



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,



Another excellent week and the children have been extremely positive in their approach and readiness to learn! It is wonderful to see our values being lived out. This week, we welcomed three more new pupils, Jagna, Magdalina and Ahmad to our school family and I am delighted to report that they are settling in well.

The holidays and start of this term have been plagued by IT problems, external to the school, and we would like to thank you for your patience as we have tried to resolve the issues with email, ScoPay and Parentmail. Fingers crossed, we are over the worst but should you experience difficulties with online payments, please call Mrs Tunnicliffe, Mrs Crouch or Mrs Dean on 0118 9785219. For problems with Parentmail, ask for Mrs Lander.

Thank you to everyone who managed to squeeze completing the Parents' Questionnaire into what was a busy end to the summer term. It is clear that we have much to celebrate and your additional comments and suggestions will help inform our new School Development Plan. The results of both the Parent and the Pupil Questionnaires will be published on our website shortly.

We rounded off this week with a fabulous Forest School Assembly led by the children. Our Forest School Leader, Mrs. McBain, and all of the staff were very impressed by how well they brought this element of the curriculum alive! It was a celebration of the learning that goes on down in our woodland area. For more information about our Forest School at St Paul's, see page 4.



Have a good weekend.

Mrs. Taylor  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

**September 17** - Curriculum Information Evening, 6.00pm and 6.30pm

**September 18 – 23** - Travelling Book Fair, 3.30pm

**September 20** - Jeans for Genes Day (non-uniform day) for a donation of £1 for this worthy cause.

**October 1** - Reading Information Evening: 6.30-7.30pm

**October 7** - Individual School Photos

**October 7** - Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00 - 8.30pm

## Safeguarding

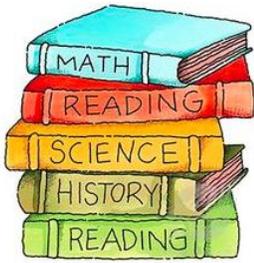
During the school day, there is no vehicular access to the site.

Pedestrian access is via the Oxford Road gate which is open 7.40am – 9.15am and 3.15pm - 6.15pm. At all other times, please ring the intercom for assistance.

Pupils enter and exit the site via the Murray Road gate. This open from 8.30am -8.50am (the start of the school day) and again from 3.15pm - 3.45pm.

Parents dropping off for early morning clubs should enter the site via Oxford Road and remain with their child until the Coach arrives.

## Curriculum Information Evening – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September



Each teaching team is looking forward to our upcoming Curriculum Information Evening on 17<sup>th</sup> September, where they will make a short presentation as to what your child will be studying this term, as well as share some general information about 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.

We aspire to provide the very best education because our children deserve nothing less. Our curriculum promise to the children is the foundation upon which we build learning.

We promise to:

- Make learning irresistible through the design of an inclusive curriculum that is relevant and memorable;
- Ignite curiosity, instilling a passion for lifelong learning;
- Support and challenge in the right measure so pupils develop resilience and perseverance;
- Ensure curriculum planning is focused and precise, covering key areas of knowledge and skills within and across different subjects;
- Deliver a curriculum that leads to academic success, building skills year on year;
- Equip children with a range of strategies that provide access to learning in a variety of ways;
- Guide children in how to live a healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally;
- Underpin the curriculum with our core values - the cornerstones of respectful, global citizenship.

As part of our commitment to meeting the promises we have made to our pupils, we recently embarked upon a review of foundation subjects – geography, history, art etc., looking in detail at the structure and coherence of planning across the school, and its impact on the quality of teaching and learning. Whilst there are some real strengths, there are also some areas in which we could make learning even more enjoyable. The vast majority of staff meeting time and inset training for the year has been set aside to make improvements to what we deliver to ensure lessons are relevant and exciting, instilling a passion for learning, not only about ourselves, but about the amazing world within which we live! Our current focus is Geography and we will keep you updated, via the newsletter, as this project continues to unfold.

### Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair is coming to St Paul's. The children will have an opportunity to buy books after school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm until 4.00pm. The sale itself will be based in both 4L and 4A, the two classrooms with doors opening directly onto the playground.

Scholastic are offering parents the opportunity to buy vouchers online in advance of their children visiting the fair. Information regarding the benefits of purchasing these in advance can be found by accessing the following link: <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?log=t&search%5Bquery%5D=gift+voucher>

## Punctuality

Despite being back for only eight days, there are already a number of children who have been late for school several times.

It is important that pupils arrive on time for a number of reasons.

