



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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I can't believe that we've already been back two weeks since half term! The last two mornings- our Open Mornings for prospective parents- have been especially busy and we were pleased to welcome so many visitors to our wonderful school.

Our Year 6 children confidently acted as tour guides and they did a truly splendid job. Many of the parents commented on this.

The children are a real credit to the school.

They were amazing and did such a thorough job.

What lovely children. They are obviously proud of their school.

Thank you, Year 6 children. I am very proud of **you!**

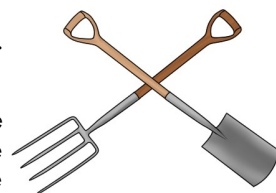
Thank you also to all the staff and children for making such a good impression.

Mrs. D. Malia

Garden Help Needed!

The school garden has finished flowering, sprouting and veg-providing and is ready for its winter snooze. If you would be willing to lend a hand to help dig a bed or two over, please let us know.

If you're a Panthers parent using the field, this would be the perfect time! Bring a spade or use ours- the tools are in a little shed just outside the garden against Action House- and put any green waste in the compost heap between the two big sheds. We'll think of it as the gardening fairies visiting over the weekend!



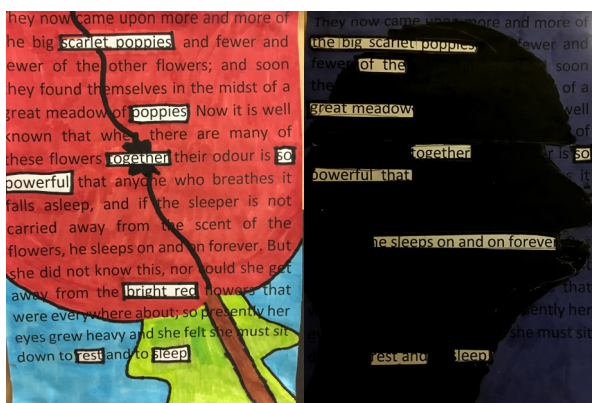
Remembrance Activities

The 11th of November doesn't fall on a school day this year, but we have still been looking at how and why we mark this important day through our collective worship together and through activities in class.

Every class has made a beautiful wreath using their hands as the poppies- either by drawing round them, or by using their handprints. These are on display in the hall and around the school. We have talked about why flowers, and the poppy in particular, are such a powerful symbol of remembrance. We have also looked at the work of the Royal British Legion for members of the armed forces, both serving and veteran, today, and why their work is so important for those they help.



Finally, in their literacy lessons today, Elm used an extract from the Wizard of Oz to produce some very moving, reflective poems by colouring in the extract to leave only the parts that the children thought were relevant to remembrance. They are on display near the Star of the Week board- do pop in and have a look, as they are beautifully illustrated and a very powerful reflective image.



To see more examples of the wreaths and poems, visit the **Galleries** page on our website:

www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk



Raising dough for Year 6.... with doughnuts!

Our Year Six parents had an unusual load on their journey to school this afternoon– three-hundred doughnuts in a variety of flavours!

Sainsbury's have very kindly 'dough-nated' them, free of charge, to be sold after school in aid of the annual Year 6 Leavers' Fund for their end of year gifts and activities.

Thank you so much Sainsbury's– what amazing kindness and community spirit!

We hope you enjoy your sugary treat after school today!



Dates

A few dates for the weeks leading up to Christmas. Details of theme days and visits for various year groups will be sent out separately – keep checking those Parentmails!

Tues 14 th Nov	Lime Class Assembly
Fri 17 th Nov	MUFTI for FOSPA Christmas fair
	Children in Need activities-lunchtime
w.b. 20 th Nov	Y6 Bikeability week 1
	Book Fair
Tues 21 st Nov	Elm Class Assembly
Sat 25 th Nov	Christmas Fair
Fri 1 st Dec	FOSPA Cinema Club in the hall– doors open at 4.30pm
w.b. 4 th Dec	Y6 Bikeability week 2
Fri 8 th Dec	Orchestra Christmas concert - 3.30pm in the hall
Tues 12 th Dec	9.30am- Key Stage 2 Christmas Service at the church
	2.00pm- Key Stage 1 Performance at the church
Weds 13 th Dec	9.15am- Reception Nativity- in the hall
	7.00pm- Key Stage 2 Christmas Service at the church- children from Years 3-6 attending.
Mon 18 th Dec	Christmas Lunch- more details to follow for those on packed lunch
Thurs 21 st Dec	Term ends at 1.30pm

Children in Need 2017

The Year 6 Sports Crew are organising sporting activities on Friday 17th November for Children in Need.

The activities will take place over lunch time and will include lots of activities for everyone to get involved with, such as obstacle courses and team building games.

All children are welcome to play and there is no fee for taking part.

Instead, the Sports Crew will be in the lane after school with buckets to raise money for Children in Need.



Food for Life

The school lunches provided by our caterer, Surrey Commercial Services, have been awarded a 'Gold' Food for Life Served Here award by the Soil Association. The award recognises our dedication to providing meals that not only meet the national School Food Standards, but that are also fresh, local and honest.

