



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are adjusting to our new 'normal'. Thank you to you all for following our staggered drop off/pick up routines—on the whole these are working very well. However some parents are lingering and chatting in the lane—please refrain from doing this as it means other parents can't pass by with a 2m gap, particularly if they have a pushchair. Please also keep to the left to enable people to pass safely. Thank you too to those parents who have requested details for the Sainsbury's parking permit; this significantly reduces traffic in St Paul's Road West and enables everyone to stay safe on this last part of the walk into school. Please remember that no one should be driving beyond the end of the path outside the church between 8.30 and 9.05.

As you will see overleaf, we have been very busy since returning and have all settled well into new classes. One of our school values is perseverance and many classes have been looking at this along with the 'R' of resilience to explore effective learning behaviours.

This week, you will have received separate information about changes we have made to your recording of your child's reading. Please use this new weekly reading record and send it back to school just on Fridays. You will then receive a new one for the following week. As you will appreciate, we are striving to minimise equipment coming back and forward. We are moving to a system where homework will also be sent and received remotely but we will share more about that with you in the next couple of weeks. As you know we are already setting maths homework through Doodle Maths. Mr Hill will be sending out a separate letter to remind you of how to access this app. Your child can also access 'Times Tables Rockstar' to help with swift recall of their tables. 'Little and often' really helps to sharpen recall.

Having taken advice, we are extending our 'bubbles' to year groups both inside and out. The very large majority of teaching will still be within class groups but we will have times where some children from each class will be working together with an adult in a separate space. The extension of this bubble is essential to optimise effective teaching, but we will still minimise as far as possible the adults that work within these bubbles. This is still fully within the government guidance.

As you know, FOSPA does a tremendous job supporting school and raising money for key projects. They are currently looking for new committee members and if you think you could be part of this team, please talk or e mail Tahmina Quddas at chair.fospa@gmail.com. And on that note there is also a parent vacancy on the governing body too—please see the separate note.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Best wishes, Mrs Alden

St Paul's Governing Body



There is currently a parent vacancy on the Governing body. They are particularly looking for someone who has skills within HR. If you are interested in finding out more about what this role would entail and the time commitments it would take, please e mail or speak to Nichola Johnston, the other parent governor or Fiona Ruddock (Chair of Governors) It is anticipated that elections will take place shortly after half term.

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS, 1ST OCTOBER



The children will be having their individual photos taken in school on Thursday 1st October.

Due to covid restrictions and after discussions with the photographers we will, unfortunately, not be taking sibling shots this year. Proofs will be sent home so that parents can order copies as usual.

You will also find attached various links/ publicity which may be of interest

PARENT SURVEY ON HOME LEARNING

The link to the parent survey we are conducting is within the e-mail sent with this Newsletter.



Year 5 Reflections

As part of our return to school, Year 5 have been writing a letter to themselves describing what they like at school, their favourite subjects and what they hope to get better at. Yesterday, they sealed up their letters in envelopes and made paper pockets at the front of their English books. We will not be opening them until July 2021 when



we will discuss how they have changed! The children really enjoyed the activity and are already itching to open them!



Starting Year 1

We are very proud of the way Year 1 have settled into school. They have all quickly adapted to the new way of coming and going and the numerous times a day they have to wash or rub their hands! They are using the running track most days and we are taking advantage of the good weather to use our couse time. This week we collected seeds and leaves and made pictures back in class using our finds. We had some interesting insects. They have been learning all about perseverance and resilience in our 'growth mindset' lessons. We are very proud of how they are settling into life in KS1.

Inspiration Day in Year 2

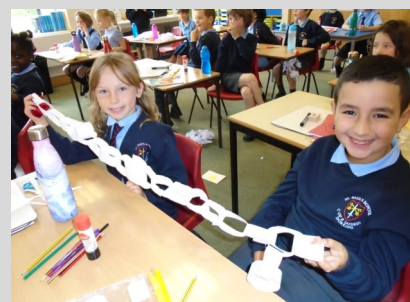
Year 2 had a great day launching our topic, 'This Is Your Life'. We did a range of activities focusing on how we can stay fit and healthy, including designing a balanced meal, looking at the effects of exercise on our bodies and making a fruit salad. We had a great day!



Year 3 challenge

Last week, Year 3 were finding out more about our 4Rs of learning. The week ended with a task where the children used their resourcefulness, reciprocity, resilience and reflection skills to make the longest paper chain out of two pieces of A4 paper, a pair of scissors and a glue stick. Sounds simple, but as the youngsters will tell you, it's trickier than it sounds!

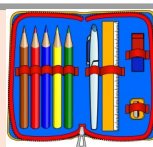
The longest creation an incredible 4m 38cm and was made by Aran and Tanisha.



Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED) (All meetings will be virtual)

- 28th Sept - 4pm - Y1 Meet the Teacher
- 28th Sept - 4.30pm - Y6 Meet the Teacher
- 30th Sept - 4 pm - Y4 Meet the Teacher
- 30th Sept - 4.30 pm - Y5 Meet the Teacher
- 30th Sept - 7 pm - YR Phonics Evening
- 30th Sept - 7.30 pm - FOSPA AGM
- 1st Oct - School Photos
- 1st Oct - 4 pm - Y3 Meet the Teacher
- 1st Oct - 4.30 pm - Y2 Meet the Teacher
- 2nd Oct - Harvest donations to school
- W/B 12th Oct - Y 1&2 Virtual Multi-Skills
- 15th Oct - 4.30 pm to 8 pm, Parents Eve
- W/B 19th Oct - KS2 Virtual X Country
- 20th Oct - 3.40pm to 6pm - Parents Eve
- 23rd Oct - INSET (School closed to pupils)
- 26th-30th Oct - Half Term
- 2nd Nov - Back to School
- 4th Nov - 9.30 am - Virtual Open Day for Reception 2021
- 11th Nov - 7 pm - Virtual Open Eve (R21)
- 12th & 13th Nov - Nasal Flu Immunisations
- W/B 16th Nov - Y1&2 Virtual Multi-Skills
- W/B 23rd Nov - KS2 Virtual X Country

ALL VIRTUAL SPORT WILL BE DURING PE TIME



KS2 Pencil Cases

KS2 children are invited to bring a small pencil case into school. However, it will need to stay in school permanently until half term.

Meet the Teacher

Parents will be sent an invitation to their child's 'Meet the Teacher' virtual meeting a couple of days before it takes place

COVID ETIQUETTE AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF

Please would parents try to keep to the left hand side of the lane. We also request that you are punctual and do not linger in order to reduce contact.

Thank you!

