



NEWSLETTER

ST PAUL'S C of E JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWS & INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Spring 1 2018

Happy New Year!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back for the start of a new term. On behalf of all at St Paul's, we would like to wish every member of our school family a joyful and rewarding 2018. A very warm welcome to Sophia Tomlinson and Sujay Jayamurugan who are joining classes 3F and 5L respectively, Mrs Smith, 4M's new teacher, and Mr Millen, our new Site Controller. We have also said hello again to Matthew Carless, one of our ex-pupils, who joins us as our new Site Assistant. Welcome to our two new governors, Mr Swanell and Mrs Minter.

The children returned full of energy and enthusiasm and despite only having been back for two weeks, they have already made an excellent start to this term's topics.

Thank you for your support in helping us to improve arrangements for picking up from the playground. This has made a huge difference in helping us to improve pupil safety.

INTERNET SAFETY

Helping your child navigate the digital world can be a challenge as technology is evolving so rapidly, particularly in the area of social networking. More and more often we are being drawn into situations where pupils have got themselves into difficulty using social media inappropriately, which then has a knock on effect in school.

We are regularly asked to comment on whether or not we believe certain platforms are suitable for pupils and always caution parents to follow the terms and conditions of each site. Age restrictions are set for good reason and primary aged children are considered underage for most of those platforms that are readily available.

We believe the only long term solution to e-safety is to build a child's own knowledge of what is safe. Parental monitoring and a filtered internet feed reinforce the e-safety messages taught by school and will help to protect your child online. On our website you will find a wealth of advice and guidance documents

<http://www.stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk/website/e-safety - children using the internet social media/145161>

By now you should have received a copy of the latest edition of 'Digital Parenting'. This magazine contains a range of articles about the latest developments in internet safety, across a range of topics, as well as tips and practical advice on parental controls. There is also information about apps for under 10s, cyber security and where parents can find help to keep their child safe on line. We hope you will find this a useful resource.

REQUEST

Please ensure your child has a carrier bag in with their PE kit every Thursday. The bag is to hold muddy trainers after outdoor multi-sports sessions. The same is true for any child who attends lunch or after school football – a bag for dirty boots will help prevent mud from being walked through school.

SCHOOL POST BOX

We have a post box on the wall of Meadow Nursery, just above the small wooden gate into our playground. Letters and post for the office can be left here to save having to walk all the way round to the Oxford Road entrance. The box is emptied once a day.

PARKING

We work very hard to maintain positive relationships with our neighbours and local community but unfortunately we have had several letters of complaint in the run up to Christmas. We would like to remind parents to park responsibly and with consideration for others. Please avoid parking in front of residents' driveways, in the car park of Keeble House

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or on the white lines in Murray Road as these are designated passing places. When drivers park here, there is no room for two way traffic and Murray Road is brought to a standstill. St Paul's Gate is being treated like a car park with vehicles being left on double yellow lines and obstructing driveways. Not only is this inconsiderate to residents but the position that some cars have been left in makes it very dangerous for the children walking to and from school. Please make every effort to park away from school and help us to keep the children safe.

COUNTER-SIGNING OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

Whilst Mrs Taylor is very happy to complete and sign passport forms and visa applications etc. please note that due to the number of requests we are now receiving, there will be a £10.00 charge which will go towards school funds. Cheques can be made payable to St Paul's Junior School or a cash payment handed into the school office. Please allow 2 days for the completion of any forms.

WHAT A TALENTED BUNCH

Celeste recently took her Ballet Grade 2 exam and passed with a Distinction. She has also recently passed her Violin Grade 1 exam with great results too.

Her sister, Julieta gained a Distinction in the Primary Ballet exam and recently passed her Violin Copper Medal. Very well done to both girls!

CLUBS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club - 07.45am	Years 5/6 Badminton Club - 07.45am	Judo Club - 07.55am	Gymnastics Club - 07.45am	Yoga Club - 07.45am
Years 3/4 Badminton Club - 07.45am	Lego Club - Lunchtime	Chess Club - 3.30pm	French Club - 3.30pm	Football - 3.30pm
Years 3/4 Football - Lunchtime	Year 5 Imagineering Club - 3.30pm	Years 5/6 Scrapbooking Club - 3.30pm	Years 4/5/6 Football - Lunchtime	
		Multisports – 3.30pm		
		All Years Girls Football - lunchtime		

DIARY DATES – Please do remember to regularly check the school website calendar

Monday 22 nd January	4M Visit to Tesco
Tuesday 23 rd January	4B Visit to Tesco
Tuesday 23 rd January	5L Victorian Cooking
Wednesday 24 th January	5B Victorian Cooking
Thursday 25 th January	4P Visit to Tesco
Thursday 25 th January	Year 5 Victorian Day – 5B and 5K
Friday 26 th January	5K Victorian Cooking
Friday 26 th January	Year 5 Victorian Day – 5L
Thursday 1 st February	3H French Food Tasting
Friday 2 nd February – 9.15 am	3F Class Assembly
Thursday 8 th February – 9.15 am	3M Class Assembly – Change of Date
Friday 9 th February – 9.15 am	6D Class Assembly
12th – 16th February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 20 th February – 8.50 am – 11.10 am	AM Parents' Evening Appointments
Wednesday 21 st February – 3.50pm – 7.30 pm	PM Parents' Evening Appointments
Monday 26 th February	Year 4 Visit to Ufton Court