You can find out more about the award at www.foodforlife.org.uk/servedhere and win educational food prizes for our school by searching the online food map on the site. Please do take a look at learn more about the quality of meals on offer at lunchtime across the country.

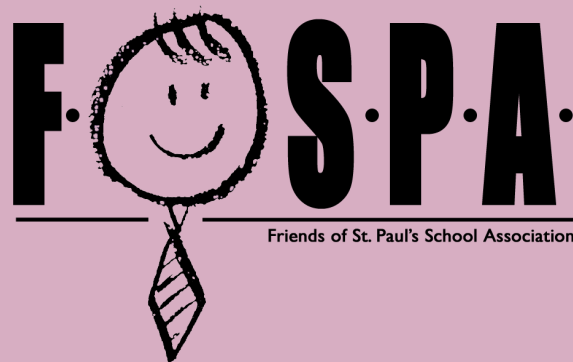
Every time you search this map and register, we will receive an entry into a draw to receive cooking education prizes. More entries equal more chances to win!



Stationery Shop

We're sorry that there has been a slight delay in the setting up of this new idea. Year 6 have been out at Ashcombe, followed by two days representing St. Paul's as part of the Open Mornings, not to mention their poppy selling after school, so we ran out of time to get everything ready. We hope to set up shop next week. Watch out for our budding Year 6 stall-holders in the lane!



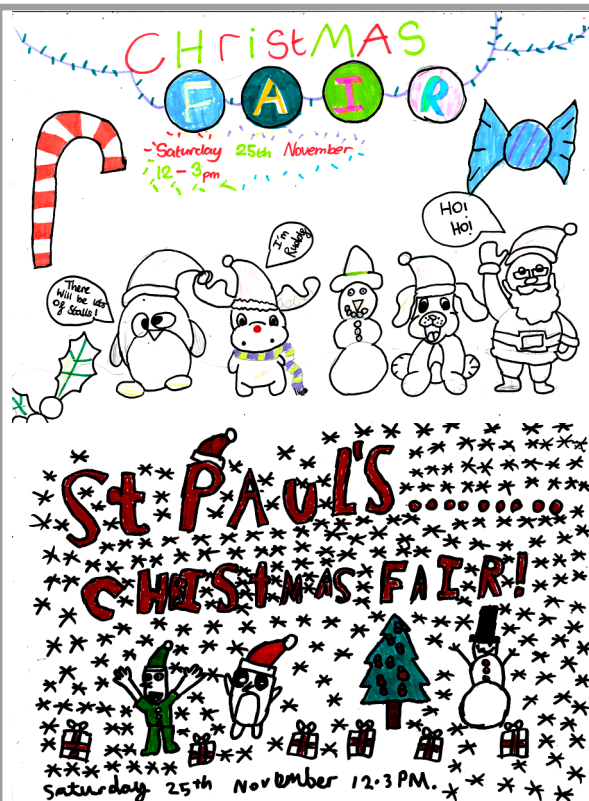


Hello from FOSPA!

The whole family is in for a treat at the Christmas Fair this year! I'm talking Carols, Prosecco, Winter Gin Punch, Turkey Burgers with Cranberry Sauce, Santa's Arcade, Santa's Grotto and Christmas Shopping to name some of the highlights! We will send out a separate email next week with more details on what to expect, for now, just make sure it's in the diary!

Tickets are also now on sale for our first **movie night** at the school on **December 1st**.

Screening Despicable Me 3 in the main hall, kids from all years, plus older siblings, are invited to watch this Minions favourite on the big screen at the school. We have set the dress code as pyjamas and ask they bring a pillow to make sure they are comfy and cosy for the film and ready for bed when they get home!



Request for help!

- Setting up the fair on Friday 24th November (from after school onwards, the more people we have, the earlier we can all go home!)
- Packing up the fair on Saturday 25th November (from 3pm to pack away the grotto and clear up/ hoover etc)
- A photographer to take some nice pics at the fair for us to use on our website, facebook and newsletters
- Volunteers for the movie night on December 1st from 4:30-6:45
- Please support your class reps by signing up to help on your class stall and giving a donation to the hamper

Please contact Serena if you can help with any of these requests on 07727 123 874 or email chair.fospa@gmail.com

In other FOSPA news....

- Please take a moment to 'Like' our new Fospa Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStPauls
- Keep an eye out for your child's Christmas Card sample in book bags, if you love it, please order loads! It's a great way to contribute to Fospa and get all your Christmas cards done in one swoop!



Upcoming FOSPA Events:

Saturday 25th November

Christmas Fair 12:00 -3:00

Friday 1st December

Despicable Me 3 Movie Night! 4:30 – 6:30

Monday 18th December – Visit from Father Christmas

To coincide with the children's school Christmas dinner, Fospa has organised for Father Christmas to visit each class with candy canes, an annual event that the children love! Thanks to Santa for taking time out from his busy schedule to visit the children of St. Paul's once again!

What are we spending money on?

So far this term, thanks to all your efforts and donations, Fospa have recently given £5653.17 to the school for the following, much-needed items:

- Special Educational Needs books
- Greenpower resources
- Lime band reading books
- ICT - Interactive class screen.
- 4x Laptops
- 1 x Class room projector
- Assessment software licence

