



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

"I wouldn't have liked to have been a Victorian—the teachers were really strict and mean—I am glad I was born now!" You guessed it, Year 3 had their annual Victorian school day this week and were fully immersed in the delights of learning 120 years ago. All of the children appeared to have an interesting day and whilst I was eating lunch with a handful of them, they told me how much they like school today and that they can make mistakes and not worry. We had a really interesting conversation about how learning and the attitude towards learning has changed since then. "Mistakes help us learn but it wasn't like that then". I think they were all very glad when things went back to normal on Thursday.

Last week we also enjoyed a really sensitive, reflective and insightful assembly from Elm Class. They shared their learning about the First and Second World Wars through the eyes of a child. They helped us to recognise the huge challenges that were faced by all and paused a while for us to consider the importance of Remembrance. Thank you to Elm for the first of our class assemblies. It was also lovely to see so many parents there too.

Year 6 are also enjoying the opportunity to take part in Bikeability. They have shown real resilience—particularly in the rain—and the leaders have commented on their super respectful behaviour. Well done.

We have launched our new Behaviour Policy this week—there is a stronger emphasis on forgiveness and restoration as we believe that forgiveness is the foundation for building good relationships. Everyone is a valued member of our school community, and we hope our behaviour policy enables trust, respect and compassion to be integral parts to the way we relate to one another. We are continuing to use the restorative approach and are using a behaviour ladder so the children are aware of the expectations for good behaviour. We have two rules at St Paul's—We will treat others and property with respect in all we say and do and We will not disrupt the learning. Class Charters expand these to make these rules applicable to individual classes. We are just adding the finishing touches and the new policy will be on the website shortly. Do talk to your children about this.

Rev Ruth and I had the privilege to take our Children's Faith Team to The Weald this week to participate in a Collective Worship Workshop, led by Jane Whittington from the Diocese. The children gave some very insightful comments about their ideas with regard to worship and we are looking forward to developing this initiative in the future.

Have you noticed how over the last two weeks the weather has changed and we are beginning to move away from autumn and are creeping into winter? This has meant that at times outdoor play has felt a little damper and there has been a nip in the air. Please could I remind you that children do need a warm coat (and gloves and hats if they wish) as we feel they need an opportunity to have some fresh air so we do brave it when it is windy and slightly damp.

I trust you have a restful weekend,

Best wishes, Mrs. A. Alden



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Please remember to order your child's Christmas lunch by Friday 30th November. We will also be raising money for Shelter on this day by wearing Christmas jumpers and requesting a £1 donation from each child.

### **HUGE THANK YOU TO FOSPA !**

Thanks to funds raised by you, our wonderful parents, the school has been able to purchase 3 new interactive whiteboards for the children. Thank you to FOSPA for all their hard work, we really do appreciate it.



## St Paul's Cross Country competition

Highlights from Sam, Joe, Zach and Lucas' report—see the website for full details

Today was a very exciting day for the St Paul's runners because there was a mini cross country competition being held on our field for: Y3 Y4 Y5 and Y6. There were multiple races - something for every year group. The winners were Imogen, Toby, Tilly and Lucas.



Well done to everyone who took part and to Miss George for organising the event.



Please park considerably a distance from school...

Please be reminded that at the beginning and end of the day parents should not be parking in the safe zone or the staff parking spaces. We want to avoid having any cars moving in this area as there are far too many people walking along the upper part of St Paul's Road West. Please park and walk!

## Dorking Christmas Festival

SUNDAY 25th November 12-6pm

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

The Christmas lights will be switched on at 3.30 pm.



## A little reminder...

We are a Healthy School so please do not send in sweet treats for birthdays. It also means we can keep any children with allergies safe.

Thank you

## KINGS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TEDDY CONCERT

FRIDAY 30TH NOV, 4 PM

TICKETS STILL ON SALE

ENQUIRIES TO ST PAUL'S  
CHURCH



## MOLE VALLEY GIRLS' FOOTBALL

MVGs is a club dedicated to girls football.

They are specifically looking to introduce younger girls to football and a number of St Paul's current and past pupils are already enthusiastic players. Any level of ability and experience is welcome.

A flyer with details is attached to this e-mail.

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

- 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

## Advance Notice...

Please note we are doing Parents' Evening slightly later in the Spring term. The dates will be

- Tuesday 26th February 3.40—6pm
- Thursday 28th February 4.30—8pm



It's that time of year when there are lots of colds and coughs doing the rounds. Please would you be kind enough to bring a box of tissues in for your child's classroom. Thank you!

## Children in Need Sports crew Charity Event

By Connie, Issy and Claudia (Yr 5)

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November, an event was run by Sports Crew

(some children in Year Five and Six) for Children In Need. They managed to lead three fun activities held for the whole school on the sports zone. All of Sports Crew showed great

encouragement and helped others understand what they were doing. Even though they were all quite tired from picking up balls, hurdles and bean bags, they did great work! They were extremely organised with all the

equipment, and how to explain the instructions. Amazingly, Miss George gave them all Star of the Week for their brilliant perseverance and courage! Overall, Sports Crew did a fantastic job and engaged lots of children to take part in enjoyable activities! And we even managed to raise £197.58 for charity!



ON CHRISTMAS FAIR DAY, SATURDAY 1ST DEC,  
ALL PARKING IS FREE IN MOLE VALLEY CAR PARKS SO  
WHY NOT MAKE USE OF THIS AND WALK UP TO THE  
SCHOOL FAIR TO HELP WITH TRAFFIC CONGESTION  
AROUND THE SCHOOL?

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING LOTS OF YOU THEN!

