



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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One of the things I love about my job is that it is never dull and boring! This week I felt as though I had gone back in time when I saw children (and adults) dressed in amazing Victorian costumes walking around the school. Thank you to Y3 parents for providing the costumes and the Y3 staff team for delivering a creative curriculum and providing such an unforgettable experience for the children.

Another HUGE thank you this week to the FOSPA team who have been working hard behind the scenes for weeks to ensure that tomorrow's Christmas Fair will be a success. We really appreciate the commitment and dedication they show as well as the incredible fund raising.

Thank you also to all parents and children who have contributed to the Christmas Fair in so many ways. It promises to be a really enjoyable event and I look forward to seeing many of you there tomorrow.

Mrs. D. Malia- Acting Headteacher

Parking and Pedestrians

We've had yet more reports of parents driving, often at inappropriate speeds, right up to school to park in the 'Safe Zones' at drop-off & pick-up time. This is inconsiderate and can be dangerous.

Please park further down the road- or in the Sainsbury's Car Park using a school permit- and walk the very short final distance to school.

Conversely, we observed a number of children scooting at high speed down the middle of the road, well away from parental supervision yesterday. Please use the road appropriately- it is still a road and there will always be cars who need to get up and down for various reasons.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone safe.

Christmas Wish for the World

We will be repeating our 'Christmas Wish for the World' Assembly on Monday 18th December, the same day as our Christmas Lunch. **Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, dresses, tinsel hair ties and other festive clothing, in return for a suggested donation of £1.** The School Council will be discussing where they would like money raised by this to go to.

The Wish for the World assembly was very popular last year, with some very thoughtful contributions from each class and some rousing carol singing in between. We are looking forward to a blaze of colour, tinsel and song to celebrate the day!

Dates for your diary

We have now confirmed the date of our second spring INSET Day. These INSET Days- training days for staff in which we work on larger projects or bring in outside consultants for training- will focus on improving the already very good progress our children make with their reading, as well as mindfulness and emotional wellbeing for children and adults.

INSETs for the Spring Term will be held on **Monday 29th January 2018** and **Monday 19th February 2018**. This is in addition to the September INSET, and the already announced **Monday 23rd July 2018**. One further INSET will be confirmed later in the year.

Dorking Children's Centre

The Dorking Nursery's Children's Centre is located on two sites, one in the town centre of Dorking, on West Street and the other on Goodwyns Road. First established in 2008, the centre is for everyone- you don't need to be a parent of a Dorking Nursery child- and provides high-quality services and activities for families in our area. From drop in sessions to health clinics, outreach and home visiting services to adult learning, they aim to work in partnership with families to empower each individual to reach their full potential.

This is a fantastic resource for parents with pre-school children. **Please have a look at the leaflet which accompanies the newsletter this week** to find out about just some of the brilliant sessions, courses and classes they offer, or visit <http://www.dorkingnurserychildrenscentre.org.uk/childrens-centre>



Step in time, step in time | Never need a reason, never need a rhyme | Step in time, we step in time!

Year 3 went back in time to the very foundations of St. Paul's School this week, donning their finest Victorian garb and experiencing a day of 'Victorian' schooling. They had drill in the playground, completed their work on 'slates,' and even observed the humble potato! The noise of the cane and the yelps of the poor, innocent victims also rang around the corridors—confusing lots of the younger children passing Year 3! *(no children were harmed in the making of this inspiration day!)* A huge thank you to the Year 3 staff—staying in character as a strict, unsmiling Victorian teacher for the whole day is **very** hard in 2017!



Smile for the camera Year Three ...oh, wait, it's 1860 - **don't** smile!

Hungry for more?!

There's just no space for all of the photos of all the many brilliant things we've been getting up to over the last two weeks, but, if you visit our website (link below), you can see pictures of Year 1's trip to the Dorking Museum, Elm and Lime's amazing assemblies, our Children-in-need Funtacular and much more. Find **School News** in the **News** section, and **Galleries** in the **Life at St. Paul's** section— or follow us on Facebook or Twitter to keep up to date when we add new stories to the website.



Out and about this week...

Compassion, kindness and support

This week in our assemblies, we have been continuing with our theme of compassion, looking at the story of how Miriam helped her little brother Moses by suggesting his own mother become his nurse when the Pharaoh's daughter discovered him. We then played a game all about trust, help and collaboration in our classes, 'rescuing' as many people as possible into our lifeboats from the shark-infested carpet. A little bit of fun to help us remember lots of ways of living our values.





Christmas Cards

Thank you for submitting your orders for Cards, Gift Tags, Mugs, Tea Towels & Bags. Class Fundraising have started working on it straight away but please allow approximately 14 days for all the products to be dispatched.

Cinema Night

We have had a fantastic response for our first movie night both in volunteers and attendees. Please note, today is the final day to buy tickets. All being well, we aim to hold two more movie nights this year – On Friday 23rd of February & Friday 8th of June if you want to pencil the dates in!

Facebook Page

Please take a moment to Like our FOSPA Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/FriendsOfStPauls/

Did you know about The Malthouse After School Café?

Open to all- adults, young people and children alike- the Malthouse After-School Café offers a warm welcome to all. Run by young people for the community, the café offers a place to get a warm drink, the best milkshakes in town or a snack, whilst giving the young people a volunteering experience.

Located right next to the park, it's a great place to pop in for a warm up or just to use the loo!

Open Monday to Friday 3:30pm to 5:00pm.



Fair Final Advert!

Hopefully by now everyone knows at least ten reasons why the best way to spend tomorrow is at the fair! In case you have managed to dodge all my ParentMails, here's my final plug....**12-3pm: be there!**

If you have any old pound coins or notes kicking around, feel free to bring them and swap them for extra lucky slip tickets at the entrance. Each stall holder is donating a prize to this so lots of goodies to win.

A few things to look forward to! In the school hall, soloists will be playing from **2:15-2:30**; we will then be having a little Christmas Sing Song - kicked off by the choir and Father Christmas - from 2:30-2:45. This will be followed by the hamper, 100 club and luck slip draws at 2:45. Once this is over, it is time to wind down the fair and help to clean up!

Raffle thank yous!

Thanks to all of you for doing so well selling your raffle tickets– amazing effort!

Thank you also to Rebecca, Luke & Amelia Brownlee for helping their Mum Fiona (one of our two treasured treasurers), sort through over 1000 hamper raffle tickets this week! So far, we have raised £1181.70 on raffle ticket sales – let's see if we can get this up to £1500 at the fair. Our wonderful teachers will be selling tickets in the entrance as you arrive.



Request for help!

The main thing we need help for now is **packing up after the fair tomorrow**. Please stay at the end and help – if we have a big crowd, we'll be done in no time!

Also, stall rotas in some classes are not full, so please put your name down to help and if you are at the fair and see a stall is in need of help, feel free to jump in and get involved.

Match Funding

Match Funding!!! Please take the time to read my ParentMail about this. It is such an easy way to double our money and raise some serious cash! So many companies offer the scheme to employees, so please find out if yours does.

Christmas Tree oh Christmas Tree!

Our school Christmas tree this year is a great example of how fantastic it is when we all work together.

Newdigate Farms kindly discounted our tree and The Malthouse After-School Café very generously sponsored the remaining cost. Matt Wheaton, Dad and gardener for local company Burleys TCL, sawed it down and delivered it.

Finally, the children of Action House have done an amazing job decorating it!

Job well done!

