



# NEWSLETTER

ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - 26.1.18

Dear Parents,

Another busy week! Our Year 4 classes visited Tesco to learn about the journey of food from farm to fork, and Year 5 have been immersed in Victorian times, completing a range of traditional activities and spending time in a Victorian style classroom.

The children enjoyed both activities immensely and we would like to express our thanks to the parent helpers, without whom neither event could have gone ahead.

We welcome and value your feedback as it enables us to address issues in a timely fashion. We are very grateful to the parents who alerted us to the problems with some of the homework recently posted on the learning platform. The team leaders, Mrs Wilson (year 6), Mrs Beamish (year 5), Mrs Buchanan (year 4) and Mrs Miller (year 3) will ensure that all future posts are of a consistently high standard.

Many of you have expressed anxiety about Wokingham's public consultation regarding the removal of our school crossing patroller Mrs Burch. I would strongly encourage you to voice your concerns via the link sent by ParentMail yesterday. This is the sole channel available for schools and parents to express their views.

Several parents have raised concerns about social media being used as a vehicle to raise school-related matters. We think technology is a brilliant communication tool. However, social media is not necessarily the best forum for discussing issues that we as a school can help you with directly. Not all information posted on social media is correct and can often result in misinformation being taken as fact. Just to clarify, lunchtime at St Paul's lasts for 1 hour and not 20 minutes. Should you have any concerns about your child, please contact school.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs Claire Foster as our new PE and Games Co-ordinator, who will be working in partnership with Mr Wilkinson, our PE Subject Leader.

Finally, thank you to Mrs Greves whose suggestion of opening the gates slightly earlier each afternoon has helped to ease the inevitable congestion at the end of the school day as parents pick up from both Walter Infants and St Paul's.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor

Headteacher

## PARENTS' EVENING

We had an overwhelmingly positive response to last term's trial of holding a Parents' Evening during the school day. In fact, we had the best response to date, with more parents attending across the two days than ever before. This term's consultations will be organised in the same way – 8.50am-11.10am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and 3.50pm-7.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February. Online booking will open next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at midday and close at midday on Friday morning.

## MATHS WORKSHOP

On 1<sup>st</sup> February, the Quantum Theatre Group will be in school entertaining Years 3 and 4 with a performance focusing on number work and calculations. A second performance on prime and decimal numbers, and mental maths will follow for Years 5 and 6. Parents are invited to make a voluntary contribution of 50p per child towards the total cost of the event.

**ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL IS COMMITTED TO SAFEGUARDING AND PROMOTING THE WELFARE OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND EXPECTS ALL PUPILS, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS, VISITORS AND EXTERNAL AGENCIES TO SHARE THIS COMMITMENT. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS PLEASE SPEAK TO MRS J M TAYLOR, DESIGNATED CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER.**

## DIARY DATES

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	3H French Food Tasting
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	All Years Maths Workshop - Quantum Theatre Group
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February – 9.15 am	3F Class Assembly
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February – 9.15 am	3M Class Assembly – Change of Date
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February – 9.15 am	6D Class Assembly
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February – 8.50 am – 11.10 am	AM Parents' Evening Appointments
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February – 3.50pm – 7.30 pm	PM Parents' Evening Appointments
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 Visit to Ufton Court
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	WASMA Concert – Reading Hexagon Theatre

Please note that tickets for the Pancake Party must be purchased in advance.

St Paul's Church would like to invite YOU,  
our friends, to the annual

# Pancake Party



Games,  
Quizzes,  
Activities,  
Pancakes to eat and  
Pancakes fun!

Whether you're after  
savoury or sweet or a  
whole meal for your  
children, we'll have it  
here!

**Tuesday 13th February**

**5.30—7.00pm**

**St Paul's Parish Rooms**

£2 per dining person

Tickets from St Paul's Parish Office, 0118 979 2122,  
church.office@spauls.org.uk



## Harry Potter Book Night

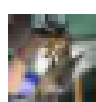
Fantastic Beasts Activities for children  
aged 7 to 10 years old. Come dressed as  
your favourite Harry Potter character.

