

# St Paul's CofE Junior School

Dear Parents,

Our choir did the school proud on Sunday, singing at the inauguration of the new Mayor of Wokingham Town, Julian McGhee-Sumner. The ceremony was held at the Town Hall and included a special thank you to Caitlyn Hyde (Yr 6) for her service this year as the Wokingham Mini Mayor. It was a tremendously proud moment for St Paul's and as always, the children were outstanding. Special thanks to Miss Wallis for rehearsing the choir and for accompanying them on the piano.

This week is an important week for our Yr 6 pupils as from Monday to Thursday, they will be sitting the 2018 national curriculum tests (SATs). They made an impressive start, calmly coming in for a light SATs breakfast before settling into classrooms ready to commence the first tests. We wish them luck for the remainder of their papers this week. Our thanks go to Lisa our cook and members of the admin team for catering.

We've received lots of positive feedback about the work of Mrs Foster, our new PE and Games Coordinator. Not only are we now fielding an increased number of teams in inter-school competitions but her Craze of the Week scheme has taken the playground by storm. The scheme runs 3 days per week over a lunchtime and on a good day, can involve as many as 150 children. Even some of our most reluctant participants have been joining in and having fun.

Welcome to Sarah Bateman, our new lunchtime controller. You may well recognise Sarah as she is a member of the Energy Kidz team working out of St Paul's. We are still recruiting for lunchtime staff and if you would like to find out more, please contact Manda Crouch for details of the role.

Have a good week.

Mrs Taylor

## Craze of the Week

The Craze of the week is a new strategy to enable the children to develop valuable social and activity skills during the lunchtime break. These include traditional playground games and activities that encourage cooperation, interaction and teamwork. We have had a fantastic response to the



## Upcoming Events

### May 18

3H Class Assembly – 9.15am

### June 7

Sports Day – 9.15am-12.15pm

### June 8

5B Class Assembly – 9.15am

### June 11

Open Morning – 8.55-9.55am



- Children sign up at their local library
- Borrow and read at least 6 library books of their choice during the summer and receive a Mischief Makers folder and collect special stickers to complete their folders
- Library staff and teenage volunteers are on hand to advise and run family-friendly activities
- Children who complete the **Summer Reading Challenge** are presented with a certificate and a medal.

different crazes such as skipping, hula hoop games, bat and ball activities to name a few. The children love balancing on stilts, playing catch a cup games, using beanbags and hoops to play a variety of target games as well as the more traditional hula hooping, throwing and catching. *Mrs Foster*

## **Celebrate**

Jack Odey recently travelled to the Isle of Wight for a rugby tournament. His team won and the players awarded a medal – well done!

Girls from Years 5 and 6 competed in the Girls' Tag Rugby Festival in April, and a report written by Emilia Hamilton and Hannah Randall can be found at the end. It sounds as if all the players thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## **Wokingham Borough Libraries Home Library Service**

Do you know someone who loves to read but struggles to get to the library?

The Home Library Service delivers books and audio items to people who are unable to visit their local library because of ill health, disability or because they are caring for someone. A trained volunteer will deliver items to match their reading tastes, to their home every three weeks. This is a FREE service.

For more information pick up a leaflet from your library, call Wokingham Library on (0118) 9781368 or visit the website <http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/library-services/home-library-services>

## **Reading Books**

We are often asked by parents to recommend good quality, age appropriate reading material for pupils. On our website under Parents - How to help your child at home with Literacy and Maths, we have included hyperlinks to The School Reading List website. This site contains a list of titles that appeal to children of primary school age. The titles are suitable for all ability ranges, including reluctant readers and the most able and the list for each age range is regularly updated to reflect the latest publications. You can also access the lists using the links below:

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

## **Wokingham Health and Wellbeing Board – Involve**

The Wokingham Health & Well-Being Board has been set up to co-ordinate health and wellbeing activity in our borough. Its membership has multi agency representation. To engage with residents, local business and the community a new project of online communications is being launched and will be active on the second Monday of each month.

To share your activities including health, leisure, the great outdoors, crafts, drama, culture, meet ups and much more please follow the #Wokingham HWBB on Facebook and Twitter from and join them in sharing who you are and what you offer in #woky for all the family – use the #Wokingham HWBB in all communications and let us share and celebrate the great activities in our community. You can make a start by engaging @involve\_WB where we will share your posts. *Clare Rebbeck, Involve Community Services*

## Bikeability

A further two courses have now been completed with the majority of Year 5 gaining either a Level 1 or Level 2 – another brilliant effort from the children. Cycle Experience also complimented the children on their behaviour. For information on courses run by WBC throughout the summer please visit <http://www.myjourneywokingham.com/events/>

## Be Sun Safe

Now the weather is starting to warm up, it looks as if summer may be on its way. We would be grateful if you could ensure your child brings a hat, sunglasses and a bottle of water to school each day, and that you apply a liberal amount of sun screen to their skin every morning. We will be reminding the children to 'SLIP, SLAP, SLOP.'

- **SLIP** on some shades – UV protective glasses are the best
- **SLAP** on a hat – preferably with a wide brim
- **SLOP** on some sunscreen – on the parts of the body not protected by clothing. It is better to use a product which blocks both IVA & UVB.

Please see below for dates for your diary.

## Online Safety

We have been alerted again about two online games which parents should be aware of: 5 Nights at Freddy's and Roblox. For information and guidance on how to ensure your children are safe when using online technology, please see: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/technology-toys-and-the-internet/>

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs</b>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	3H Class Assembly: 9.15am
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	HALF TERM
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET DAY : SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day: 9.15am-12.15pm
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> -Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Pizza Express Visit
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	5B Class Assembly: 9.15am
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Morning: 8.55-9.55am
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents' Evening /Morning Session: 8.50-11.10am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents' Evening: 3.50-7.30pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	5K Class Assembly: 9.15am
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	St Paul's PTA Summer Fair: 11.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 New Parents' Afternoon: 2.00-3.00pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3 Victorian Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco: 6.15-7.45pm
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	END OF TERM – 2.00PM FINISH

# Girls year 5/6 tag rugby Festival

## St Tereasas - Lost 4-3

It was a slow start for St Pauls with a first close defeat. However, there were still many more games to come.

## Master Class - Contact Rugby

This was when we had a big padded bag that we had to run into and tackle, this was an exercise used for contact rugby.

## Willow bank B - lost 7-4

St Pauls went into this game feeling positive and full of energy! We put up a good fight, however, unfortunately we came away with another defeat.

## Oaklands - Won 3-2

Determined, St. Pauls came into the next game excited and were thrilled to come away with the win. This was our goal achieved.

## Willow bank A - draw 5-5

The next game was tough and all of us knew that Willow bank A could be a difficult team to compete against. Our team came together and we managed to come out with a draw.

## Westerde - Won 4-3

Perultimately, we once again had a victory. This was a good motive to go into our extra game.

Extra Match - St teresas - Won 5-1

After 6 rounds, we earned ourselves an extra match by improving so much throughout the festival. This lead to playing St teresas again.

All the children who attended the festival, had a brilliant experience and are very proud of their achievements.

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