



# St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,



In almost every newsletter, there has been a vote of thanks and today's is no exception.

Thank you to our incredible pupils for being a joy to teach this term.

Thank you to our tremendous staff who, whilst most people were told to stay at home, and amidst fears for the wellbeing and safety of their loved ones, tirelessly demonstrated commitment to ensuring your child felt happy, settled and able to learn again. Our crew has navigated the stormiest seas and whilst this voyage is definitely not over, will continue to do everything in our power to keep the children safe and support them in making good progress.

Thank you to Ms Edwards for doing a remarkable job of leading the school this week as Acting Head.

Thanks to the Governors for supporting our work and help us steer a true course this term. Thank you also to the PTA, who despite being prevented from organising their usual Autumn events, generously supported our Christmas parties and pantomime.

Thanks to you and to all of the other parents, for adapting to this term's new 'normal' at St Paul's. Although we are having to work at 'arm's length' from you, your ongoing support and appreciation of how hard the staff team is working means a lot. We are very grateful, particularly to those of you who took the time to write, email or send in cards, and for the delicious gifts we received for the staffroom table.

Thank you to Livia O'Connor for being a superstar pupil! Sadly, we are saying farewell as she is moving to Sunderland to be nearer to close family members. 5K gave her a virtual send off this morning and we hope that she soon settles in at her new school.



Congratulations Miss McDonogh, who recently welcomed her new son into the world. Zachary Thomas Johnson made his appearance a day before his due date on 15th November, weighing a lovely 7lb 8oz. You can see from the photo on the right, his big brother, Reuben, is over the moon and from all accounts, taking his job of helping to look after the baby very seriously.



Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the three class bubbles and ten staff who are currently self-isolating. We hope they continue to stay safe and well and that our pupils who have tested positive are soon well.

All that remains is for me to wish you a very happy, safe and peaceful Christmas. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Taylor – Headteacher



## Important Notice

### DfE Guidance states:

"Public Health England has agreed a six day window after the final day of teaching (Friday 18th December) in which schools are asked to remain on call to assist with contact tracing where necessary. This will allow enough time for positive corona virus (COVID-19) cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts (pupils and staff) in the school to be traced and contacted. Beyond six days after the final day of teaching, school and staff are not asked to play a role in any contact tracing.

We recommend all schools ensure staff, parents and carers are aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases during the holidays:

1. Where a pupil tests positive for corona virus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the **school should not be contacted**. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
2. For the first six days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for corona virus (COVID-19), having **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
3. School staff are not asked to remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than six days after the final day of teaching. Where a schools last teaching day is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December, there should be no pupil contact tracing beyond Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December.

Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first six days following the end of term, schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term."

### Arrangements at St Paul's

If we are informed of a positive test result for a school member (pupil or staff) between the 18<sup>th</sup> December and 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 and your child is identified as being a close contact, we will advise you via ParentMail of the required self-isolation period. Clearly, we are hoping that this will not be necessary but we must have contingency plans in place for this eventuality. The title of the message will be, URGENT MESSAGE - Please Read.

### If your child has a positive Covid test result:

**Between Saturday 19th and Wednesday 24th December 2020**

Either:

Having **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, you must notify us at: [admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk) and include COVID-19 in the subject line**. This mailbox will be monitored up until midnight on 24<sup>th</sup> December.

or

having developed symptoms **more than 48 hours** since being in school, the **school should not be contacted**.. You should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

**From 25th December until 4th January 2021**

The school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. Please consult government guidance here: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

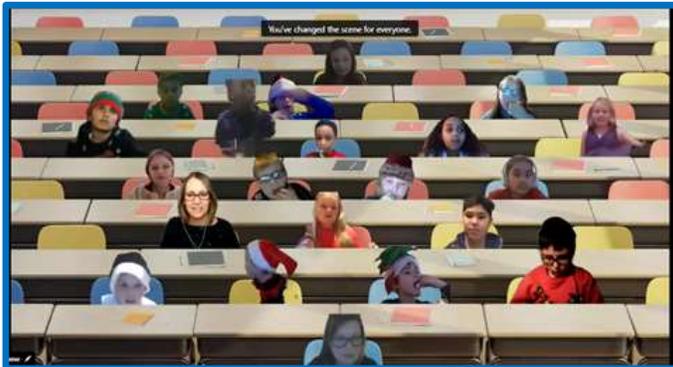
**From Tuesday 5th January 2021**

Normal attendance procedures will resume.



