



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

The last few days have been particularly busy with festive events, including our Christmas Fair. Skilfully masterminded by our fabulous PTA committee and well supported by the children and parents, we raised somewhere in the region of £2000! Thanks to everyone who was involved or supported this event, particularly the hard working members of our PTA Committee who spent the last few months planning, shopping and wrapping in preparation. We will include the final amount in our next newsletter.

The children shone at each performance of our Christmas Celebration, reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas. It is always a very special time when our whole school community comes together, pupils, staff and families and the children were marvellous, giving us a celebration to remember. Thank you for your donations to our collection. Our aim was to raise sufficient money to support 12 homeless people with a Christmas day to remember – 3 hot meals, a shower and change of clothes, and a health check with a doctor, dentist and optician. Thanks to your kindness we actually raised £826.37 for the charity Crisis, enough money to give 30 homeless people the chance to experience a day with many of the comforts that we take for granted. Thank you so much!

Today saw the whole school dressed in Christmas jumpers for our delicious Christmas lunch. We had two sittings and our cook, Lisa, and her team did a great job of providing over 360 festive lunches. Thank you to our hardworking lunchtime controllers, teachers and learning mentors who served, waited on tables and cleared up after this mammoth two-hour feast.

Sadly, today we said farewell to Mrs Allen who has done a fantastic job teaching alongside Miss McDonogh this term. The children in 3F have made a great start to St Paul's and thrived in their care. Miss Jenny Brown joins us after Christmas, taking over from Mrs Allen. She will be teaching in 3F until the end of the summer term. Mrs Perkins commenced maternity leave today and the staff and children gave her (and her bump) a good send off!

We also wish Mahathi and Adithi Srinivas and their family, all good wishes with the move to Dubai.

Wokingham have issued a cold weather alert to all schools. Please ensure that your child brings a warm coat to school next week as it promises to be a very chilly few days!

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Upcoming Events

December 17

iRock concert for iRock Parents – 2.00pm

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PTA Discos

Years 3/4 - 6.15-7.15pm

Years 5/6 – 7.45-8.45pm

December 19

End of Term – 2.00pm

January 3

Start of Term

Safeguarding

Twitch is a popular platform for online gaming enthusiasts. With young children and teenagers frequenting the platform, it is important for parents to be aware of the associated risks, including, uncensored material and the risk of unwanted contact from strangers.

You will find the latest parents' guide here

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/twitch-online-safety-guide-for-parents/>

St Paul's Church News and Events

Congratulations to Fr. Richard who was recently appointed the Archdeacon of Sonning Deanery. This promotion does not mean that we will be losing him from the parish, rather that he will be taking on additional duties.

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Many will have noticed the candle-filled Churchyard on the way to the Fireworks on 4<sup>th</sup> November. All Souls' Day is properly the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, the day after All Saints', which is the day after Halloween (the Eve of All Hallows, which is an old word for saints). On All Souls' Day we remembered with love and thanksgiving those who have died who shaped us and shared our lives who we miss every day. As well as a Church service in which the names of our loved ones were read out, candles were lit all around the Churchyard as a way of encouraging those passing by to pause and remember. It is a South American idea and one which is very beautiful, reminding us that those who are buried in the churchyard are wonderfully alive in the love of God and the joy of Heaven. *(Fr. Richard Lamey)*

From the 5<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of November St Paul's proudly hosted 10 of the There but not There figures. This national initiative places plastic silhouettes of people in public places near where they lived or worked before they were killed during the First World War. Each year group visited church to view the figures and spend some time learning a little about what life was like during WWI.



## Prayer Garden Volunteers

We are indebted to Mattijs Janssens, Richard Leonard, Younice Wong and Mr Millen who gave up a Saturday morning to shift 3 tons of soil and dismantle the old planters in the Prayer Garden. It was tough going but thanks to their labour, all of the rotten wood and old soil are now gone. Their efforts were very much appreciated, and we can now move ahead and improve the way in which we use this space.



## Special Assemblies

We've held two special safety assemblies this term - 'Be Bright Be Seen' which reinforced the importance of road safety with each Year 3 child being given a Safer Steps Workbook designed to help parents work together with their child to build up their road safety skills. We also held a 'Sustainable Travel to School' assembly which explored modes of transport and the different ways families can travel to school without using a car.

Parents can contact [myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:myjourney@wokingham.gov.uk) for any advice and support with safe walking, scooting or cycling.

