

St Paul's C of E Junior School



Dear Parents,

At half term, we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Ambler who has been part of the St Paul's school family for the last eight years, first as Deputy Head/Inclusion Manager and then in more recent years, solely as Inclusion Manager. Mrs Ambler has been offered the exciting opportunity to work for Wokingham Borough Council as part of their Learning Support Services, going into primary schools across the borough to offer advice on meeting the needs of pupils with specific learning difficulties. We are extremely sad to see her go, but wish her every success in this new role. Helen Bunn joins our team as interim to the post, whilst we recruit for a permanent replacement.

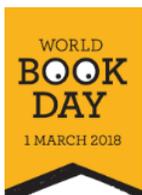
We welcome Mrs Brodie, the newest addition to our fantastic team of Learning Mentors. Mrs Brodie has been one of our long serving reading volunteers and we are delighted that she is joining us on a more permanent basis, supporting pupils in Year 5.

The House Captains did a marvellous job of organising, publicising and collecting for Bad Hair Day. Their efforts were in support of the Diabetic Ward, Royal Berkshire Hospital and thanks to your generosity, raised an impressive £373.62! Thank you for your donations, it really does make a difference.

Our competition winners were: Ava (Year 3), Boh (Year 4), Molly (Year 5) and Heidi (Year 6). The staff prize went to Miss Gilder. Choosing winners was a real challenge as everyone made a tremendous effort.

Mrs Taylor

World Book Day



On Thursday 7 March, we will be celebrating World Book Day with many fun activities based around a variety of books. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite storybook character and, should they wish to, bring in a book of their choice to donate to Oxfam. Remember, Thursday is also the closing date for the 500 Words Competition, for which we have already received a number of beautifully written entries.

Upcoming Events

5 March Parent Consultations, 8.50-11.10am

6 March Parent Consultations, 3.50-7.30pm

6 March 3F visit to Wokingham

7 March World Book Day

8 March 6D Class Assembly, 9.15am

Safeguarding

On 30 April, Teresa Hughes, (Lecturer at the University of Kent) will be visiting St Paul's for a second time to deliver the parents' workshop on online safety and how to keep children safe which she presented here in January.

Despite only a very small number of parents attending the last presentation, the feedback was excellent and that this was a valuable event that all parents should consider attending. For that reason, we have decided to host the evening for a second time to give all parents the chance to benefit from Teresa's expertise and vast knowledge of what every parent needs to know to keep their child safe online.

30th April – 6.30pm. Entry via playground gates.

Bad Hair Day

Bad Hair Day Winners – (L-R) Ava, Molly, Heidi and Boh.



Just a selection of some of the wonderful styles which arrived on the day.



Pancake Day – Menu Change

Tuesday 5th March is Pancake Day and to celebrate there will be a change to the planned dessert on that day. Instead of lemon and mixed berry cake it will be pancakes with a choice of toppings.

Sporting News

Wokingham District Football Friendly Series

We've had a great start to the football friendly series.

On 25 January, we saw a Year 3/4 and a Year 5/6 b team play the Coombes. Neither team had played together before but all the boys demonstrated excellent teamwork. The Year 5/6 team showed determination and skill to win 8-1, and Player of the match was Ciaran Collins.

The Year 3/4 team fought back from 2-4 at half time to win 5-4, and the player of the match was Lucas Clark.

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.

Page 2 of 4

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

Last Thursday on possibly the coldest afternoon so far this year we took 4 teams to Woodley to play against Willowbank School. There was an extremely high standard of play, and Willowbank were fantastic hosts providing the pitches and referees. Our Year 3/4 team won 5-1, showing skillful passing and excellent teamwork. Player of the match was Edward Conaghan.

The Year 5/6 girls' team won 8-1 demonstrating a huge improvement in defending, communication and teamwork. Player of the match was Eliza Nicholson.

The Year 5/6 b team lost a closely fought game finishing 6/5 - player of the match was Nathan Mathew Philip.

The Year 5/6 c team won 8-1 with James Gray scoring a hat-trick. Player of the match was Tristan Sewart who scored 4 goals.

Well done to everyone involved.

TeamGym

Congratulations to all our gymnasts who participated in the TeamGym competition at Pinewood Gymnastics Club during January. This is the first time St Paul's has taken part in the competition. We had three teams, an Advanced team, a Year 3/4 team and a Year 5/6 team competing over two days. Each gymnast had to perform movements on a tumble track, over a vault and on a springboard.

The Advanced team and Year 5/6 team both came 5th overall. The Year 3/4 team exceeded all expectations to come away with the silver medal. This was an outstanding achievement as none of the gymnasts had more than a couple of practices on all the equipment. Well done to all of you.

Netball Tournament – Reddam House

Congratulations to both teams taking part in the tournament at Reddam House last week. There was a total of 23 schools participating and an extremely high standard of play was demonstrated. We won several of our matches but unfortunately neither team qualified for the quarter-finals. Congratulations to everyone who played!

B-Team – Player of the tournament – Erin Lewis

A-Team – Player of the tournament – Abigail Foster

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator

Parking Reminder

We have received another complaint from a St Paul's Gate resident about inconsiderate parking and restricting access. Please remember to park responsibly without causing difficulties to local residents.

Trial Woodwind Lesson with Berkshire Maestros



Along with many other instruments, Berkshire Maestros offer woodwind lessons at school and currently have vacancies for lessons on the flute, clarinet, saxophone and recorder. If your child be keen to learn, please send an expression of interest in an e-mail in the first instance to: hayleytull@berkshiremaestros.org.uk. Trial sessions can then be arranged to assess your child's suitability for the instrument.

Hayley Tull, Berkshire Maestros

Bikeability

There will be a Bikeability course at Woodford Park Leisure Centre in Woodley during the Easter holidays.

Please note that the holiday course covers the same Bikeability levels as the school-based courses, so parents should not apply for places if their children will be attending a course at their school. However, any child who missed out on a course at school, or anyone who needs some extra training to achieve Bikeability Level 2 is welcome to come along. The minimum age requirement is that they should be aged 10 years by 31st August 2019, so the course is open to pupils in Year 5 or Year 6. For further details see the information on our My Journey Wokingham website at: <http://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/bikeability-level-12-course-10th11th12th-april-2019/>

~o0o~

Diary Dates	
Tuesday 5 March/Wednesday 6 March	Parent Consultations,
Thursday 7 March	World Book Day
Wednesday 6 March	3F Visit to Wokingham, 9.00-11.00am
Friday 8 March	6D Class Assembly, 9.15am
Friday 15 March	4M Class Assembly, 9.15am
Friday 22 March	6L Class Assembly, 9.15am
Monday 25 March	iRock Concert for Band Member Parents, 2.30pm
Tuesday 26 March	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day
Monday 1 April	Year 6 Ancient Greek Day
Tuesday 2 April	PTA Discos
Thursday 4 April	END OF TERM, 2.00PM
Friday 5 April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED