



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear St Paul's Families,

It has been another fabulous week of learning, both at home and at school, with the children continuing to submit lots of examples of excellent work. We are delighted with how well they are getting on with remote learning and with the high levels of engagement we are seeing. It is as high as 97% in some classes and our aim is to get 100% involved. In the same way we would normally check on the safety of a child absent from school, we will continue to contact parents about any child not regularly seen online. Thank you to those of you who have used the year group mailboxes to advise about medical appointments and when children will not be online - it stops us from worrying about them and making a phone call home! The mailboxes can also be used for emailing work or for enquiring about lost passwords etc.

Year 3 – year3onlinelearning@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Year 4 - year4onlinelearning@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Year 5 – year5onlinelearning@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Year 6 – year6onlinelearning@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Should your child experience difficulties logging on or accessing MS Teams, Mrs Brook will always be happy to help IT_Tech@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

The vast majority of our staff are parents, many of whom are working from home and supporting their own children with remote education, so we completely understand the challenges that this brings and would like to thank you for all that you are doing to help with school work.



It is a worrying time for us at the moment as some of our staff are currently unwell and a number of have tested positive for Covid-19. We are at the maximum in terms of the staff we have available and are working hard to maintain excellent online provision and run our Keyworker School. Rest assured, we have no intention of reducing the amount of teaching we currently have in place or reducing the number of catch-ups each week. We believe that they are vital to our pupils' ongoing progress and wellbeing. Any adjustments will be in the event that your child's teacher is unwell and, in this case, a colleague from a parallel class will upload your child's daily timetable and once they have finished teaching their own Maths and English lesson, they will make their lesson videos available. Your child should still complete and submit their work each day, which their own teacher will respond to once they are well enough to return to work.

As you may already be aware, we are currently without our Deputy Head, Ms Edwards. Mrs Wilson, her job share partner, has kindly rearranged all of her existing commitments and stepped in to support the children in 6N. Our very best wishes go to Ms Edwards and to all of our staff who are currently unable to be with us due to ill health. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

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Access to devices



A wonderful thing happened on Wednesday evening! Miss Gilder arrived at school, carrying three brand new laptops, kindly paid for and donated by her dad who had heard of our efforts in trying to support our families in accessing remote learning and wanted to help us in a way that would directly benefit pupils. We cannot thank him enough for his very generous gift and for thinking of our school family at this time. We will certainly be putting them to good use and aim to have them set up and delivered to pupils by the end of the week.

We have been working really hard to support any family who indicated in our IT survey that their child did not have access to a device to complete home learning and/or access to the internet. If you did not manage to complete the survey and this applies to your child, please ring us straight away on 0118 978 5219 as we can provide access to both.

We are now beginning to work our way through the survey results again, this time contacting families who indicated one device is shared by all household members. Where we know there are siblings both attending St Paul's, we will prioritise these families first for a device. Following this, we will continue to identify families in priority order, loaning laptops until we run out.

Safeguarding



In every year group, we teach online safety as part of our Computing Curriculum, including the importance of leaving a positive digital footprint. Our safeguarding arrangements and protocols prevent any child using a school device to access social media or platforms containing age inappropriate content. Mobile phones are turned off at the gate and remain in the care of the teacher until the end of the day, when they are returned to pupils as they leave.

We actively teach of the dangers of uploading comments without thinking and that once something unkind or thoughtless has been posted, it is impossible to limit how widely it is shared. We also make the children aware that this is true for adults and that there are regularly cases in the news where individuals have got themselves into great difficulty, or worse, by posting things online that they would never dream of saying if they found themselves face to face with the person they are disrespecting.

On Thursday, in Jack's live PE lesson on You Tube for the children of Walter and St Paul's, an inappropriate message was posted by someone remotely. Although it was quickly removed, and the matter fully investigated, it has caused considerable and unnecessary hurt and upset. Any future PE lessons will be pre-recorded videos.

Children's Mental Health Week 2021

From 1st to 7th 2021, the children and staff will be exploring the different ways they can share ideas, feelings and thoughts. There is wide range of resources and tips for parents available at childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk



Free Wellbeing Resources

Follow the links below for free resources:

NHS Berkshire West: [Wellbeing resources for families, children and young people](#).

The Week Junior: [A four-week guide to improving your physical and mental health](#).

Healthy-Kidz.com: [Free resources including physical and creative activities](#).

EnergyKidz: [Activity resources to keep children engaged](#) - scrumptious cooking activities, wacky science experiments to high energy physical activity challenges.

Blue Peter on YouTube: How to get a Blue Peter badge, and videos suitable for 5 -11 years – challenges, arts and crafts, cooking, environmental, music and much more. Subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> (it's completely free).

