



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term seems a distant memory but that is because we have been really busy here in school.

As staff we had a really excellent INSET training day related to mental and written calculations. The trainer helped us to develop our teaching strategies to facilitate this learning even more effectively. When I observed in classes this week it was really encouraging that these ideas are already evident in many of the classes.

A number of new clubs have also started this half term and I am so grateful to my staff that they are willing to give up their time to offer such rich opportunities. If you haven't signed up for homework club, I think there are still some places available.

We also welcomed a large number of visitors into our school this week. It was lovely to celebrate the huge strengths of the school and to showcase through photos what we do. The Year 6 children did a tremendous job giving guided tours and for the first time our Year 6 School Councillors gave speeches around their thoughts and reflections about St Paul's. They were beautifully written and very well delivered—well done to Violet, Sam, Abbie and Zach. The visiting parents were so complementary of the children who took them on tours and sincerely felt they articulated the values and ethos that we foster here. One parent told me "they were a real credit to the school—they were so polite, well mannered and informative". Thank you very much to all of Year 6 for their help this week.

I am really grateful to the large number of parents and grandparents who give up their time to volunteer in school week by week. They really make a difference and support the children in a range of tasks but particularly reading. If you would like to volunteer we would be really interested. You would need to be DBS checked and would need to adhere to the volunteer code of conduct that is outlined in the Volunteers' Leaflet. This includes ensuring confidentiality when in the building and outlines school's expectations. And on that note (as it is mentioned in the leaflet), please could I remind anyone who comes into school that mobile phones must not be used when on the premises. This is a safeguarding requirement so please could you help us to keep all of the children safe.

Please could I remind you that PE is a curriculum requirement and therefore for this to be properly taught your child needs PE kit. This should involve both indoor and outdoor wear—blue shorts, white T-shirt with the school logo, a plain navy or black tracksuit, plimsolls/trainers and socks. (Gum shields are also required in the year groups where hockey is played). Quite a number of children have not had kit in school this week so please could you ensure your child's PE kit is complete and ready for lessons. The kit needs to be in school all week as timetables do occasionally need to change.

We have seen some beautiful pieces of homework coming into school this week—particularly in year 4 where children have made a beautiful array of Egyptian models—pyramids, sphinx, death masks and canopic jars to mention just a few. Homework is a very beneficial means of reinforcing learning and if you are unsure of what is required in your child's class please do pop in and ask as homework is set weekly and you should have seen some coming home!

The school orchestra is starting to rehearse again in preparation for Christmas and if your child learns an instrument and is interested in joining, please encourage them to go and talk to Mrs Tolley, one of our year 4 teachers.

I trust you have a restful weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs. A. Alden



Are you a member of the FOSPA 100 club?

They are looking for some new participants so if you are interested please see over for more details



Congratulations to **Claudia in Year 5 Lime** for her beautiful winning entry for the design of the Christmas Fair poster.



BOOK FAIR IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK

The Book Fair will be open next Monday to Thursday at lunchtimes and after school in the Music Room. If you would like to attend with your child after school you are most welcome.

Dorking Christmas Festival

Saturday 25th November 12-6pm

Go along to the festival this year and help to fund raise for school. Café Rouge have pledged to give the funds they raise to St Paul's.



On Tuesday Year 2 visited St Paul's Church to look at the war memorial and learn about why we have Remembrance Day. They also found out about a young local soldier called Joe Strudwick who came to our school and fought in the 1st World War. The teachers were very impressed with our reflections and thoughtful questions.

We are currently recruiting for Breakfast Club and Lunchtime Staff. If you would like further details, please pop into the school office.

KINGS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TEDDY CONCERT

FRIDAY 30TH NOV, 4 PM

TICKETS NOW ON SALE (FLYER CAME HOME YESTERDAY)

ENQUIRIES TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH



THE 100 CLUB

Would you like the opportunity to win £100 and raise funds for FOSPA at the same time?

Then The 100 Club is for you.

For £12 a year you buy a number (1-100) from The 100 Club. Each month this number is entered into a draw with the first prize being £20 and the second prize £10. **There will also be a £100 draw at both the Christmas and Summer Fairs.** The 100 Club will contribute all the funds raised less the prize money to FOSPA - we've raised over £3,000 for school funds since the club started in 2002.

If you would like to join then please contact 100club.fospa@gmail.com

The Club is open to anyone, not only parents, so if you know of anyone else who may be interested in joining **PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD.**

Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in **RED**)

- 12th - 15th November - Book Fair
- 15th November - Elm Class Assembly
- 19th November - Years R to 5 Nasal Flu Vaccine
- Week commencing 19th November - Y6 Bikeability (Group 1)
- 21st November - Y3 Victorian Day
- 23rd November - Muffi Day (Bring a Bottle)
- Week commencing 26th November - Y6 Bikeability (Group 2)
- 29th November - Y5 Greek Workshop (in school)
- 1st December - FOSPA Christmas Fair (12-3)
- 5th December - School Orchestra Christmas Concert, School Hall, 3.30 pm
- 11th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church 9.30 am
- 11th December - KS1 Service, St Paul's Church 2 pm
- 12th December - YrR Nativity, School Hall 9.15 am
- 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

ORCHESTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA WILL SOON BE BUSY REHEARSING FOR THEIR FABULOUSLY FESTIVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WHICH TAKES PLACE THIS YEAR ON WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER. PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE AND COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



Rehearsal dates for orchestra members will be on:
Mon 12th Nov (Strings) and Fri 16th Nov (Guitars)
Full Rehearsals on Friday 23rd Nov and Mon 3rd Dec
CONCERT: Wed 5th December, School Hall

