



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

It has been such a busy week, the highlight of which was welcoming 6B back to school yesterday, all safe and well!

Covid: Schools in England can close for Christmas a day early

On Monday, the DfE reported that schools were able to use the final day of term (18th) as an INSET Day. Mrs Wheeler and I appreciate how disruptive it would be to suddenly change the date of the end of term with little warning and the potential problems this could create with regards to childcare arrangements. Therefore, both St Paul's and Walter will remain open until 18th and pupils who are fit and well should continue to attend. Year group bubbles will finish early, on the last day of term, in keeping with the times published in the last two Newsletters.

Schools retain the duty to contact trace for a period of six days after the end of term. This is an important element in managing the spread of the virus. It is important to understand that up to and including 24th December, we may need to alert you that your child has been in close or prolonged contact with a positive case of Covid 19. In this event, we will write to the parents concerned via ParentMail. Any period of self-isolation over the festive period would be dreadful timing, however, you will appreciate how important it will be for us to inform you, especially if your child may be meeting with elderly or medically vulnerable family members over the holiday. Should your child receive a positive test result for Covid-19 between 18th December and 5th January, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk with Covid-19 in the subject line. You will need to include your child's name, class, the date of the onset of their symptoms and when they took their test. This will enable us to carry out contact tracing and notify parents where necessary.



Last night, school was decorated from one end to the other as a surprise for the children and staff. There was huge excitement on arrival this morning as the corridors had been transformed overnight. Huge thanks to Mrs Lindsay, Mr Walsh and Mr Rothwell for working their magic – thanks to their efforts, it is impossible to walk anywhere in school without smiling, as everywhere is so bright and colourful. It was the perfect backdrop for Christmas Jumper Day and our delicious festive feast! The children looked fantastic and more than a little Christmassy and our new cook and his team did a great job of preparing and serving 295 Christmas lunches. Our lovely lunchtime controllers and some of our learning mentors and teaching staff, mucked in and helped deliver food to classrooms and clear away afterwards. It may have differed from the way we normally celebrate but this did not dampen our spirits one bit!



Our pantomime this year is an online production of Peter Duncan's Jack and the Beanstalk. Mrs Tunnicliffe kindly booked the show for us and as it is a virtual event, any children self-isolating can also join in the fun. Details of how to access the performance for children at home will be sent out next week.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Taylor - Headteacher

In case you missed this last week, the end of term arrangements will be

Friday 18th December – last day of term pick up times:



Year 6: 1.25pm

Year 5: 1.35pm

Year 4: 1.45pm

Year 3: 1.55pm

Safeguarding

Many pupils are hoping that Santa will be bringing a new phone or smart device. To ensure personal information remains private and children are able to enjoy their device in the healthiest way possible, it is important that devices are set up correctly. UK Safer Internet Centre has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls and safety tools on social networks and other online services.

Amazing Achievement!

Yesterday, we were thrilled to learn that ex-pupil, Emilia Belshaw, was recently selected for the Team GB Archery Academy. To be selected for the Academy is testament to the hard work and effort that she has put into achieving her dream of competing at the Olympics. We are extremely proud of her achievements so far and will look forward to seeing her begin to compete on the international stage. We are also looking forward to her return, when she will be talking to the children about her sporting journey so far. Emilia will undoubtedly be an inspiration to lots of our budding sportsmen and women.



Please do not send children who are unwell to school

Children who are unwell should not attend school. We will always send pupils who are poorly home, for their wellbeing and that of the other pupils and the staff. After being out of school for months during the first lockdown, good attendance is vitally important but never more so than your child's health and that of everyone else. Trying to keep a school community safe in a pandemic is a huge undertaking and our staff are doing an amazing job but we need your help!

Underwear Rule



This week, the children have revisited The Underwear Rule. This teaches them that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no, and that they should tell an adult they trust if they are upset or worried about something.

For more information regarding how to talk to your child about the PANTS rule and additional information for parents, follow the link

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Health and Safety

Under no circumstances should a vehicle stop in the middle of Murray Road to enable a child to disembark! We had a very near miss on Wednesday morning, when a pupil who had just got out of a car was almost hit by the vehicle behind. Please park away from school with sufficient time to spare, to enable your child to walk the remainder of the way - this is a sure way of guaranteeing they arrive at school in one piece!

Several parents and passers-by have raised concerns about seeing some of our older pupils from Years 5 and 6 running across roads, and stepping into traffic whilst texting or playing games on mobile phones. If you permit your child to walk unaccompanied, please remind them about the dangers of crossing a road without looking.

Relationships Education at St Paul's

You will have seen the item in last week's Newsletter regarding Relationships Education and that we were looking for parents invite parents to join a working party of staff, governors and parents to help us to develop our new Relationships Policy and curriculum. We are looking for two parents per year group to join staff and governors on this working party. If you would be interested in volunteering, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk. The first meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th January at 4pm. For further information, a full copy of the guidance is available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education>

What have we been up to this week?



3L enjoying their Christmas Lunch wearing the crowns they made.

First News Digital Edition



The children can now access a digital edition of *First News* by logging into their MS Teams account and selecting the 'Cohort' option.

First News is a UK newspaper for young readers. It is published in a full colour tabloid format every Friday, and aims to present current events and politics in a child-friendly format, alongside news on entertainment, sport and computer games.

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

Intelligent Health



St Paul's has been selected as one of six schools to work closely with a new project team called Intelligent Health, working with the My Journey Team at Wokingham Borough Council. We will be looking at a variety of ways to increase active travel and improve the air quality around St Paul's. In addition, we will be working towards ModeShift STAR accreditation which will not only give us an environmental accreditation, but also ensure we will be eligible to apply for up to £2000 in grant funding.