**Wokingham Library**  
**Thursday February 1**  
**5.30pm to 6.30pm**

£1.50 charge, Place must be booked at  
Wokingham Library on 0118 978 1368

» [www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/libraries)





## What's On for Children in Wokingham Borough Libraries February Half-term 2018

**Baby Sensory**- Free taster from Baby sensory, for babies up to 18 months old. Places must be booked.

Wokingham Library Thursday February 15 10am to 10.30am

**Explore Learning – Fun with Phonics** - The children will investigate rhyming words and why they rhyme. Free session with Explore Learning, for children aged 4 to 6 years old. Places must be booked.

Wokingham Library Wednesday February 14 9.30am to 10.30am

Lower Earley Library Thursday February 15 9.30am to 10.30am

Woodley Library Friday February 16 9.30am to 10.30am

**Explore Learning – Be a Master Maths Sorcerer** - The children will go through the steps to becoming a maths whiz(ard). Free session with Explore Learning for children aged 7 to 9 years old. Places must be booked.

Wokingham Library Wednesday February 14 10.45am to 11.45am

Lower Earley Library Thursday February 15 10.45am to 11.45am

Woodley Library Friday February 16 10.45am to 11.45am

**Feathers and Fur Falconry Session** - Come and meet some Birds of Prey with talk and hands on experience. For families with children aged 4 and over. Places must be booked. £4 charge.

Wargrave Library Monday February 12 12.30pm to 1.30pm

Maiden Erlegh Library Monday February 12 3pm to 4pm

**Get Arty – Fantastic Beasts** arts and crafts for children aged 4 to 12 years old. £1.50 charge, Just drop in!

Wokingham Library Friday February 16 10.30am to 11.30am

Lower Earley Library Friday February 16 11am to 12noon

Finchampstead Library Friday February 16 11.30am to 12.30pm

**Guide Dogs Morning** – Just drop into learn and meet guide dogs and their owners. For children and adults.

Woodley Library Monday February 12 10am to 12noon

**Mini Professors** – Science based taster session for children aged 2 to 3 years old, Places must be booked.

Wokingham Library Thursday February 15 11am to 11.30am

Woodley Library Tuesday February 13 11.15am to 11.45am

**Owl Experience** - Come and find out about some British owls with this fun hands on experience. For children aged 6 and over. Places must be booked. £4 charge

Winnersh Library Tuesday February 13 2.30pm to 3.30pm

**Rhymetime** - Rhymes for under 3's and their parents, Just drop in! Free Event

Finchampstead Library Friday February 16 11am to 11.30am

Woodley Library Tuesday February 13 10.30am to 11am

**Sand Art**- Just drop in and create a picture with Kids Bee Happy with Madoi. £4 per picture, for children aged 4 to 11 years old.

Wokingham Library Monday February 12 10.30am to 12noon

Lower Earley Library Tuesday February 13 10.30am to 12.30pm

Woodley Library Wednesday February 14 10.30am to 12.30pm

**Spooky Creatures with Cathy MacLennan** - Come and hear a Spooky story from Illustrator Cathy MacLennan, then create our own fantastical beast collage. For children aged 3 to 8 years old. Places must be booked. £3.50 charge

Woodley Library Thursday February 15 11am to 12noon

**Storytime** – Stories and rhymes for children aged 7 and under. Free

Arborfield Library Monday February 12 3.45pm to 4.15pm

Wokingham Library Tuesday February 13 4pm to 4.30pm

**Storytime with My Journey Team** – Fun stories from the Road Safety Team - My Journey. For children aged 7 and under.

Lower Earley Library Monday February 12 11.15am to 11.45am

**Three Tales Theatre Show** - Family Theatre show from the Enchanted Players Theatre Company. Come and see these stories performed: Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears and the Three Billy Goats Gruff. For adults and children aged 9 and under. Places must be booked. £5 charge per person.

Woodley Library Monday February 12 2.30pm to 3.30pm

**Wokingham Borough Libraries Contact details**

Arborfield Library 0780 1664520

Finchampstead Library (0118) 908 8176

Lower Earley Library (0118) 931 2150

Maiden Erlegh Library (0118) 966 6630

Spencers Wood Library (0118) 988 4771

Twyford Library (0118) 934 0800

Wargrave Library (0118) 940 4656

Winnersh Library (0118) 979 7519

Wokingham Library (0118) 978 1368

Woodley Library (0118) 969 0304