## Message from Caterlink Regarding Allergies/Cultural/Lifestyle Dietary Requirements

For cultural/lifestyle dietary requirements, it is not the responsibility of the Caterlink kitchen staff to check whether or not a child is eating something which is prohibited to them. Parents must ensure that a child is aware of what they can and cannot eat before ordering a school meal. A copy of the menu can be found on the website [here](#). These are guidelines that the Caterlink staff working in our kitchen must adhere to.

If you have informed Caterlink that your child has a food allergy that the kitchen staff should be aware of, a Caterlink Allergy & Intolerance Form must be completed, accompanied by a referral letter from a medical professional (GP/consultant/dietician). This documentation can be handed in to the school office staff who will pass it on to the kitchen. It is also helpful for the kitchen staff to be able to display a photo of your child with the allergen information near the servery. A Photo Permission Form and the Caterlink Allergy & Intolerance Form can be found on the website [here](#).

## Parking

We would just like to remind our parents that there are parking restrictions in place in the roads around school. Before leaving your vehicle, please ensure that you are not parking in the spaces in Keeble House or across driveways in St Paul's Gate.

## All things Sporting

This half term has continued at the same pace with more league matches and competitions.

### Boccia



Sam Pester, Spencer Roberts and Gethin Craig were the first ever representatives for St Paul's in a Boccia competition. Boccia is a sport requiring strategy, team work and skill. Our team were fantastic winning several of their matches but also the recipients of the Fair Play Award.

## Football

Boys Wokingham District Boys Football League 1st November 2018

St. Paul's v Sonning – won 6-1

The boys' team played their first league match against Sonning. The standard of play was excellent and all the boys demonstrated a high level of sportsmanship and fair play. It was a good win for St Paul's, and Man of the Match was Kian Rooney.



### English Football League Kids Cup – Madejski Stadium 9th November 2018

The boys' team played in their first tournament on the astro pitches at Madejski. The boys were fantastic, comfortably winning their group without losing a game. They qualified to the quarter-finals but unfortunately lost out on penalties to Willowbank despite hitting the bar four times in the match. Player of the tournament was Ruben Verzuu.

### Girls Football Tournament – Goals 1st November 2018

The girls' team had a fun time playing in the tournament at Goals. They showed considerable improvement as a team. They won two matches, drew the third then lost out to two excellent teams coming 3rd in their pool overall. There were many goals scored and some excellent goal keeping demonstrated by Jenny Dunn. Player of the match was Marnie Fieldsend.

### Year 4 Girls Football Festival – Crosfields School 6th November 2018

Crosfields School organised their first ever football festival just for girls. It was an excellent competition, very well organised. Our team played magnificently, unbeaten in all their games with many goals scored and only one goal conceded. They had great fun meeting Queensly at the end of the tournament. Player of the tournament was Evelyn Duxbury who scored four goals.

Congratulations to you all!



### TVRL – Race 2 Black Park Slough 15th November 2018

We had another excellent turn out for the second of our league races in Slough fielding a team of 43 children. The course was flat and fast and there were some more excellent performances. Jasper Legg and Lola Harris were the first boy and girl home for St Paul's, an excellent representation from year 3. Very well done to both of you. Marnie Fieldsend again was the winner of the 5/6 girls race winning in style with an excellent lead over the remainder of the field. Theo Maynard was the first boy home for St Paul's coming in 7th. He was very pleased with his best performance so far.

Well done to all our runners especially those of you who were running for St. Paul's for the first time.



## Talent Spotlight

Many of our pupils work extremely hard outside school in a variety of different sports. We would like to showcase some of the achievements of these pupils. Please let us know by contacting the office if your child/children are excelling outside of school so we can recognise their accomplishments.

### Amelie Bowles – Year 6



Amelie is an Artistic Gymnast. She works incredibly hard, training for 20 hours a week at her club, Bulmershe. In addition, she trains for 4 weekends as part of the Southern Region Team and last year was selected for the GB Performance Pathway Squad 2018, sitting just under the home nation team. This involved 3 training residentials at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, Shropshire - home of GB gymnastics - where she was coached by GB coaches alongside Amy Tinkler.

Amelie has had a great competition year.

In March she won Gold at the Southern Region Compulsory Grade 3 Championships, qualifying for National Finals to compete individually against the top 40 gymnasts in GB and as a member of the Southern Region team. These took place in May. She won Gold on vault and finished 7th overall, helping Team South to Gold!

She did well at the Berkshire County Championships in July, winning Vault and gaining Silver on Bars, Beam and Floor, giving her a Silver overall.

