



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas has certainly arrived at St Paul's this week starting with a very successful Christmas Fair on Saturday afternoon. We were treated to great performances from Katerina in Year 1 with her parents, as well as some Key Stage 2 children busking and our Year 5 and 6 choir sharing a few of their Christmas songs. It was great to see so many children and parents on Saturday enjoying the variety of different stalls and even managing a visit to Father Christmas in his grotto! The fair would not have been possible without all of the hard work and organisation over the past few months from Tahmina, Tara and Sally, as well as many other dedicated members of FOSPA and lots of parents and staff who helped to set up, run stalls and clear away at the end. Thank you so much from all of us St Paul's - you have helped to raise at least £5500 and we are still waiting for some match funding donations to come in.

We have been treated to some wonderful performances this week across the school. Reception performed their Nativity on Wednesday in the school hall—their audience were incredibly impressed with how the children learned all of their lines and sang their songs beautifully. On Tuesday, Mrs Alden was able to come to the church to watch both the Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1 services. She was really impressed with how well all of the children performed and it was lovely to be able to share with her how the children have been doing in school. Wednesday evening was our final service for Key Stage 2 and the children did incredibly well, ensuring that the Christmas spirit has been shared with our school community. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for one of the services or nativity this year - it means so much to the children.

Unfortunately, we have had a few reports from parents and local residents this week that there are some parents who are not following the guidance from the Safer Routes committee when picking up and dropping off children. It is incredibly important that we are all thinking about the safety of the children and adults who are walking, which is why the No Movement and Safe Zones have been put in place. We shall be meeting with the Safer Routes Committee and local police in the Spring term to identify our next steps as we do not want anyone to be injured. Please may I also remind parents that dogs are not allowed onto the school site.

We would like to thank all of the staff for their continued hard work and support this term - we have a great team and we appreciate how hard they are all working. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hallett, who is currently Beech class teacher on a Thursday and Friday. Starting in January we are excited to welcome Mrs Hilston as Beech class teacher on these days. Also joining us is Mrs Fatima as a 1:1 support in Year 4 and Mrs Eng as a 1:1 support in Year 3. We are certain that they will settle into their new roles very well.

We wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bryan and Ms Lanham

### Uniform

A reminder that children should be wearing the correct school uniform—we have attached a reminder of the uniform with the newsletter.

Children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers or boots (unless they are wearing alternative footwear to or from school in bad weather conditions).



### Christmas Jumper Day - Tuesday 17th Dec

A reminder that children (and staff!) are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers to school on Tuesday with their school uniform. We are requesting a £1 donation as we will be raising money for Shelter.



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

- 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 18th Dec - Y6 Book Club, 3.20 pm to 4.20 pm
- 19th Dec - Nasal Flu Vaccines
- 20th Dec - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 6th Jan - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- 7th Jan - First Day of Spring Term for children
- 10th Jan - Y4 Cake Sale
- 14th Jan - Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 16th Jan - Y1 & Y3 Swimming (every week)
- 28th Jan - YR to Dorking Library, 10 am
- 4th Feb - Chestnut Class Assembly
- 7th Feb - FOSPA Cinema Club (after school)



### Guildford Cathedral Nativity Scene

If you are close to Guildford cathedral over the Christmas holiday it would be lovely if you were able to look at their Nativity scene. Lots of schools across the Diocese were asked to make one of the many characters involved in the Nativity—I wonder if you will be able to spot the King that our own Faith Team made?

### KS1 and KS2 Christmas Services

Thank you to the staff at St Paul's Church who enabled us to conduct our services at the church this week. Not only did year groups go down for the dress rehearsals, they have also been down for some rehearsals too. I am sure that you would all agree that the children did incredibly well.



### Advent Calendars

In assembly last week we were thinking about Advent wreaths and advent calendars.

Some classes have been making their own Advent calendars of kindness—where for each day of school during advent they are going to do a kind deed for another person.

Here is an examples of the Advent calendar Elm class have in their room.



### Year 5 and 6 choir

On Monday and Tuesday next week, the Years 5 and 6 choir will be performing a selection of Christmas songs at local retirement homes.

They will be decorated in plenty of tinsel, so you may be able to see our trail through Dorking High Street!

