



St Paul's C of E Junior School

Dear Parents,

The Year 6 children had a fantastic week at Liddington – please do follow their adventure on our dedicated trip [page](#).

The residential proved to be a brilliant experience for our exceptionally fabulous group of children. They have been superstars all week and we are very proud of them and of our marvellous staff team. The children were true ambassadors for St Paul's and the level of care, support and encouragement they showed to one another was outstanding.

Huge thanks to Mr Day, Miss Lavrich, Mrs Carless, Mrs Holt, Mrs McBain, Mrs Brook, Mrs Hallows, Mrs Foster and Mrs Maggs. Congratulations Mrs Wilson, party leader, for organising yet another highly successful residential.

In the words of Jack George "this week has been brilliant and I loved it."

The weather forecast looks promising for the next few days and to all of our families and pupils, have a wonderful half term and enjoy the break from school.

Mrs Taylor

Upcoming Events

October 22 - 26

Half Term

October 29

Inset Day – School Closed

October 30

Anxiety Workshop for Parents – 6.30pm – fully booked.

November 6 and 7

Parent Consultations (booking closes at 9.00 am on 25th October)

Harvest Festival Donations

At the final count, you have raised a staggering £604.02. Your generosity will result in even more resources than we originally hoped. The money has now been sent to Unicef to enable them to continue their good work in providing clean water and safe sanitation for all children.



Secondary School Places

Parents of Year 6 pupils recently received their packs to apply for a place at a secondary school. Applications must be submitted to the WBC Admissions Team by 31st October. Allocation is made on 1st March 2019.

Further information can be found [here](#). If you have any questions or you need more advice you can contact the School Admissions Team on 01189 746000.

Safeguarding

According to a 2018 NSPCC report, a quarter of young people have experienced an adult who they don't know in real life trying to contact them online. This can often be the start of the process known as grooming. Grooming is when someone befriends and builds an emotional connection with a child to gain their trust for the purposes of exploitation. They can do this both offline and online, with technology and the Internet being commonly used to initiate and facilitate contact.

For the latest parents' guide containing up to date advice, follow the [link](#).

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.

Medical appointments

If you are taking your child out of school during the school day for a medical or any other appointment, please ensure that a written note is handed to the office. This is necessary to validate codes in the registers. The registers are legal documents and as such should have supporting documentation to show why a child has been taken out of school early.

Parking in St Paul's

Once again, we are starting to receive complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking by parents of the schools sharing this site. Despite regular reminders, there are still parents parking across residents' driveways, particularly in St Paul's Gate. Please avoid parking in this way. Driveways are private property and should not be used as turning spaces. No vehicle should be parked on double yellow lines,

Christmas Fair Programme Cover Competition

The PTA is holding a competition to find an amazing new cover for the Christmas Fair programme. Entries should be on an A4 or A5 piece of paper/card, and can be done in any medium. Children can get busy during the half-term break, and should leave their entries in the box at the front office by Friday 16 November. Please put name and class on the back. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of the programme, and selected other entries will be on display at the Fair.

Ongoing PTA Fundraising

Thank you to everybody who donated to the Bag2School collection on Monday 8 October, which raised £107.20.

The PTA has signed up with Reading FC's School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme, allowing us to get discounted tickets to selected Reading FC matches (parents £15, grandparents £10, children £2). Please quote 'St Paul's Junior School' to make sure the PTA get some of the money back. Our first assigned game is against Bristol City on Saturday 3 November, 15:00.

You can also help raise money for the PTA when you shop at selected retailers through www.easyfundraising.org.uk, quoting 'St Pauls Schools Association Wokingham'.

Further details about all these fundraising opportunities can be found on the 'PTA information for St Paul's' Facebook page.

Scrapbooking Club

Due to other commitments, Sarah Rea and Sue Chapman stepped down from running the club at the end of last term. They did this with a heavy heart and their hope is that someone will be able to take the reins to allow the club to continue.

Scrapbooking is a popular club for our upper school pupils in Year 5 and Year 6. If you feel that you offer your time to help run the Club, please get in touch with Mrs Lander who will put you in touch with Sarah or Sue. The club is already established and has the necessary resources, you would just need some enthusiasm and be able to commit to one hour a week! As for all volunteers, an enhanced DBS check will be required.

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Menu Change

On Monday 5th November there will be a menu change to celebrate Bonfire Night. Menu choices will be Boom Burger with Wedges/Sizzling Soya Chilli with Raging Rice/Catherine Wheel Cookie.

Can you help?

Thank you very much to the 3 parents who have volunteered to help Mr Millen remove the raised planting beds in the Prayer Garden. If you have a wheelbarrow and a spade and could spare a couple of hours on Saturday 3rd November from 9am – 11am, please email admin@stpauls.wokingham.sch.uk.

Wokingham Children's Book Festival this October Half Term

It's not every day that children get to meet and work with an author / illustrator that they know and love...and take a selfie. Wokingham Children's Book Festival is bringing 23 talented and award winning authors to Wokingham Library and Town Hall for workshops and a whole load of fun that's all associated with books.

With workshops like 'From funny to strange and back again', 'Dragons have feelings too', 'Welcome to Witch Wars', 'Operation buried treasure' and 'oodles of doodles' they definitely won't be bored.

Booking is required, as spaces are limited. For details of who's coming, fun workshops and booking information please go to: <https://wokingham-tc.gov.uk/bookfest/>

Diary Dates	
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 29th October	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 30th October	Anxiety Workshop for Parents – 6.30pm (fully booked)
Wednesday 31st October	Year 6 Height and Measurement Programme
Tuesday 6th November (AM) Wednesday 7th November (PM)	Parent Consultations
Thursday 15th November	TVRL Race, Black Park, Slough
Friday 30th November	Year 4 Samba Day
Friday 7th December	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 11th December	Christmas Celebration 2pm and 5.30pm
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Celebration 5.30pm
Friday 14th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 17th December	PTA Christmas Discos
Wednesday 19th December	End of Term