Keyworker School

There are a limited number of spaces available. For enquiries email: keyworkers@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Risk Assessment

Our latest Covid-19 Risk Assessment is available to parents on our website [here](#). Please email feedback or suggestions to admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk

Online Safety



Safeguarding children online has never been as important as it is now and it can sometimes feel like a minefield because of rapidly developing technology. This [link](#) will take you to the National Online Safety website, here you will find a range of 'What Parents Need to Know' guides. For Childnet's ideas of how you and your child can explore online safety in a fun way, follow the [link](#).

January Birthdays

Happy birthday to all our pupils celebrating this month:

Gabija, Thomas, Aryaman, Aston, Juno, Vanya, Sinclair, Eva, Mollie, Evo, Cassidy, Harrison, Kieran, Bella, Kakoon, Hanna, Rayan, Amaira, Vir, Molly, Thomas, Kaylen, Bruce, Thor, Aleena, Miranda, Freya, Corey, Tiah, Jack and Archisa.



Adult Education Courses

Wokingham Adult Education courses on offer this half term can be found by following the link below: <https://sites.google.com/view/wokingham-acl/courses>. All courses are currently online, via Zoom, tutor led with small groups of learners and free (eligibility criteria apply).

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What Have We Been Up to This Week?



In Science, 3L have been setting up an experiment to prove how a stem sucks water and carries it around the plant, and in English they have been creating portal stories with the children drawing their adversary before writing about them.



Online French Club



The French Club are continuing to offer fun and interactive classes online. For more information please see the flyer on our website [here](#).

Introducing the Virtual School Library



Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust have come together to launch a Virtual School Library to keep children reading during lockdown.

Every week, a popular children's author will become 'Author of the Week' and provide a free book or audiobook and exclusive videos and activities aimed at primary school children, all available at library.thenational.academy.

Our first Author of the Week is Dame Jacqueline Wilson DBE, who talks about how her infamous character Tracy Beaker got her name, offers exclusive activities and recommends her top reads to check out. *The Story of Tracy Beaker* is also available to read for free for a week. Spread the word!

Help us support the Royal Berkshire Hospital and the NHS

If you would like to help, they have asked for two things – individual wrapped ‘treats’ to keep them going during their very long shifts, and bottles of squash. There is a box at the back of St Paul’s Church (open from 11.00am – 4.00pm) for donations and Father Richard will make sure they reach their destination.

The staff would also love to receive letters of support– a note, a thought, a prayer, a picture – something to read through and look at when things are at their most challenging. These can be emailed to freya.parrish@royalberkshire.nhs.uk. Remember to write your child’s first name and age on the back.

Thank you to all those St Paul’s families and staff who have already given so generously.



Family First Magazine

Family First magazine is packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown. Please click on the link below to access a digital edition: https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220

Golden Certificate Winners

Congratulations to all the children on our Golden Certificate Roll of Honour this week - well done everyone!



Year 3

3B

- Naksh - working so hard on his presentation. Every piece of work demonstrates the effort he has made.
- Amelia - showing such a wonderful attitude to learning and always giving 100% of her effort to all that she does.

3D

- Holly – incorporating a range of Words of the Day in her hot write story.
- Elim – making a really positive start at St Paul’s.
- Rufus – taking great care to include all the success criteria in his hot write story.

3L

- ◆ Matilda – being a supportive friend and helpful in class.
- ◆ Madyson – working really hard on her Maths work.
- ◆ Jordan – excellent work in Brainbox, teaching Mrs. Lindsay how to do division!

Year 5

5S

- Sam - contributing enthusiastically to live lessons.
- Isla and Jack - their impressive commitment to home learning.

5K

- George - fantastic effort this week with his Myth writing.
- Ella - developing her independent skills and taking responsibility for her learning.
- Max - persevering and working hard to include certain criteria in his Myth writing.
- Selma - working extremely hard in Maths to crack division using the chunking method.

5P

- Annabella – always listening and following instructions in class, and for trying really hard and doing some wonderful work in English.
- Owen – the fantastic effort he has put into his work and excellent presentation.

Year 6

6B

- ❖ Abigail – being kind, considerate, polite and working hard the past two weeks.
- ❖ Samuel – his mature attitude, enthusiasm and working hard, especially on his wonderful character description.
- ❖ Jack – sharing his knowledge about animal adaptation in Science this week.
- ❖ Altion – maturity in his writing, producing a thought-provoking character description.
- ❖ Harry – keeping us all amused with his timely alterations to his live lesson backgrounds!

Diary Dates 2020	
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1st April 2021	End of Term: 2.00pm Finish
Monday 19th April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website here	