In October she competed in the Southern Region Level 3 Championships, again qualifying for National Finals individually and as a member of Team South. The competition in November saw her become British Vault Champion and across both National Finals in 2018 placed 11th in Great Britain in the all-around competition. She's hoping it will be enough to retain her place in the GB Performance Pathway Squad for 2019. Team South also won Silver in the team competition.

Congratulations Amelie on your achievements so far and we look forward to following your progress in the year to come!

| Diary Dates             |                                                                           |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 17 December      | iRock Concert for Parents of Band Members, 2.00pm                         |
| Monday 17 December      | PTA Christmas Discos, Years 3/4 - 6.15-7.15pm and Years 5/6 - 7.45-8.45pm |
| Wednesday 19 December   | End of Term, 2.00pm                                                       |
| Thursday 3 January 2019 | Start of Term                                                             |

| 8am                    | 9am | 10am | 11am | 12pm | 1pm | 2pm | 3pm | 4pm | 5pm | 6pm |  |
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| FULL DAY PASS: £32.50  |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| CORE DAY PASS: £25.50  |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| EARLY DAY PASS: £29.00 |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |
| LATE DAY PASS: £29.00  |     |      |      |      |     |     |     |     |     |     |  |

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**Are you:**

- G In Year 6?
- G A netballer - beginner or experienced?
- G Enthusiastic and committed?
- G A team player who likes to have fun?
- G Free on a Tuesday evening, 6-7.30pm?

If this describes you then we need you for the UI Is at Wokingham Netball Club! Training is on a Tuesday at Luckley House School and the first 2 sessions are FREE! So why not come along and see how much fun it is?

For more details contact Vicky Bowyer on [chairperson@wokinghamnetball.org.uk](mailto:chairperson@wokinghamnetball.org.uk)

More details about the Club on: [www.wokinghamnetball.org.uk](http://www.wokinghamnetball.org.uk)



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**Are you:**

- In Years 2 or 3?
- Interested in learning to play netball?
- Enthusiastic?
- A team player who likes to have fun?
- Free on a Monday evening, 6-7.15pm?

If this describes you we invite you to come along to Wokingham Netball Club! Training is on a Monday at Luckley House School and the first 2 sessions are FREE! So why not come along and see how much fun it is?

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\*\*Please note that the school has no connection to Wokingham Netball Club and does not endorse the club in any way. Parents should make their own decision if this club is suitable for their child.

## WBC Library Events

### Wokingham Living Advent Calendar

Each day between December 1 and Christmas Eve a venue around the town hosts a performance of music, dance or drama lasting approximately 15 minutes but details of the performance are kept secret until the date itself. Wokingham Library will be hosting on **Monday December 17at 6pm**. For more details check <http://wokinghamadvent.org.uk/> . These are free events, just drop-in and join the fun!

**Snowy Tales**—Come and hear some snow themed stories and songs, then create your own snowman mask to take home and a fun Christmas jumper activity. Suitable for 2 to 8 year olds, £2 Charge per child. **Saturday December 15 11am to 11.45am**

**Reindeer Stories and Craft** - Come and hear stories about reindeers with fun songs and create your own reindeer mask to take home and a fun Christmas jumper activity. Suitable for 2 to 8 year olds, £2 Charge per child. **Saturday December 15 9.45am to 10.30am**

**For further information and to book, please visit:** <https://booking.wokingham.gov.uk/whats-on/>

### Winter Mini Reading Challenge for Children

**The Winter Mini Challenge** encourages children to keep reading through the winter holidays by rewarding them for reading and reviewing three books. This year we are thrilled to partner with publisher **Nosy Crow** for an extra special challenge inspired by *There's A Yeti in the Playground!*, the hilarious new book from Blue Peter Award winners Pamela Butchart and Thomas Flintham.

**Taking part online** - To take part in the Mini Challenge, children simply read three books of their choice, then rate and review them online at [www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.winterreadingchallenge.org.uk) The Challenge starts on **Saturday 1 December 2018** and finishes on **Friday 11 January 2019**, so there's plenty of time to get involved! Books added to the website during this period will count towards unlocking the Mini Challenge rewards: a special certificate to print off and keep, and a Winter Challenge badge that will appear on the user's website profile. The website will also feature printable activities and recommendations for great winter reads. For even more suggestions, try the Book Sorter, our unique database of children's peer-to-peer recommendations.

All the books it recommends have been rated and reviewed by children using the website.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

**A selection of our events are listed above, for all of our events visit:**

**<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries/whats-on-in-our-libraries/>**

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