The first element of this was Our Walk to School Week. We were delighted that so many children and their families participated so enthusiastically.

The second step is to measure the air quality around our school. We have had three air diffuser tubes put up around the school which will measure the level of nitrogen dioxide. Knowing this information will help to benefit people's health, the environment and help us to reduce the traffic outside our school.

We will keep you abreast of the information gathered and the new initiatives we are planning for next term.

Mrs C Foster, PE & Games Coordinator



Winter Holiday Clubs

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



[Energy Kidz Winter Holiday Club](#)



[Just Play Sports Christmas Club](#)

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.

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Golden Certificate Winners

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



Year 3

3B

- Zoe – consistently being the best version of herself and embracing all the learning opportunities offered her with enthusiasm.
- Udbhasita – demonstrating a significant improvement in her attitude to learning and bringing a ray of sunshine to the classroom.

3D

- Yogan – always showing enthusiasm for his learning.
- Isabella – making a great effort to join her handwriting.
- Taigan – making astute observations when problem solving in Maths.
- Holly – always having a positive attitude and brightening up the gloomy days with her sunny smile!

3L

- Ruby – excellent progress with her reading.
- Eva – persistence in Maths challenges
- Gabija – being focused on her learning

Year 4

4C

- ◆ George – being a great role model, demonstrating our school values every day.
- ◆ Harshita – her lovely smile and being a kind and caring friend.

4M

- ◆ Aymen– having a positive attitude to his learning.
- ◆ Myra– producing excellent mathematic work.
- ◆ Jueun– being an amazing Talk Partner.
- ◆ Emily– producing some beautiful English work.
- ◆ Ethan - persevering with a difficult Maths challenge.
- ◆ Alexandros – producing some beautiful English work.
- ◆ Sophie - producing some beautiful English work.
- ◆ Freddie - persevering with a difficult Maths challenge.
- ◆ Sarim– persevering with his handwriting.

4L

- ◆ Wyatt – fantastic effort and presentation in his homework.
- ◆ Jessica – her hard work and effort in lessons.

Year 5

5S

- Ethan – his excellent attitude towards learning.
- Akshaya – her excellent attitude towards learning.
- Freida – working extremely hard in English.

5K

- Edward – dealing with a difficult situation with maturity.
- Ella – showing a mature attitude in daily school life.

5P

- ❖ Jasper – demonstrating resilience and determination when sewing, allowing him to create a neat and well constructed pouch.

Year 6**6G**

- ❖ Freya – her consistent positive attitude to learning and always going above and beyond.

6N

- ❖ Alex – his insightful contributions to our Science lessons.
- ❖ Marnie – her enthusiasm in making considered and pertinent contributions in English and Guided Reading.
- ❖ Hanna – the effort she has put into our work on fractions, resulting in a notable improvement in her understanding.
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6B

- ❖ 6B Class – their effort and resilience in completing their remote learning.

Diary Dates 2020

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| Friday 18 th December | End of Term: Early Finish |
| Monday 4 th January | Inset Day – School Closed |
| Tuesday 5 th January | Start of Term |
| Tuesday 12 th – Friday 15 th January 2021 | Year 6 Bikeability Training |
| Term Dates for 2020-2021 can be found on the website here | |



COVID-19 Related Pupil Absence - A quick reference guide for parents

| What to do if... | Action needed | Return to school when... |
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| <p>My child has 1 or more of COVID-19 symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIGH TEMPERATURE – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back and more than 37.6° in children; • A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH – this means coughing a lot more than usual in an hour, or 3 or more coughing episode in 24 hours; • A LOSS OR CHANGE TO YOUR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything. | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office to inform us by 8.30am 0118 978 5219 or absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk • Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days • Book a test within the first 5 days of symptoms: https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 111 • Contact the school office immediately you receive the test result | <p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 10 days have passed since test |
| <p>My child tests positive for COVID-19</p> | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree the earliest date for possible return – minimum of 10 days • Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days <p>School will contact Public Health England who will advise us of next steps regarding bubble closures</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 10 days have passed from the test, even if they have a cough or no sense of smell or taste (but no fever) and they feel better (symptoms can last for several weeks). |
| <p>Someone in my household has COVID-19 symptoms</p> | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office 0118 978 5219 • Self-isolate the household for 14 days • Household member to get tested • Contact the school office again immediately upon receiving the test result | <p>Either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back negative <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The test comes back positive and 14 days have passed |

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| Someone in my household tests positive for COVID-19 | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Self-isolate the rest of the household for 14 days • Agree the earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 14 days of self-isolation from date of positive result |
| NHS test and trace has identified been in close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19 | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After 14 days of self-isolation from contact with person with positive result |
| My child and I have travelled and have to self-isolate as a period of quarantine | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the school office immediately 0118 978 5219 • Agree an earliest date for possible return – minimum of 14 days from day after returning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The quarantine period of 14 days from day after returning has passed |
| My child's class/bubble is closed due to a COVID-19 outbreak | <p>DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will be in touch with further information, including how to access work online. • Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days, unless they develop symptoms, when you need to go to the relevant box above. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School has informed you of when the class/bubble will be reopened. |
| My child tests negative | <p>INFORM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OF THE NEGATIVE RESULT via the absence mailbox absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss when your child will be able to return (when better). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When they feel better |
| My child is ill with symptoms not linked to COVID-19 | <p>Contact the school office to inform us on a daily basis 0118 9785219 or via absence@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When they feel better or after 48 hours since last bout of sickness/diarrhea. |