



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

The Year 6 performances of Macbeth were breath taking! Within minutes of the opening scene, each audience was transported to a bleak moor, somewhere in the Scottish Highlands. Captivated by the standard of acting, children, staff and parents said that this year saw some of the best acting that we have ever seen. The efforts of the children in learning their lines and in performing in such close proximity to their audience was very impressive. They were well deserving of the standing ovation they received each evening. We are tremendously proud of their efforts.



Thanks to the Year 6 Team for supporting the children throughout, and to Keep Hatch Primary School for the generous loan of costumes.

This was the first in a series of events, to mark the transition of the Year 6 children. There will be the PTA Leavers' Disco on Monday 23rd July, followed by the Leavers' Service in St Paul's Church on Tuesday 24th July, where we will celebrate all of our leavers, big and little.

I am delighted to be able to confirm that we are finally fully staffed on our teaching team for September. The structure for 2018 – 2019 will be:

Year 3	
3H	Mrs Hamer - Team Leader
3F	Miss McDonogh (Monday, Tuesday) Mrs Allen (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
3G	Miss Gilder, NQT
Year 4	
4B	Mrs Buchanan - Team Leader
4A	Mrs Apps
4M	Mrs Nicholls (Monday, Tuesday)
	Mrs Keen (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Year 5	
5S	Miss Richardson Team Leader (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
	Mrs Hayre (Monday, Tuesday)
5P	Miss Plumley
5K	Miss Osborne
Year 6	
6W	Mrs Wilson, Team Leader (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
	Miss Edwards, Deputy Head (Friday)
6D	Mr Day
6L	Miss Lavrich

This week was Big Swap Week for our current Year 3, 4, and 5 pupils. We have been lucky in that many of the staff joining us next term were released by their current schools so that they could spend at least some of the week, here at St Paul's.

## Upcoming Events

### June 23

Year 6 Leavers' Disco  
6.15pm-7.45pm

### June 24

Leavers' Service  
St Paul's Church  
11.15am

### June 24

**End of Term**  
**2.00pm**

## Safeguarding

Doki Doki Literature Club is a free-to-play, visual novel online game. It is definitely not a game that is suitable for primary aged children or, in our opinion, many secondary aged students.

What starts off as an innocent looking story about a boy who joins a high school literature society, quickly takes a twist, taking players into a psychological horror plot.

You will find a Doki Doki safety guide for parents [here](#)

Staff and children have spent time in September classrooms, with their new teachers. There has been a real buzz of excitement throughout school as children, and staff, get to know one another, allaying any initial anxieties about moving on.

As ever, our fabulous Year 6 have been superstars, working on their enterprise project alongside some of our outgoing staff. A parent mail was sent out earlier today containing details of this upcoming event.

Following reports in the news recently about contaminated frozen sweetcorn, Caterlink have removed this item from the school menu for the time being, substituting another vegetable in its place.

Despite several requests in previous Newsletters, parents are still parking in the car park of the flats opposite Walter Infant School and a further complaint has been received. This is a private car park for residents only. We work hard to maintain good relations with our neighbours and we would request that parents of St Paul's pupils DO NOT park in these spaces.

Mrs Taylor

## Reading Mini-Triathlon



All the children who attended Triathlon club this term were invited to participate in a free triathlon at Queen Anne's School in Caversham. The annual event is organised by the Katie's Legacy Trust and is aimed at encouraging children to take part in a triathlon and have fun. Everyone had a fantastic time, swimming, cycling and running!

Please see below for dates for your Diary.

Diary Dates	
Monday 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers' Disco: 6.15-7.45pm
Tuesday 24th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service – St Paul's Church: 11.15 am
Tuesday 24th July	<b>END OF TERM – 2.00PM FINISH</b>

## WBC Public Health Team Information

With more of the warm weather to come, please take a look at the useful advice below offered by WBC's Public Health Team.

