, please contact the school office at least one day prior to your scheduled appointment so that we can resolve the difficulty for you in good time.

It is important for us to have a picture of the whole child and Parents' Consultations are as much about this as they are about sharing information regarding your child's learning and the ways to support them at home. Although communication is more challenging than usual, if there is any information that you think we need to know that that may impact on your child's wellbeing, always get in touch with us straight away. In the current climate, the best way is to email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk and your message will be passed on to the class teacher straight away. Sharing information with us helps facilitate the work of the teachers and learning mentors in ensuring each child thrives.

Despite the pandemic and the challenges facing the education sector, the teachers and learning mentors are doing a great job. They are tireless in their efforts to make learning fun and ensure that every child makes good progress. There is also a huge amount of hard work going on behind the scenes from our admin and site teams, without whom the school would undoubtedly come to a grinding halt. We are very proud of the efforts of the staff and of our fabulous pupils and very grateful for your support and encouragement as we continue to navigate our way through a year that will go down in the annals of history!



Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor – Headteacher

What Have We Been Up To This Week

Following this morning's anti-bullying assembly here are pictures of 4L and 5K making their pledge to stand up to bullying.



We have invested in some new skipping ropes to encourage the children to participate in active play during breaks and lunchtimes. Skipping will also form the basis of our intra-school challenge this term, with the children practising a variety of different skipping techniques. If the children have skipping ropes why not ask them to practice their skills at home too.

As well as providing lots of fun, skipping is a fantastic form of exercise helping to improve physical stamina and endurance, and also developing hand/eye coordination. We hope the children enjoy using the skipping ropes.

Each year group will take it in turns to use the skipping ropes which will be quarantined for the required period between year group use.



4C skipping during PE

Mrs Foster, PE & Games Co-ordinator

4L and 5S have been creating nature art as a team building activity during their PE lessons. They had to collect 25 different nature objects and then create a picture from them. One group even managed to make their own version of the St Paul's logo!

All of the children had a lot of fun.





5S



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>

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Introducing Ollee – a virtual friend (ParentZone/BBC Children In Need)



Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million and Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It's designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers – and it does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world.

For each of these subjects, children can choose an emotion that matches how they feel about it: happy, angry, sad, confused, frustrated, stressed or worried.

Next, they can choose from a list of topics – for instance, a child who was worried about school might be able to select 'I haven't done my homework' as the cause of their worry. Finally, they'll see a page of advice about the topic, presented in child-friendly bite-sized chunks they can read then or save for later.



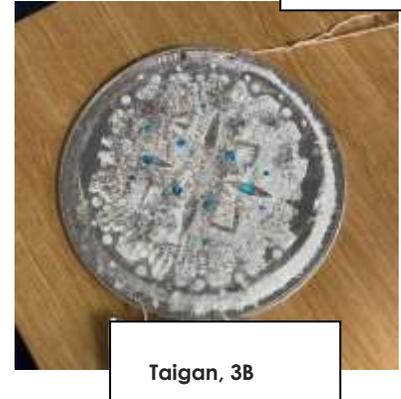
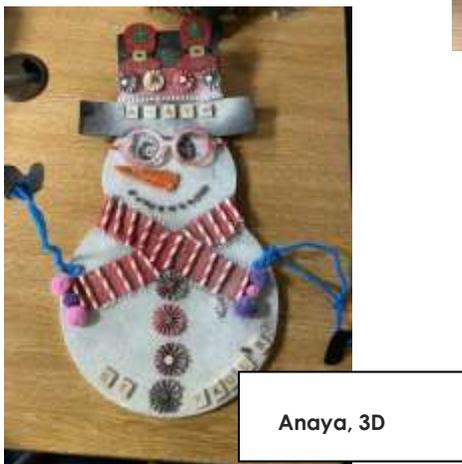
You can find out more information and download the Ollee app here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>

Dressing the Christmas Tree



We had some fabulous entries for the Dressing the Christmas Tree Competition, and it was extremely hard to choose just two winners. The winning entries were Colbie (4C) and Wyatt (4L). The Mayor will thank all of the children via a video message which will be shared with each of the classes.

Their winning decorations will now hang on the town's Christmas tree in Wokingham Market Place. Well done everyone!



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), select 'St Paul's School Association', and shop as usual."

St Paul's PTA

Flu Immunisations

If your child did not receive their flu immunisation in school and you would like to book an appointment, please contact the Berkshire School Aged Immunisation Team on 0118 9207575 who will be able to help.



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.

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Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to all the children on our Golden Certificate Roll of Honour this week - well done everyone!



Year 3

3B

- Liam – being a kind and caring friend.
- Aurelia – showing a great improvement in her attitude to learning.

3D

- Rayan – fabulous, expressive reading with Mrs Lindsay.
- Anaya – always showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude for her learning.

3L

- Ella – amazing English work using inverted commas and exclamation marks.
- Izzah – being brave and putting her hand up to read aloud during whole class discussions.

Year 4

4C

- ♦ Michael – his positive start to the day.
- ♦ Lola – being kind, helpful and always trying her best.

4L

- ♦ Eleanor – consistently demonstrating our school value 'we are caring and we are kind'.
- ♦ Run Bo – always being ready to learn and giving every task his full effort and attention.

4M

- ♦ Siyona and Olivia – being kind, patient and helpful talk partners.

Year 5

5S

- Eloise – a conscientious attitude towards all her learning.
- Micah – fantastic effort and achievement in Maths.

5P

- Molly – fantastic effort in Maths and giving great justifications demonstrating her mathematical understanding.
- Ava – never settling for less than her best and providing lots of interesting contributions in lessons.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Frankie and Jack – fantastic Art work showing one-point linear perspective.

6N

- ❖ Swara – always entering into class discussions with such enthusiasm and insight.
- ❖ Grace – trying her best in everything she does.

Pen Licence

When the children show consistently fluent, cursive handwriting in terms of letter formation, size and joining and spacing, in all of their work, they will be awarded a Pen Licence.

Congratulations to these children achieving a Pen Licence this week:

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| 5P | 6N |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bethany • Fleur • Harry | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anusha • Keiran |



Diary Dates 2020

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| Tuesday 24 th & Wednesday 25 th November | Parents' Consultations |
| Friday 11 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website here | |

Please see below for above-mentioned flyers

Wokingham Churches Together 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... |
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| <p>My child has 1 or more of COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back and more than 37.6° in children; • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot more than usual in an hour, or 3 or more coughing episode in 24 hours; • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office to inform us by 8.30am 0118 978 5219 or absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days • Book a test within the first 5 days of symptoms: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 111 • Contact the school office immediately you receive the test result | <p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 10 days have passed since test |
| <p>My child tests positive for COVID-19</p> | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree the earliest date for possible return – minimum of 10 days • Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days <p>School will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps regarding bubble closures</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 10 days have passed from the test, 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). |
| <p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms</p> | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office 0118 978 5219 • Self-isolate the household for 14 days • Household member to get tested • Contact the school office again immediately upon receiving the test result | <p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 14 days have passed |

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