## What have we been up to this week?

Despite self-isolating, the children of 5K, 5P and 6G continued learning this week, with daily live Maths and English lessons. The children may have been at home but thanks to the efforts of their teachers and learning mentors, they did not miss out on this week's festive fun. They enjoyed a virtual class party and still got to see the pantomime, live I-Rock Concert and join in the Christmas Quiz.



## Christmas at St Paul's

Everyone enjoyed the class Christmas parties. The children took part in Christmas games and quizzes, a dance party where pets were invited, and even a game of Sleeping Lions!



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Even the Site Controller's shed is looking very festive!



## Dressing the Christmas Tree



Follow the link below to watch a personal video message from the Mayor of Wokingham to the children at St Paul's, sharing the winning entries for the 'Dressing the Christmas Tree' competition. Thank you, Mrs Walker, for organising the competition and for asking the Mayor to make a special mention of St Paul's.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1mWryV0RWkoedza7v5B6QFwdIX9zM4E3d/view?usp=sharing>

## Winter Holiday Clubs

For further details on how to book a place for your child, please follow the links to our website.



21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> December  
[Energy Kidz Winter Holiday Club](#)



[Just Play Sports Christmas Club](#)

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## Christmas at St Paul's Church, Wokingham



*Christmas at  
St Paul's, Wokingham*

Sat 19th at 4pm, Crib Service by  
Candlelight (Church & Live Stream)  
Bring your own torch or battery powered candle, and hear the  
nativity story by candlelight.

Sun 20th at 6.15pm  
Nine Lessons and Carols  
(Live Stream only)

Christmas Eve  
4pm Christingle (Live Stream only)  
Please collect a bag per child from the Church porch which will contain everything you need,  
apart from the orange!  
11pm Midnight Mass (Church & Live Stream)

Christmas Day  
8am BCP Communion (Church only )  
9.30am Christmas Day Eucharist  
(Church & Live Stream)  
Come together to welcome Jesus!

### Golden Certificate Winners

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

#### Year 3

##### 3D

- Millie – demonstrating an awesome attitude to learning and always willing to have a go at everything. Well done Millie!
- Reuben – working hard to join his handwriting. Great effort Reuben!
- Heidi – showing increased confidence in her learning. Go for it Heidi!

##### 3L

- 3L – having an amazing first term in Year 3. You are all superstars!

#### Year 4

##### 4C

- ◆ 4C – their wonderful Christmas performance.
- ◆ Emily – working so hard in Maths.
- ◆ Zachary – his excellent attitude towards learning.



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#### 4L

- ◆ Ahmad – writing an amazing poem in an English lesson.
- ◆ Daisy – being a great talk partner and supporting the learning of others in Maths lessons.

#### Year 5

#### 5S

- Maxim – excellent reasoning and problem-solving in Maths.
- Daniel – a huge improvement in handwriting.

#### 5K

- ❖ 5K - coping with home learning with a mature attitude and continuing to learn via Teams with our live lessons and assignments.

#### 5P

- 5P – their hard work and positive engagement with home learning and live lessons.

#### Year 6

#### 6G

- ❖ 6G - coping with home learning with a mature attitude and continuing to learn via Teams with our live lessons and assignments.

#### 6B

- ❖ Harry and Samuel – their wonderful work this term – always giving 100%!

#### Pen Licences

When the children show consistently fluent, cursive handwriting in terms of letter formation, size and joining and spacing, in all of their work, they will be awarded a Pen Licence.



Congratulations to these children achieving a Pen Licence this week:

4M

- Harrison

4L

- Bethan
- Sophie

5K

- Kayla
- Zoe
- Brody
- Zoe
- Tommy
- Erik

6N

- Leila

6G

- Josh
- Marcus
- Emilia
- Shayna
- Judy

#### Pupil Achievements



We always enjoy celebrating our pupils' achievements both in and out of school. If there is something that you would like us to include in a newsletter, please email [office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk).

Diary Dates 2020	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day – <b>School Closed</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Term
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Year 6 Bikeability Training
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	End of Term: 2.00pm Finish
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	Start of Term
Term Dates for 2021 can be found on the website <a href="#">here</a>	

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