



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Inspiring Learning, Nurturing Wholeness

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that you and your family are managing in this current lockdown. I am delighted that we have all remained well at school and that we have not had to send any bubbles home. Thank you to the staff and children, and you as parents, for helping to make this happen. Thank you for the extra care that is being taken each day.

Today we wish Miss George well as she starts her maternity leave. Her baby is due in a couple of weeks and we wish her all the best in the coming weeks and months. We will miss her in all sorts of ways within school life and in particular for her wholehearted enthusiasm in sport. Mrs Watkins is taking on this responsibility in Miss George's absence along with the help of all the staff in their contribution to the virtual competitions that we are currently taking part in. Mr Kelly, who joined the staff in September, will be taking full responsibility for Cedar class from next week.

As you know Mrs Bryan is also due to go on maternity leave just after Christmas so there have been some recruitments to fill these positions. Mr Hill secured the role of the Acting Deputy Head position and will start in this role at the start of next term. Mrs Howey will take over the responsibilities of Lime class. Mr Tinsley will be taking over the responsibility of Maths Leadership and Mrs McLeod will take on Mr Hill's role as Phase Leader for years 4, 5 and 6.

I am always pleased when I read of someone taking on a cause and I am so pleased that Marcus Rashford has taken a stand with regard for the need to support families during the holidays, who access free school meals. Sadly the government didn't see fit to continue the provision that was put in place for the summer. However local charities are really stepping in to help. The Food Bank in Dorking is offering vouchers for us to help support families and is also open for direct contact on Tuesdays from 4.45 - 5.45 pm and Thursdays from 2.30 - 3.30 pm. The Community Fridge is also now open every morning and is available to everyone (details on Page 2). Please contact us in school if you would like further details and support; be assured we will treat this with the utmost confidence.

For the next two weeks Year 6 will be coming to school with their bikes as they have Bikeability for the week. Please be especially careful in the lane next week as there will be far more bikes around. Please can children be reminded to not ride them in the lane.

FOSPA are currently making plans for fund raising events for the latter end of this term. They will be organising the filling and selling of 'white bags' and raffling year group Christmas hampers. Please watch out for communications about this relating to when items need to come into school. Your year group parent reps will be in contact with you shortly.

Our usual Christmas events are going to be rather different this year due to the Covid restrictions and I will be sharing details of these with you in my next letter once details have been finalised.

Thank you to those parents who responded to our consultation with regard to Relationship and Sex Education. We are holding a parent webinar on Tuesday to share the curriculum information with you. You should have received an invitation to this earlier this week. Please contact the office if you wish to attend so we can send you the webinar details.

We have had two successful prospective parent webinars over the last couple of weeks. The videos and FAQs are still on the website and if parents have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email the office. The applications for Reception 2021 places need to be with Surrey Admissions by 15th January 2021.

Wishing you a restful weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Alden.

Christmas Festive Hair Day and Christmas Jumper Day

We are having two fund raising events in school towards the end of term. On the 11th December come in your festive jumper and donate £1 or more. Then on 16th December come to school with a festive hair do and bring a donation. The funds raised will be shared equally between FOSPA and Save the Children.





Remembrance Day

Last week the school gathered together remotely to pause to remember. We had a service of remembrance and two minutes silence to commemorate armistice day. Year 6 prepared some lovely prayers as we paused to remember those men and women who had been injured and killed in conflict.

Dear God,

We remember those who fought in the war and sacrificed themselves for our freedom. We remember the soldiers that got killed. We pray that peace and joy emerges in the world.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen

(Hope)

Dear God,

We pray for all the army, NHS and all of other brilliant services like them. We thank you for these services and for all the men who gave their today for our tomorrow,

Please can you make sure that no wars happen

again,

Amen

(Toby)

FOSPA PRINTER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING SCHEME

Look out for details soon to follow of our ink cartridge recycling scheme to raise funds for the school.

Dates for Autumn Term (new dates in red)

- 23rd Nov - Y3 Victorian Day
- W/B 23rd Nov - KS2 Virtual X Country
- W/B 23rd Nov - Y6 Bikeability (Grp 1)
- 24th Nov - Relationships Webinar for Parents, 6.30 pm
- W/B 30th Nov - Y6 Bikeability (Grp 2)
- 11th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day and Christmas Festive Hair Day
- 18th December - 1.30 pm - End of Term



- 4th January 2021 - INSET Day
- 5th January 2021 - First Day of Term



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 16th December

On Wednesday 16th December the teachers will be serving the children Christmas lunch in their classrooms. If you would like to order a lunch for them (no need to do anything if they normally have school lunch), please return the order form which was sent home earlier in the week (copy attached). The meal will be free for KS1 children but for KS2 the cost is £2.40.

Please note that the deadline for orders is 9am on Friday, 27th November.

NO NUTS IN SCHOOL!

Please make sure that your child doesn't bring any items into school containing nuts (this includes pesto containing pine nuts and peanut butter). We have a number of children in school who have severe allergies and must not come into contact with any type of nut.

Thank you.

KS2 Virtual Cross Country

The Dorking Schools Sports Partnership is currently organising a whole range of sporting events which St Paul's is participating in.

Each school competes within their own school and then the results are forwarded to the Partnership. We can then see how we have done against the rest of the local schools. Thank you to Miss George for coordinating this here at St Paul's. Here are the results from the Cross country event this week:

Year 3/4 Girls : Isla D - 1st Martha W - 8th

Year 3/4 Boys : Ethan H - 2nd Huxley CB - 10th

Year 5/6 Girls : Tilly C - 1st Caitlin G - 3rd Grace S - 6th

Poppy C - 8

Year 5/6 Boys: Rory D - 8th

Well done to everyone who took part. At the moment St Paul's is coming 1st in Years 3/4 girls; 3rd in Years 5/6 girls, and also Years 3/4 & 5/6 boys.

Amazing work everyone!

The next competition is next week .. We will keep you posted

Attached is a poster we have been asked to share by Dorking Nursery School about applying for a nursery place for September.



Community Fridge

The free Community Fridge has re-opened and is available to everyone (based at Dorking Christian Centre, every weekday from 10-11:30am).

