

# St Paul's C of E Junior School



Dear Parents,

Despite the very changeable weather, I hope you and your family had a relaxing half term holiday.

It was good to welcome the children back on Tuesday and to hear all about holiday activities and the things they got up to last week.

We've already hit the ground running for this final half term, with Y6 Mind the Gap workshops on Tuesday, Y4 classes out for a local study walk and the whole school involved in our new look Sports Day yesterday. This fabulous event was the brainchild of our new PE and Games Coordinator, Claire Foster, who single handedly planned and organized the event. The children had a busy fun filled morning, working collaboratively, in mixed year teams, trying their hand at each one of 24 activities. Their behavior was impeccable and we were impressed and proud by the way in which they supported and encouraged one another. Many reported how much they enjoyed being able to have a go at everything and a considerable number described it as the best Sports Day ever!

Special thanks to the PTA volunteers who served refreshments throughout the morning. We were delighted that so many parents were able to join us and received such a lot of positive feedback about the placement of siblings within the same team, all children being involved in every activity, and how well the morning ran. We think that this is definitely a winning formula and are already planning tweaks to make next year even better.

Lewis were the House Cup winners, gaining the most points overall.

Team S earned the highest number of game points and Team M, the cup for best Sportsmanship. Well done everyone!

To safeguard all of our children, photos taken during Sports Day can be shared with immediate family and friends but not shared on social networking sites or other websites accessible to the general public.

Mrs Taylor

## Upcoming Events

### June 11

Open Morning – 8.55-9.55am

### June 12

Class Photos

### June 13 – 8.50-11.10am

Parents' Evening

### June 14 – 3.50-7.30pm

Parents' Evening

## Safeguarding

We are committed to safeguarding pupils and supporting parents so that they can help their children to make the most of digital technology and manage the challenges that often arise.

On our website, under Parents, we have a wide range of safety guidance, which is regularly reviewed and updated. Our newest addition is a comprehensive guide to

[Fortnite: Battle Royale](#)

**Despite our item in last week's Newsletter, parents of St Paul's pupils are still parking in the car park of 48 Oxford Road. These are private parking spaces and for residents only.**

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## Wow!

An impressive 39,000 entries to the National Young Writers' Awards were submitted this year and we are very proud to announce that Alba Searle, Y6, was one of only 150 Regional Winners. Their stories were sent to David Walliams for further judging and Alba is now through to the final 10. The theme of the competition was 'Heroes' and Alba drew her inspiration from our very own Crossing Patroller, Mrs Burch. "Mrs Burch has been around since I started at Walter and she does a brilliant job of keeping us safe. She is a hero of Meadow, Walter, St Paul's and the whole area."

Alba is still waiting to hear the final outcome and we will update you as soon as we know.

Congratulations, Alba, what an **amazing** achievement.

We have included her story in this week's newsletter so that everyone has a chance to enjoy Alba's writing.

*"All throughout England, at every school you happen to come across you will find a lollipop lady, so named because of the long sticks they hold. They are there to tell children when it is safe to cross. They wait for a gap in the early morning traffic and hold up their sticks to signal cars to stop and allow the multiple school children to cross so they can begin their day of fun and learning. Or so it seems ...*

*The truth of all crossing ladies begins with one of many parents who are grumpy, tired and if you look closely at their hair you can see the resemblance with a sea urchin. This particular mother has to literally drag her son to school today. She has to go to work quite soon and can't afford to be made late again by Josh, her son. In her hastiness, this mum makes the reckless decision to ignore Ruth, the crossing lady at Josh's school, and speedily drags her son into the road. But she only gets one step away from the pavement before Ruth springs into action, doing what she often does!*

*At the speed of light, Ruth bashes her lollipop stick to the floor, freezing time and the battle commences.*

