

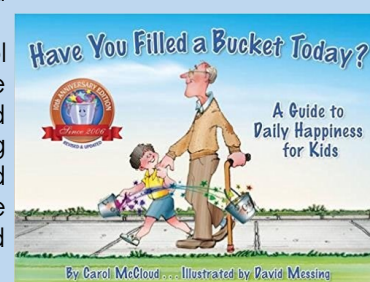
Dear parents,

It's been another busy couple of weeks in school with never a dull moment. Last Friday we had our SIAMS (*Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools*) inspection. The children were fantastic and the inspector commented that he had enjoyed the warm welcome of St Paul's. Now we are waiting for his report. We will inform you of the outcome when we have received it.

Bucket Filling

If your child has been talking about filling buckets or has come home wearing a bucket sticker, you may have wondered what on earth is going on in school!

Each class has looked at the book 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' By Carol McCloud. Through simple prose and vivid illustrations, the book encourages positive behaviour by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness and appreciation by 'filling buckets'. Bucket filling and dipping are effective metaphors for understanding the effects of our actions and words on the well-being of others and ourselves. Even the youngest children have been able to engage in the concept and are proud to be bucket fillers. We are proud of them too!



New TA

This week we have been pleased to welcome Mrs Schembri to our TA team, following Mrs Leech's retirement. She has worked and volunteered in the school before and so already knows many of the children. We hope that she enjoys her time at St Paul's.

Mrs. D. Malia

Volunteer Update

Thank you to parents who were able to respond to our recent letter about volunteering. Some parents have asked about more general help that might be needed. In addition to some of the skills we were looking for in that letter, we also welcome all sorts of help in class, some for which teachers will approach parents on a by-class basis, and some for which you are most welcome to speak to us about. Some of the ways in which we might ask for help include:

- Reading with children
- Help with DT and art lessons if we are making something big or messy!
- Tidying the library
- Gardening

We're always very grateful for your help— it also adds to the busy family atmosphere around school!

Year 2 getting healthy!

Year 2 had a great day launching our topic, 'This Is Your Life' recently. We did a range of activities focusing on how we can stay fit and healthy, including designing a balanced meal, looking at the effects of exercise on our bodies and making a fruit salad. We finished the day by relaxing to some calming music.

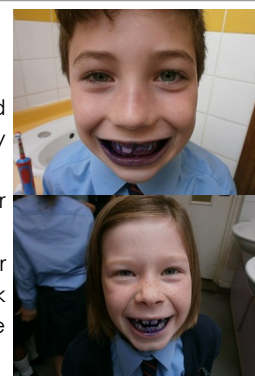


Year 3 get their teeth into science lessons

There were some strange looking smiles in Year 3 this week! We have been learning all about our teeth and this week we used disclosing tablets to show us how important it is to brush our teeth really well.

We discovered that bacteria have a nasty habit of sticking to our teeth even when we think we have brushed them really well.

We all managed to brush away the purple-dyed plaque from our teeth, before spending the rest of day enjoying the fact we could stick our tongues out at Mrs. Malia and Mr. Hogan to show them our purple tongues!



Sizzling Science in Year Six!

This week, Year 6 have been investigating the differences between reversible and irreversible changes. We looked at different materials, predicted whether we thought, when heated and then cooled, the reactions to the materials would be reversible or irreversible and observed the changes that happened.

We found out that a reversible reaction is when a material, when heated, changes states and when cooled will change back again. It is an irreversible change when a material does not change back to the same state as it did before it was heated. Because we used a flame in our experiment, we had to ensure that we worked well together to maintain a safe environment.



Parents' evenings

Parents evenings will be taking place on
Tuesday 17th October - 3.40pm - 6pm
and

Thursday 19th October - 4.30pm - 8pm

The online sign-up system, via Parentmail, will go live on Monday morning; you will receive a notification when you sign in to Parentmail to show that appointments are open to book.

All appointments will once again be in the hall. This system worked very well in February, allowing everyone's appointments to run on time. Entrance will be via the Atrium (library) doors.

Children do not usually attend the October appointments, as it is an opportunity for you to talk to the teachers about your child and let them know any important information. They will be able to wait on the chairs or in the library if you need to bring them with you.

Harvest in church

Our **Harvest Service** will be on **Friday 20th October** at **9.30am** at St. Paul's Church. In common with our other half-term services, this is not a performance; rather, it is a time for the whole school to be together in the wonderful atmosphere of our church. As one of the children put it last year, "I feel bigger when we go to the church."

Parents and friends are most welcome to join us for this short service if you wish. We will be asking for donations for the Dorking Food Bank including tins and other long-life foods. We'll be sending you a full list of the items the Food Bank really needs this year; thank you for your support for this important local charity.



Breakfast Club Staff Vacancy

We are looking for someone to join our fabulous Breakfast Club team (Tony the Tiger says they're grrrrreat!) on **Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays** from **7.30am - 8.45am**.

If you are interested, please see any of the office staff for further details or to apply.



Introducing the GOLDEN BROOM award!

Our shiny new trophy will be awarded by the School Council to the class whose coat pegs, bag trough and corridor area are consistently neat and tidy throughout the week.

It was unveiled in assembly this week to general cheesy game show 'ooooohs' and awarded to the first winner: **BEECH CLASS!**

The broom will hang on the door of the deserving winner each week to remind us of the standards we are trying to live up to in our school each day.

Well done Beech. Can you hold on to the trophy for a second week, or will another class rise to the challenge and win the coveted, glittering GOLDEN BROOM?! (Insert dramatic music here!)