Please also see below a letter from the Public Health Team about keeping your child's immunisations up to date, which they have asked schools to distribute.

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## Keeping Your Children Healthy and Safe in the Summer – Advice from Health England

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.

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Should you have any concerns please speak to Mrs J M Taylor, Designated Child Protection Officer.

As we begin another period of very warm weather, we want to be able to give you some information which can help you prevent accidents and injuries in the home.

## Sun Safety

The NHS has issued the following advice: Exposing your child to too much sun may increase their risk of skin cancer later in life. Sunburn can also cause considerable pain and discomfort in the short term. That's why babies and children need to have their skin protected between March and October in the UK.

### Tips to keep you child safe in the sun

- Encourage your child to play in the shade – for example, under trees – especially between 11am and 3pm, when the sun is at its strongest.
- Keep babies under the age of six months out of direct sunlight, especially around midday.
- Cover exposed parts of your child's skin with sunscreen, even on cloudy or overcast days. Use one that has a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or above and is effective against UVA and UVB. Don't forget to apply it to their shoulders, nose, ears, cheeks, and the tops of their feet. Reapply often throughout the day.
- Be especially careful to protect your child's shoulders and the back of their neck when they're playing, as these are the most common areas for sunburn.
- Cover your child up in loose cotton clothes, such as an oversized T-shirt with sleeves.
- Get your child to wear a floppy hat with a wide brim that shades their face and neck.
- Protect your child's eyes with sunglasses that meet the British Standard (BSEN 1836:2005) and carry the "CE" mark – check the label.
- If your child is swimming, use a waterproof sunblock of factor 15 or above. Reapply after towelling.
- Read more about summer safety for younger children (<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/pages/baby-safety-tips.aspx>).

### Sunlight and vitamin D

- The best source of vitamin D is summer sunlight on our skin. Because it's important to keep your child's skin safe in the sun, it's recommended all babies and young children aged six months to five years should take a daily supplement containing vitamin D, in the form of vitamin drops. See more about vitamin D for babies and young children (<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/pregnancy-and-baby/Pages/vitamins-for-children.aspx>).

### Paddling Pools; Swimming Pools and Ponds

- The Institute for Health Visiting suggest that if you have a garden pond, fill it in or securely fence it off while your child is small. Be aware of ponds at other people's homes, too. While paddling pools are fun to use in the summer you should always supervise young children when they're playing in their pool. Always empty the water immediately after use.
- Safekids.co.uk say that if you have a swimming pool in your garden, you can take valuable steps to ensure safety measures are in place. For example:
  - Erect a fence around the swimming pool with a gate that can be securely locked when not in use.
  - Although inflatables, such as small dinghies or animal-shaped items, are fun when used safely, they can be dangerous where young children are involved (for example, drifting out into the deep area). So aim to keep their use at a minimum or only when responsible adults are around to supervise.
  - Install a lifejacket or lifesaving ring by the side of the pool, so it can be used if an emergency situation occurs.
  - Ensure you have details of any emergency telephone numbers and a telephone near the poolside, so they can be utilised in an emergency.
  - Always make sure that children are supervised at all times when using the pool.

- Ensure the swimming pool is kept in tip-top condition, without cracked tiles (which may trip people up or cause accidental cuts) and with clean water.
- Ensure children know how to behave properly and safely when using the pool.

## **Keep Hydrated**

The NHS recommend:

- Continue to breastfeed infants at risk of dehydration, or give them other milk feeds. Older children at risk of dehydration can be given diluted squash. Avoid giving fruit juices and carbonated drinks.
- If an infant or child is already dehydrated, they should be given rehydration fluids (available from pharmacies). You might find a teaspoon or syringe can be helpful for getting fluid into a young child.
- If left untreated, severe dehydration can be serious and cause fits (seizures) (<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Febrile-convulsions/Pages/Introduction.aspx>), brain damage and death.
- Read more about treating dehydration (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dehydration/>).

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