- It is stressful to arrive late and flustered, and it can feel very awkward walking into the classroom after a lesson has begun;
- Interruptions disrupt the learning of classmates and the flow of the lesson;
- Children who arrive in good time are able to spend time with friends and have a calm, well-ordered start to the day;
- Arriving late can mean missing key information about the day's activities;

It is the legal responsibility of parents to ensure that their child is in school on time and a few minutes lost here and there soon adds up.

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Days are school days and calculated over a school year

## Greenreem

St Paul's has been selected to take part in the Greenreem School Donation Scheme along with 14 other Wokingham schools. You can earn points from Greenreem by recycling and reducing waste and donate the points to our school. All you need to do is register at [www.greenreem.co.uk/wokingham](http://www.greenreem.co.uk/wokingham) to start collecting and donating straight away. You will also get money off at local shops and restaurants or win some great prizes. Once registered you will receive weekly emails to ask if you have recycled - each week is worth 25 points! There are also pledges, quizzes and blogs that you can read for more points. Points can be donated by going to Spend points, Donations, Wokingham School Donations and you will see St Paul's.

With only 18 days left, we are currently in the lead with 79,604 points, but other schools are hot on our trail - the more points we have the bigger share of the £3000 we will receive.

The scheme runs until the end of September so let's get donating! The more points we get, the more funding we will receive from the £3,000 available for us. The money that we receive will be spent on continuing to develop our Forest School provision.

Please sign up today, spread the word and get donating!

## Forest Schools at St Paul's



This concept originated in Scandinavia and was introduced into Britain in 1993 were inspired by how pre-school children developed their skills in an outdoor, woodland environment and, upon their return, began to develop what is now known as Forest Schools. This approach has now been successfully adopted by thousands of school all over the country, including St Paul's.

Forest Schools is about taking the curriculum outdoors, allowing pupils the freedom to use their imagination and creativity in ways they may have not done so before. Proven to enhance the learning of children of all ages, this approach develops self-confidence, self-awareness and self-control, thus enriching and enhancing learning for every participant.

With 384 pupils, the woodland area will not sustain every child participating in a weekly visit without damage to the eco system and therefore the plan involves all pupils on a rolling basis. Our aim is that by the time the children leave St Paul's, they will have each spent time down in our Forest School.



Here are just a few of the things the children have said:

"I absolutely love learning this way."

"I have done things that I didn't think I could."

"It's my best lesson all week because I'm learning and having fun at the same time."

"I've learnt so much about the world just from being outside in the woods."

Feedback from parents has been equally positive: "My child was one of the first to try this out and it had great results, not only learning and widening his life experiences, but with further results transferring back into the class room too. It has also boosted his confidence no end!"

"My daughter comes running out of school with a huge grin on her face and talks non-stop about her sessions. She is often still talking about it at bedtime."



"One of my children has had the chance to participate and I am delighted that the other will also have a turn too. What a great opportunity to be able to offer all of the pupils."



During sessions, pupils experience a varied range of projects, such as: Bush craft; crafts; den building; observing wildlife; and problem solving, to name just a few. Sessions close with a few minutes reflection time.

## Break Time Snacks

Healthy snacks only - fruit, vegetable sticks, dried fruit and cereal bars. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits and other sugary snacks are not permitted. We are nut free and ask that you check **packaging carefully when choosing items for lunch boxes and snacks!**



## Wokingham Medieval Market Day – 14<sup>th</sup> September



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

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

## Mini Maestros in the Community

Over the summer we launched our crowdfunding campaign "Mini Maestros in the Community". Many children benefit from attending our Mini Maestros classes at music centres across the county. We know how important this is to babies/toddlers and their parents so we are expanding this and introducing 20 new classes in 10 new locations across Berkshire from January 2020. Please visit our campaign page to see where these locations are and to read more about the project: <https://www.spacehive.com/mini-maestros-in-the-community>

We are fundraising to enable the first 10 weeks to be FREE for all participants. We hope that these classes will become permanent fixtures at these new venues so young children and their parents can continue going along for a small cost. We are extremely grateful to Arts Council England for pledging £9,137.00, 50% of the overall target. For the Arts Council England pledge to show on our campaign web-page, we need to reach 15% - we are only £692.00 away!

If you can pledge/share/like/retweet then Berkshire Maestros would be hugely appreciative!  
<https://www.spacehive.com/mini-maestros-in-the-community>"

*Business Development and Engagement Manager ~ Berkshire Maestros*

## Lost Property

Lost property is located in the large green storage container to the left of the large wooden gate by the entrance to the playground.



