



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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It seems unbelievable that we are now half way through the academic year. It seems to have flown by so I must have been enjoying myself!

We celebrated our final act of worship for this term at St Paul's Church this morning. In true style, the children coped amazingly well when the sound system broke down for the singing and were unstoppable - just like the character, Anna, in the story of Simeon and Anna which we shared. Well done!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely half term break and to thank you (children, staff, parents and governors) for another happy term.

Mrs. D. Malia

Coming up- a few dates for Spring 2

Mon 19th Feb- INSET DAY- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING

Fri 23rd Feb- Cinema Club- 4.45pm

Fri 23rd Feb- Year R Superhero Day

Weds 28th Feb- Chestnut Assembly

Fri 2nd March- Cross Country at the Weald

Mon 5th March- Musical Celebration at 7pm in church- Years 3/4 & 5/6 choir, orchestra and soloists

Tues 6th March- Birch Assembly

Weds 7th March- Sycamore Assembly

Tues 13th March- Year 3 trip- Butser Farm

Weds 14th March- Oak Assembly

Weds 14th March- Y6 trip- Junior Citizen

Tues 19th March- Hawthorn Assembly

Weds 21st March- Chestnut Assembly

Fri 23rd March- School Disco

Mon 26th March- Y1 trip- Wakehurst Place

Tues 27th March- Easter Pause Day

Thurs 29th March- 9.30am- Easter Service in church- all welcome

Thurs 29th March- 1.30pm- END OF TERM

FOSPA garden project- the big clear up!

Don't forget that FOSPA would like or as many people as possible to come along on **Saturday 24th Feb at 10:00am** to get the beds in the school garden ready for planting and give the place a tidy up. Please let Serena know if you can come via chair.fospa@gmail.com. Bring gloves, tools and a flask of something hot!



Also, if you have any long planks of wood or sleepers you no longer need, we would be very pleased to use them to repair a few of the borders. We will also be needing a **greenhouse** at some point soon so if anyone or their company fancies chipping in towards it, let a member of FOSPA know!

FOSPA- disco and cinema

Tickets are still on sale for our next Cinema Club on Friday **23rd February**- doors open from 4.30pm. If you've lost the form, ask the office or a member of FOSPA. We'll be smiley-facing our way through the Emoji Movie- we look forward to seeing a packed, onesie-clad hall once again!

Tickets for the disco on 23rd March will go on sale soon- keep your eyes peeled!



Dogs

May we remind you and respectfully request that dogs are not brought onto the school premises, but remain in the lane and on a lead. Thank you.



Kids for Kids

We had a special visitor with some great news this week- Patricia Parker from Kids for Kids- to tell us all about what the charity have been able to do with the money YOU have been raising.

Patricia reminded us about the important work that the charity does in the Darfur region of Sudan, providing help, training and ways to help families help themselves by lending goats to families to help provide them with basic nutrition through goats' milk.

Patricia presented us with a certificate confirming that, this year, St. Paul's School has raised **£2298** through the amazing efforts of the dad's rowing team in the autumn term, collections at the Christmas services, and through the hard work of several of our children who set out, on their own, to run a stall at the Christmas Fair. At the end of the assembly, the Year 4 children involved were presented with their own special certificates too to celebrate all their hard work.

St. Paul's have raised enough money to buy 57 goats this year. Right now, you are helping 9 families to build a healthy future. In two years, another 9 families will take on your goats, and in another two years the cycle will continue. That's around 130 children who are able to drink- and benefit from- goats' milk every day! THANK YOU!



We had quite an adventure this morning to begin our half-termly service!

We had the script, we'd made our candles, the readers had rehearsed, the church was looking beautiful- everything was ready. The sound system was switched on...and.....nothing!

We had to take the advice of our own theme this morning as we came together as a school in church to celebrate the festival of Candlemas and the end of our half-termly theme-courage.



In the end, we made the microphones work, but our readers showed huge bravery in agreeing that we'd give it our best go and shout as loud as we could if the mics didn't come on in time. The whole

school showed that we don't need a piano or a backing track to come together and sing really well, filling the church anyway and doing really well to remember the tunes to some of our newest songs.

Children from Years 4, 5 and 6 ably led us through the story of Simeon, who waited until he was a very old man for God to fulfil his promise and reveal his light to Simeon and the world. Our four prayer readers had written some wonderful, thoughtful prayers all about showing courage, bravery and asking Jesus to show us the way even in troubled times.

All in all, we didn't let our setbacks faze us, we were brave, we stepped up, and the service was a great way to spend time together and end another exciting term at St. Paul's.



Stationery

Thank you for supporting our new stationery shop this half-term, helping to make sure that children have everything they need for school- and to stretch our funding that little bit further.

The shop will be closed today, but will be open on the first day back- Tuesday 20th February, selling all the classroom basics at great prices- and much better than you'll find on the High Street!

The shop runs from the window next to the Victorian doors, every Tuesday and Friday from 3pm.

Year 5 dance- by Joe and Shaun

On Thursday, 8th February, Year 5 went to the Priory school to learn a performance to open a dance and gymnastics show. It didn't take us long to learn the routine which was made up of many sections, including a hula, cross over turn and rocking on one foot. We danced to the Priory's steel band. It felt great to take part! After performing, we were lucky enough to enjoy watching some of the talented gymnasts and dancers from the Priory school.

