



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

It's beginning to look a bit like Christmas around school! Snowflakes and paper chains are starting to appear and an angel has been spotted in 5P, as our Most Christmassy Classroom Competition begins to gather momentum.



With no Christmas Fair or assemblies and the hall still out of use, few children would have had an opportunity to see our beautiful tree. This afternoon, Mr Walsh and Mr Rothwell did a fabulous job of erecting the tree out on the stage of the Learning Lodge, so that all of our pupils and parents can enjoy its beauty from the playground.

On the last day of the term, we take the school Christmas tree down and as many staff as we can muster help wrap it in tarpaulin and carry it up to St Paul's, where we put it up at the front of church and decorate it all over again for the parishioners to enjoy. We love this tradition and the transportation of the tree is a real team effort and lots of fun. Picture the scene, 12 teachers, knee deep in fir, wrestling the tree through the cut through and over the bridge! This year because of social distancing, it would not be safe for us to do so but we do not want to the parishioners of St Paul's to miss out on having a beautiful tree on display. If you know of anyone who has a truck or a van that could accommodate a 12ft tree and would be happy to help transport it from school to church on the afternoon of Friday 18th December or the morning of Saturday 19th, please contact the school office as soon as possible on 0118 978 5219.



On Monday, we welcomed Mr Taylor, our new cook to St Paul's and I am pleased to report that he is settling in well. Our new Hot Packed Lunch Menu starts on Monday, details of which you can find [here](#). The deadline for booking a Christmas lunch has now closed as the kitchen cooks to exact numbers and has now placed the meat and vegetables order for the festive feast. If you missed the deadline, why not send your child in with a Christmassy packed lunch that day so that they can join in the fun.



Under no circumstances should children who are unwell attend school. We will always send pupils who are poorly home, for their wellbeing and that of the other pupils and the staff. After being out of school for months during the first lockdown, good attendance is vitally important but never more so than your child's health and that of everyone else. Trying to keep a school community safe in a pandemic is a huge undertaking and our staff are doing an amazing job.

Now that the latest lockdown restrictions have been lifted, we are subject to Tier 2 of the government's safety restrictions. Attached is a poster, explaining what is and is not permitted and we would ask that you continue to help keep our school family fit and well by following this guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tier-posters-medium-high-and-very-high>

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

In case you missed this last week, the end of term arrangements will be

Friday 18th December – last day of term pick up times:



Year 6: 1.25pm

Year 5: 1.35pm

Year 4: 1.45pm

Year 3: 1.55pm

Christmas Post

For obvious reasons, our Christmas Post Box will be out of commission this year and if your child would like to send a Christmas card, we ask that they send just one to their whole class. These will be read out by the teacher and put on display for everyone to enjoy.



Appeal



Please avoid stopping to drop children off in the passing places on Murray Road. Not only does this block the driveways of neighbours to the school but it also brings the traffic to a standstill as there are no places for cars to pull in and give way to oncoming traffic.

Safeguarding - Online Safety

We cannot stress enough the importance of a safe online environment for your child and actively encourage all parents and carers to set age-appropriate parental controls on digital devices and use internet filters to block malicious websites. These are usually free, but often need to be turned on. The following are resources that contain a wealth of helpful advice about guidance about how to safeguard your child online.

- [support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#), which outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice
- guidance on [staying safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings
- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world
- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online service

Relationships Education at St Paul's

You will have seen the item in last week's Newsletter regarding Relationships Education and that we were looking for parents invite parents to join a working party of staff, governors and parents to help us to develop our new Relationships Policy and curriculum. We are looking for two parents per year group to join staff and governors on this working party. If you would be interested in volunteering, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th January at 4pm. For further information, a full copy of the guidance is available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

What have we been up to this week?



5K participated in a live web chat with Father Richard discussing the Christmas Story, and what it means to him as a Christian. The children asked some very interesting questions.



First News Digital Edition



The children can now access a digital edition of *First News* by logging into their MS Teams account and selecting the 'Cohort' option.

First News is a UK newspaper for young readers. It is published in a full colour tabloid format every Friday, and aims to present current events and politics in a child-friendly format, alongside news on entertainment, sport and computer games.

PTA Fundraising

The PTA are doing a great job of continuing to raise funds for our school. Details about two key initiatives are below, and a flyer has previously 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

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

Wokingham Winter Carnival – Saturday 6th December



For further details, please see the flyer below.

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.

Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to all the children on our Golden Certificate Roll of Honour this week - well done everyone! Certificates will be presented on Monday.

Year 3

3B

- 3B – 100% attendance for week 23rd-27th November. Well done 3B!

3D

- Amaira – always taking great care with the presentation of her work.
- Orhan – explaining his ideas clearly in Maths. Well done Orhan!

3L

- Nicolas – writing an amazing story in an English lesson using all the techniques he's been taught in Year 3.
- Aston – showing improved positivity towards his work.
- Brody – being more organized and ready to learn.



Year 4

4C

- ◆ Hayley – her very entertaining Polar Bear story.
- ◆ Emily T – her clear explanations in Science.
- ◆ Aryaman – his consistent good work in English lessons.
- ◆ Rufus – his support and encouragement towards his peers.

4M

- ◆ Charlotte – a fantastic explanation in Science and linking it to a prior learning.

Year 5

5S

- Ismail and Laila – hard work and commitment in Maths.

5P

- Luka – fantastic effort and brilliant writing in our English unit.
- Rose – writing a brilliant and engaging story in our English unit.

Diary Dates 2020

Friday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day (non-uniform)
Friday 18 th December	End of Term: Early Finish
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 5 th January	Start of Term
Tuesday 12 th – Friday 15 th January 2021	Year 6 Bikeability

Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website [here](#)

TIER 2 HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY	-bars, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS	RETAIL	WORK AND BUSINESS
No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.	Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.	Open.	Employers who can work from home should do so.
EDUCATION	INDOOR LEISURE	ACCOMMODATION	PERSONAL CARE
Early year settings, schools, college and universities open. Children, other supervised activities for children, and children's bubbles permitted.	Open.	Open.	Open.
OVERNIGHT STAYS	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS	ENTERTAINMENT	PLACES OF WORSHIP
Permitted with household or support bubble.	15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes, all for houses.	Open.	Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.
TRAVELLING	EXERCISE	RESIDENTIAL CARE	LARGE EVENTS
Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy roads and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 2 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.	Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot interact between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-16s and disabled people can continue.	COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial homes, visiting pools, and window visits. Outdoor overnight visits only (total of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).	Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 500 people indoors (whichever is lower).

Find out what support you can get
For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.
gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:
A high temperature - A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.
Get a test and stay at home.

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
gov.uk/coronavirus



**WOKINGHAM
CHRISTMAS CHARITY MARKET
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2020
WOKINGHAM MARKET PLACE AND
PEACH PLACE.
COME AND BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS
GIFTS AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL
CHARITIES AT THE SAME TIME!
10AM TO 4PM
PLEASE RESPECT SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES, IF IN DOUBT
PLEASE SEEK ASSISTANCE FROM OUR COVID-19 MARSHALS.
PROTECT YOURSELVES AND OTHERS.**



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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...
<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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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.