



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very full and enjoyable start to the second half of the Autumn term. It is hard to believe that we have only been back at school for 2 weeks.

Our two open mornings last week were very successful. Year 6 did an amazing job of leading tours around the school as well as four of the children speaking to the prospective parents about how their time at St Paul's has been so far - thank you to Sam, Emma, Kian and Connie for sharing your thoughts so well. Over the two days we had roughly 130 adults who came to see what life is like at St Paul's and the parents that I spoke to were very impressed with both the staff and pupils.

This week Year 1 and Year 3 have had experience days which they have all thoroughly enjoyed. Year 1 were fantastic explorers - building shelters and dens in the copse, while Year 3 took a trip back in time to see what life was like at a school in the Victorian times. There is more information on the back of the newsletter.

This term Year 6 have been learning about World Wars I and II and have shared their knowledge through class assemblies over the last two weeks. Linked to this, to commemorate Remembrance Day we had a whole school assembly learning about the importance of the day, while Year 2 went and visited St Paul's church to look at the war memorial.

Today the school has been more active than usual as we have been participating in different activities to support Children in Need - see below for more details.

Over the next coming weeks the school will be busy preparing for Christmas as there are lots of songs and lines that the children need to learn! As this will be our first Christmas at St. Paul's, we are very much looking forward to all of the different performances and events that are scheduled leading up to the end of term - a list of these can be found on the next page.

Mrs Alden sent the children another video message last week and she is very touched by all of the lovely cards, pictures and letters that the children have made her. I shall be taking the next postal delivery to Mrs Alden next week, so if any of the children have pictures or letters for her, they can post them in the post-box opposite the office. Mrs Alden is constantly in our thoughts and prayers and I know that we are in hers.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bryan and Ms Lanham



Children in Need

Today lots of staff and pupils arrived at school in their sports gear ready to join in with the Big Morning Move. It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about participating and we have raised an impressive £372.07 for the charity.

At lunchtime, the Sports Crew ran a multi-skills festival where all of the children were invited to participate in three different activities that they had been planning for them. Thank you to the Sports Crew and Miss George for organising it.



KINGS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA FUN FAMILY TEDDY CONCERT

ST PAUL'S CHURCH, FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER, 4 PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM WWW.STPAULSDORKING-ORG.UK OR AT THE CHURCH



Year 1 Explorers Day

On Tuesday, Year 1 had their Inspiration Day for their Explorers topic. Luckily the weather was kind for some of the day so we were able to get into the copse and build shelters - big and small. Big ones for us and small ones for animals. Everyone enjoyed it and the children really worked well together to complete the tasks. Indoors we made bags to pack exploring essentials in and drew pictures of what we would take with us. It was a fabulous day and will need to be continued as, unfortunately, heavy rain in the afternoon prevented us from completing our scavenger hunt.



COATS

Please ensure that your child is bringing a suitable coat to school so that they are able to wear it at break time and lunchtime. The weather is very cold and damp at the moment and we are trying to get outside as much as possible.

Year 3 Victorian Day

Year 3 went back in time on Wednesday and experienced life as a Victorian school child.

We practised drill exercises, copying out poems, reciting our times tables and learning the capital cities of different countries. We were given the cane for misbehaving and had to wear the dunces hat if we got the answer wrong.

We decided at the end of the day that we are very pleased we go to school now as we wouldn't have wanted to receive those punishments. On the other hand, it was lovely and quiet!



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

- 22nd Nov - FOSPA Bottle Tombola Collection/ Mufti Day
- 22nd Nov - Y5 Greek Workshop
- 22nd Nov - FOSPA Cinema Club
- 25th Nov to 6 Dec - Y6 Bikeability
- 25th Nov - Full Orchestra Rehearsal, 1.45 pm
- 27th Nov - Hawthorn Class Assembly
- 2nd Dec - Full Orchestra Rehearsal, 1.45 pm
- 6th Dec - School Orchestra Christmas concert after school
- 7th Dec - St Paul's Christmas Fair, 12 noon
- 10th Dec - KS2 Christmas Service, 9.30 am
- 10th Dec - KS1 Christmas Service, 2 pm
- 11th Dec - YR Nativity, 9.30 am school hall
- 11th Dec - KS2 Christmas Service, 7 pm
- 17th Dec - Christmas Lunch
- 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

FLYERS ADVERTISING LOCAL EVENTS WHICH MAY BE OF INTEREST ARE ATTACHED

Year 6 Blitz Experience

On Wednesday this week, Year 6 were treated to a reconstruction on the Blitz. Using sounds and lighting effects, Year 6 were taken down into the school cellar so they could experience what it really felt like to be in an air-raid. Some of Year 6 commented on how realistic it all seemed. The experience really helped them to understand how people at the time would have felt when the siren first went off and then what it felt like to be surrounded by explosions and the noise of planes. Later this week, Year 6 will use the reconstruction to write a diary.

Year 6 assemblies

Throughout the first half of Autumn term, Year 6 had been learning about World War 1 and World War 2

Juniper class showed the school and their parents all the learning they had been doing. During the assembly, they told the audience about the importance of remembering all those who had fought in World War 1. They then read out examples of letters from the trenches they had written during English. Finally, they read out extracts from the recounts they had written which showed the amazing time they had at the Imperial War museum. The school was also treated to 2 songs which also helped us all remember those who had fought in the wars as well as emphasising the importance of peace and hope for the future. Well done Juniper class!!

Elm class showed in a creative way all their learning. They explained why the war started and then explained how children felt when they were evacuated. They read some of the amazing diaries they had written. During the assembly, the children demonstrated excellent acting skills and excellent singing. Well done Elm on helping us all learn about an important part of British history.



SCHOOL ORCHESTRA CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us for our festive and fun concert after school in the hall on Friday 6th December

Mince Pies will be served by FOSPA afterwards

Complaints procedure

We always strive to do our very best at St Paul's, but should you feel that something is not as it should be and need to make a complaint—please follow our complaints procedure (which can be found on the school website).

Please do not use social media to complain, as this is not a constructive way to resolve any issues.

We thank you for your cooperation in this.