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.

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

Diary Dates	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Curriculum Information Evening: 6.00-6.30pm & 6.30-7.00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Travelling Book Fair: 3.30pm in 4A and 4L
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Jeans for Genes Day (Non-Uniform Day)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	6G Visit to River and Rowing Museum
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	6W Visit to River and Rowing Museum
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	6B Visit to River and Rowing Museum
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents' Reading Information Evening: 6.30-7.30pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photos Anxiety Workshop for Parents: 7.00-8.30pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Morning: 9.00-9.55am, all welcome.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 SEN Drop-in: 9.00-11.00am, Learning Lodge
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 2 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	HALF TERM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY – School Closed
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Visit to Winchester Science Centre
Tuesday 12 November	Parent Consultations: 8.50-11.10am
Wednesday 13 November	Parent Consultations: 3.50-7.30pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Immunisations, Years 3-6
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 2.00-3.00pm and 5.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Performance, St Paul's Church: 5.30-6.30pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>END OF TERM: 2.00PM</b>

Class Assembly Dates (9.15am – 9.40am)			Autumn Term 2019	Games	Swimming
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	4M		Monday	5S 5P 6G 6B	5P 6G
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	6G		Tuesday	4L 4A 4M	4L 6B 4M
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	5K		Wednesday	3F 5K 6W	5K 5S 3F 6W 4A
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	5P		Thursday	All Classes	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	3D		Friday	3D 3B	3B 3D
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	4L				
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	5S				

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## Clubs – Autumn Term 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club – 07.45am (16 September – 2 December)	Badminton Club – 07.45am (17 September – 10 December)	Yoga Club – 07.45am (18 September – 27 November)	Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (19 September – 28 November)	Year 3 Gymnastics Club – 07.45am (20 September – 29 November)
Badminton Club – 07.45am (16 December – 2 December)	Lego Club – Lunchtime (17 September – 26 November)	All Years Girls Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)	Years 4/5 Football – Lunchtime (12 September – 5 December)	All Years Football - 3.30pm (13 September – 6 December)
Years 3/4 Football – Lunchtime (9 September – 2 December)	Year 5 Imagineering Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November)	Year 6 Football – lunchtime (11 September – 4 December)		
Years 4/5/6 Tag Rugby Club – 3.30pm (16 September – 2 December)	French Club – 3.30pm (17 September – 26 November)	Multisports – 3.30pm (11 September – 4 December)		
		Years 5/6 Netball Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November)		
		Chess Club – 3.30pm (18 September – 27 November)		

### There will be no clubs on the following dates:-

W/b 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Inset Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos, no Badminton Club
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations – no morning clubs
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Consultations – no after school clubs

Term Dates can be found on the website [here](#)

### Community Events – see below

**\*\*Please note that the school has no connection to any of the organisations below and does not endorse them in any way. Parents should make their own decision if any event/club is suitable for their child.**

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\*\* Extensive Adult Education, Family learning, and Junior Learning Programmes. For more information please see the website [www.adultandcommunity.co.uk](http://www.adultandcommunity.co.uk)

## Autumn 2019



### Rugby Camp October Holidays

When	Time slot	Price
28th October - 1st November	10am - 3pm	£79

Early Bird Discount (£67 Week Price) if booked and paid for by Friday 30th September

- Cantley Park Wokingham
- Rugby World Cup Day - Friday 1st November
- To book call (0118) 974 3728 or email [sport@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:sport@wokingham.gov.uk)

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**wade**  
Local Day Care for the Elderly

**TABLE** NEARLY NEW BABIES & CHILDREN'S (0-12YRS) CLOTHES, TOYS & EQUIPMENT

**TOP** SAT 5<sup>th</sup> OCT  
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**SALE** AT 'WADE'  
40 READING ROAD  
WOKINGHAM  
RG41 1EH

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Entry: Adults £1:00 (Children Free)  
Car Parking Available

**Sellers: Must book a table in advance £10:00**  
Contact: [secretary@wadecentre.org.uk](mailto:secretary@wadecentre.org.uk)



### Multisport October Half Term

Time Slot	Price	Early bird discount
8am - 6pm	£28	£24
9.30am - 3.30pm	£19	£16.50
All Week 8am - 6pm	£124	£106
All Week 9.30am - 3.30pm	£79	£67

Discount if booked and paid by Friday 30th September

- Loddon Valley Leisure Centre, St. Christopher
- 28th October - 1st November
- To book call (0118) 974 3728 or email [sport@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:sport@wokingham.gov.uk)

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