



I can't believe that I am writing the last newsletter of this year. How quickly it seems to have gone! It is perhaps a time to step back and appreciate what the children have achieved both in and out of the classroom

We have been on trips galore and had lots of interesting visitors into school. We have all taken part in a dance festival, football tournaments, writing days at another local school, STEM visits to Oxford University, Kidzania in London, have danced at the disco, been to GL1 to develop our swimming and gymnastics skills, been treated to a trip to Cattle Country by the Rotary Club, been to the city farm, celebrated our Christian festivals at Church and had an 'Excellent' judgement in our SIAMS inspection, taken part in the Really Wild Reading Festival and the Young Voices event and so much more (as Phase Blogs will testify). 😊

As Acting Headteacher, I continue to be extremely grateful to and proud of, the children of St Paul's. They are a joy and an inspiration and make all our efforts worthwhile. The children make me smile every day! One of my favourite parts of the day is being on the gate to say hello to everyone and have that quick, friendly 'check in'.

I would like to also thank all the staff who continue to go 'above and beyond' to make a difference to all the children in their care. They are diligent, caring, hard-working, creative, supportive and enthusiastic and work tirelessly to make St Paul's the special, unique place that it is. We are also grateful to our Governors, who have worked continuously behind the scenes providing support. We have Parent Governor vacancies if you would like the opportunity to help shape St Paul's for the future.

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to all parents and carers. We couldn't do all of this without your amazing support. Your continued involvement with your child's learning is invaluable and the staff at St Paul's look forward to working with you again next year.

For those families who will be ending their adventure at St Paul's, thank you for letting us get to know your children. It has been a truly memorable experience and we will miss them next year, but wish them lots of luck in their new schools.

Have a peaceful, happy and healthy summer break and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 5th September 2022.**

Kind regards,

Jayne Bevan



St. Paul's

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Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

With the very sad departure of Mrs. Matthews to Kingsholm school, the governing body would like to publicly thank her for 10 years of dedicated service to the St.Paul's community. We owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her tireless work.

Whether it be creating and driving through an innovative curriculum, supporting, and challenging staff to give of their best, or joining in the many trips and activities (having water thrown over her by Y6 one year remains a highlight!), we know that this has always been with the intention of doing what is best for the children.

The school is very different than it was when Mrs. Matthews first arrived, and she leaves it in a stronger place, on which the current leadership team will continue to work.

We will miss her forthright opinions, her inexhaustible educational knowledge and above all her unswerving loyalty to St.Paul's school.

Finally, we would like to wish her much success as she takes up her new position at Kingsholm and hope that she will return to visit us here again.

The Governing Body



Keeping Safe Online

Keeping young people safe online can seem like a daunting task but having a conversation about ways to keep safe is a great start. No one is an expert in the internet as it is moving at such a fast pace. At the beginning of this six weeks off, why not sit down and create a family agreement with your family at home for how to use their digital devices this holiday. Below are also some useful tips on how you can keep your family safe online.

Supporting, setting up and implementing the 4 D's at home is a good idea but pick your battles and be realistic:

- **Digital free zones** – keep technology out of bedrooms if we can, maybe use it in a family room, identify early on where technology is not allowed in the house, flat etc.
- **Digital role models** – parents and carers lead by example online and with digital usage
- **Digital sunset** – ideally young people need to come away from technology 1 hour before they go to sleep, but pick your battles. What time do you think is appropriate for your children to come away from technology to get a good night's sleep. <https://twitter.com/qustodio/status/1506252473857622017>
- **Digital detox** – as a family try a gadget free day or hour. Try no technology after 6pm or a certain time, have breaks before breakfast or in the morning, can dinner tables be digital free zones and have a break and time out over dinner? <https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/91715/school-routineclock/>

For more ideas and guides to setting up parental controls have a look at this site:

[https:// www.safewise.com/resources/internet-safety-kids/](https://www.safewise.com/resources/internet-safety-kids/)

Why not guide your child to the CEOP website below where they can play some games, earn badges and learn more about staying safe online. It is gauged at children 4 -18 years old.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

To all of the children and adults leaving St Paul's this week, a little reminder for you, with our love. ♥

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Literacy Time
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Let No One Steal Your Dreams

Let no one steal your dreams
Let no one tear apart
The burning of ambition
That fires the drive inside your heart.

Let no one steal your dreams
Let no one tell you that you can't
Let no one hold you back
Let no one tell you that you won't.

Set your sights and keep them fixed
Set your sights on high
Let no one steal your dreams
Your only limit is the sky.

Let no one steal your dreams
Follow your heart
Follow your soul
For only when you follow them
Will you feel truly whole.

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