



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A lot has happened since I wrote a fortnight ago! We have welcomed our new Reception children and they are now doing full days. They seem very settled and are enjoying being "at big school". Most clubs have also started this week and you should have received a letter with regard to which clubs are available this term and on which days. I am really grateful to the staff who run these and for the range of clubs available—there should be something for everyone. A number of the clubs are sport related and on occasion have to change days. Please can I urge you to ensure that PE kits are in school every day so that when there are changes of times for both clubs and PE lessons children have the equipment they need. A number of the classes this term have hockey as a PE unit and a gum shield is a requirement in order for them to participate. These are for sale in the office (£2).

We have also welcomed a number of new staff to the team in the last couple of weeks and I trust they are feeling part of our school community—Mrs Rachel Pearce (Yr R), Miss Kelly Walton (Yr 2), Mrs Rosie Lawson (Yr 5) and Mrs Sharon Buckland (MMS team).

We are beginning to explore our new Christian Values with the children and our focus at the moment is 'Respect'. We are exploring what this means and how we can show it to others and the environment around us. We are linking this to our half termly theme of 'Thankfulness'. I saw this being really well displayed this week at the end of a club session, when two boys automatically went up to the staff leading the session to say 'Thank you'. Small words that take so little time but show respect and appreciation. Let's really ensure these are words we use frequently.

At the end of next week we are going to say goodbye to Mrs Rose, our lead midday meals supervisor. She has been part of our school community for a number of years and has ensured our lunchtimes run smoothly. She has established lovely relationships with the children and will be sorely missed.

Finally, please can I urge you to consider if you could be our new FOSPA chair. All of the events for the year coming have a nominated lead, so the role of the chair is one of facilitating and co-ordinating. FOSPA contribute so much to the school for the children and I would really like to see a chair in place ASAP. If this could be you, please chat to Serena or one of the FOSPA committee.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend, Mrs. A. Alden

Year 3 parents

Please could you wait until all of KS 1 children have been dismissed before moving towards the atrium doors. Our Yr 2 staff are finding it difficult to spot parents and carers for their classes. This should work smoothly as there is a 10 min gap between the end of the day for KS 1 and 2.

Please could all parents remind their children that the railings near the atrium doors are not for swinging on. This is a narrow space and we don't want any one hurt at the end of the day.

LOTS OF NEW
DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY

PLEASE
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General Hygiene in School

As we begin a new school year please remind your children of the importance of hand washing, particularly after going to the loo and before eating. Hopefully this way we can avoid infections spreading among the children.

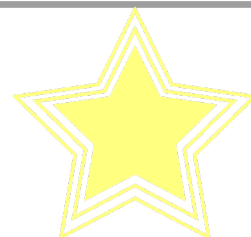


Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- 27th September - Year R Reading Evening, School Hall, 7 pm followed by FOSPA AGM
- 4th October - Individual photos to be taken in school
- 8th October - FOSPA Quiz, Café Rialto, 7.30 pm
- 12th October - Year 5 Cake Sale
- 16th October - Parents Evening (3.40 pm to 6 pm)
- 17th October - FOSPA Second hand uniform sale after school
- 18th October - Parents Evening (4.30 pm to 8 pm)
- 19th October - Harvest Service, St Paul's Church, 9.30 am
- 22-26th October - Half Term
- 29th October - INSET Day, school closed
- 8th & 9th November - Open Days, 9.30 am
- 9th November, Y6 Donut Sale
- Week commencing 19th November - Y6 Bikeability (Group 1)
- 23rd November - Muffin Day (Bring a Bottle)
- Week commencing 26th November - Y6 Bikeability (Group 2)
- 1st December - FOSPA Christmas Fair
- 11th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church 9.30 am
- 11th December - KS1 Service, St Paul's Church 2 pm
- 12th December - Year R Nativity, School Hall
- 12th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church, 7 pm
- 13th December - Christmas Lunch
- 14th December - KS1 Pantomime in school
- 19th December - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 3rd January - First Day of Spring Term

ST PAUL'S SUPERSTARS

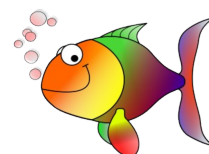
Lots of the children take part in exciting activities out of school and we like to celebrate these in school through our superstars board. If they have something to share, please bring in a photo or a certificate with a brief description so that this can be transferred to a star and put onto the board.



FISHY HELP NEEDED!

Mrs Tobin, who has very kindly been looking after the school fish for the past few years, is hanging up her fishing net and Marigolds!

We are therefore looking for someone to take on this role which involves cleaning the fish tank every month or so and making sure they have a healthy environment in which to thrive. If you can spare some time to help with this, please let the office know.



PARENTS' EVENINGS APPOINTMENTS

Appointments will go live through Tucasi scopay.com on Monday 1st October. If you need a login please contact the office. Alternatively, appointments can be made via the office.

Dorking Minds, who are a local charity aimed at helping people, including youngsters, take control of their mental health, have asked us to send the following link with details of all courses and events running this Autumn.



<https://www.dorkingminds.org.uk/>

OCTOBER HALF TERM CLUBS

Please find attached details of clubs which will be running over half term in the local area.

The Tech Club who have a club in school are running an event at North Downs School and there are activities at Dorking Sports Centre.

YEAR 6 DICTIONARIES

We would like to say a big thank you to Rotary for their donation of dictionaries to our Year 6 pupils.

Two members of the club presented these to the children and they are already being put to good use!

Dorking Tennis Club Open Day Sunday 30th September 2pm

A flyer for the Open Day at Dorking Tennis Club is attached. It should be a fun afternoon with free tennis and squash training, court use, plus tea and cakes!