*Ruth hit the monster, just missing it as it ducks and lies on the car, as flat as it possibly can. The beast uses one of its long tentacles to grip the poor woman's throat before biting her nose in an attempt to yank it right off her face. While the ugly animal in front of her was distracted with her nose Ruth hit the monster three times: one to knock its tentacle away from her neck, the second to rip the suckers clean off the car and the third to hit it into a parallel universe far, far away.*

*These monsters are road trolls and are hundred per-cent hideous flesh. They come in all different colours, with a dozen eyes dotted around a blob of a head. Instead of legs the road trolls have suckers to attach themselves to cars; each Troll having about five. Instead of arms they have tentacles varying in length of up to three metres and are absolutely smothered in warts and scars.*

*Having bashed the troll off the car Ruth unfroze time. Completely oblivious to what Ruth had done, Josh's mother finishes her journey irritated at the crossing lady. Ruth couldn't help but smile.*

*Ruth, like all other crossing ladies, started out as an average adult until called upon by a secret society of others who also have the gift of seeing the road trolls. From there, Ruth fulfilled her duty of freezing time, battling road trolls and banishing them from the planet. And although only a small number of people are aware of it, Ruth joined all of the crossing ladies and became a superb hero.*

*So next time you see a lollipop lady be sure to thank them – preferably without revealing their secret."*

## General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) reminder

Updated Privacy Notices for pupils, parents, staff, governors and volunteers are available on our website [here](#).

## Adult and Community Learning Courses

Please see below details of Adult and Community Learning courses by Wokingham Borough Council. Places must be booked in advance via contacting the Adult Education team for an application form on 0118 974 3797 or [lifelonglearning@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@wokingham.gov.uk). Further details will be on their course listing online, and Facebook and Twitter pages by the middle of next week at the following links:

<https://sites.google.com/prod/view/wokingham-acl>

<https://www.facebook.com/AdultandCommunityLearningWokingham/>

<https://twitter.com/wbcac1>

## Wokingham Borough Primary Places

The draft Wokingham Borough primary school places strategy 2018 to 2028 is now available for viewing and comment on the Council's Consultation page.

This can be found here:

<http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations/>

A photograph showing two people in business attire reviewing documents at a table. The text 'Interview Skills Workshop FREE!' is overlaid in blue and white.

**FREE 3 hour interactive course for people looking to develop their Interview skills to make the right impression and get the job. The course will include:**

- How to prepare for interview (how to research the company and the job role)
- How to demonstrate your skills and qualities during the interview
- Exploring different types of interviews – competency, skills, technical or experience based interviews as well as telephone/video call interviews
- How to ask questions about the role and the company

**9.30am —12 noon Wednesday 20 June 2018**  
**Ambleside Centre, Woodley**

This course will run in other venues as well— please get in touch to be sent other dates!

Please book in advance via <http://bit.do/wacform> or call **01189743797** or email: [lifelonglearning@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:lifelonglearning@wokingham.gov.uk)

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A collage of images showing a person holding a tablet displaying a job application form, a person writing on a form, and a person using a laptop.

**Applying for Jobs and Completing Application forms**

**Free 2 hour interactive course for people looking to change jobs or find employment. The course aims to help you:**

- Apply for jobs online
- Write a personal statement
- Identify transferable skills and qualities
- Improve written communication and presentation skills
- Research a company
- Write a cover letter or email using key words
- Prepare for telephone tests / online tools

**12.30-2.30pm Wednesday 27 June 2018**  
**Ambleside Centre, Woodley**

This course will run in other venues as well— please get in touch to be sent other dates!

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<b>Diary Dates</b>	
Wednesday 13th June	Parents' Evening /Morning Session: 8.50-11.10am
Thursday 14th June	Parents' Evening: 3.50-7.30pm
Friday 22nd June	5K Class Assembly: 9.15am
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	St Paul's PTA Summer Fair: 11.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 27th June	Year 3 New Parents' Afternoon: 2.00-3.00pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Bohunt, Emmbrook, Holt and St Crispin's Induction Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	St Crispin's Induction Day 2
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 3 Victorian Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Ranelagh Induction 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

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