



# NEWSLETTER

**ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – 23.2.18**

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the positive feedback about our new Parents' Evening system. Having a daytime and an evening session resulted in the highest ever number of appointments being made – 92%! If for any reason you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact the class teacher as they would be happy to meet with you to celebrate your child's achievements this year.

The weather has certainly taken a turn for the worst and the temperature has started to plummet. We are always amazed at the number of children who are happy to come to school on days like these without coats. The local authority has issued a severe weather warning for the next few days and we would be grateful if you could ensure your child is well insulated by wearing their coat (even for those children who insist that they are warm enough!)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Taylor  
Headteacher

## CELEBRATE!

In January, four of our Year 6 pupils (Sohini Basu, Sunny Varanasi, Dylan Newman and Bharat Jasti) travelled to Eagle House Prep School to compete against around 40 other schools (both independent and state) from across the south. They competed as two teams of two and had to work out equations and solve Countdown style challenges as quickly as possible. We are very proud to announce that the two teams came an amazing second and fourth overall in the competition. Miss Hennessey, who accompanied them, said that they were amazing and represented the school brilliantly. Each of the children were presented with a special certificate in this morning's assembly. Congratulations to our highly successful mathematicians! (By Mr Day)

This morning in assembly a record number of pen licences were awarded to children from across the school. Pen licences are given to children who have developed a consistent and fluid style of handwriting.

Congratulations to all of our violinists. A huge number of children were presented with their ABRSM medals and certificates.

Well done everyone!

## HEALTH & SAFETY

Pupils are discouraged from wearing jewellery to school and the only items permitted are one small pair of silver or gold stud earrings and a watch. For safety reasons no other style of earrings are permitted.

We strongly encourage parents to ensure that children do not wear earrings on the days when they have PE/games. If earrings cannot be removed, we ask that they are covered with micropore tape. This can be purchased from any supermarket or chemist.

## FOOTBALL

The A side have ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> in our local group out of 5 teams – a respectable return for 2 good home wins and 2 close away loses. This puts us in division 3 for the rest of the season – a competition we should do well in! (By Mr Wilkinson)

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## TVRL

We are enjoying a fantastically well-supported season. The children representing St Paul's have done so brilliantly with their impeccable behaviour, team spirit and sportsmanship. It is clear that they thoroughly enjoy taking part and we are discovering several keen runners who will hopefully continue with this sport for many years to come.

Our thanks to all the parents who ensure that St Paul's are able to field a strong team of athletes. Without their support and enthusiasm it wouldn't be possible to participate on such a scale.

Our final race will be at Bulmershe School on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. This is a team relay race which is a selected event and if your child is chosen to race, they will be notified. (By Mrs Carless)



## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Jodie Sawyer, a member of the Bytomic Taekwon-do Club in Winnersh has been awarded the Junior Student of the Year. Jodie was presented with a commemorative shield and medal – well done Jodie!

## WORLD BOOK DAY



On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March we will be celebrating World Book Day. As part of the celebrations, the children and staff are invited to dress up as a book character of their choice. We have lots of exciting activities and there will be a year group prize and staff prize for best dressed book character. We will post photographs of the day on our website.

## 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 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Books will be on sale in classes 4B and 4M. In 4B, you will find books for younger readers and in 4M, books suitable for the upper school. Each child will be given a £1 book token which can be used towards the cost of any book purchased at the Fair.

## TEEN BOOK GROUP – MESSAGE FROM WOKINGHAM LIBRARY

Join us to discuss books, get recommendations and discover new books. Sessions include fun quizzes and activities and more. For teens aged 11 to 16 years old. The sessions are held on Thursdays from 4.30-5.30pm. Further details are attached.

## WINNERSH LIBRARY LEGO CLUB

Every Thursday (during term time) 4pm to 4.45pm – 50p per session. The club is for children aged 5 to 10 years old. To book a place call Winnersh Library 0118 979 7519. Further details are attached.

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## SPOTLIGHT BERKSHIRE TALENT

Do you have a talent – singing, dancing, acting, playing a musical instrument etc.? If so, head to the Whitty Theatre on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March to showcase your talent at ‘Spotlight Berkshire Talent’. The event is being hosted by the Rotary Club and details on how to register are attached.

## INCREDIBLE YEARS PARENTING COURSES

Parenting is probably the hardest job an adult will undertake, but also the one for which the least amount of training and preparation is provided. Why not attend an Incredible Years Parenting course. This effective, practical and intensive course covers the following topics:

- Does your child argue with adults as well as their peers?
- Is your child unwilling to accept and follow adults’ requests or rules?
- Is your child touchy / irritable and often annoyed by others?
- Does your child blame other people for their mistakes / misbehaviour?
- Do you spend more time telling them off than having fun with them?
- Are you feeling worried or stressed and wondering if things will ever get easier?

Please see attached flyers for further details.

## DIARY DATES

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Visit to Ufton Court
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Football A & B Teams v Hawthorns - Away
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite character
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March – 6.30pm	Liddington Information Evening – Year 5 Parents (Parking available on the playground)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March – 9.15am	5L Class Assembly
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Football A Team v St Nicholas - Home
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Governor Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	M&M Theatre Group – A Little Princess
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am	3H Class Assembly
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Easter Experience at Wokingham Baptist Church
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Travelling Book Fair in School (books on sale after school in 4B and 4M)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March – 9.15am	5B Class Assembly – Date Change
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Football B Team v Polehampton - Away
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Football A Team v Gorseride - Home
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Final TVRL Race - Relays
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	WASMA Concert – Reading Hexagon Theatre
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March Years 3 & 4 6.15-7.15pm Years 5 & 6 7.45-8.45pm	PTA Discos
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>END OF TERM – 2.00PM</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	START OF TERM
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 Bikeability
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>

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