



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Inspiring Learning, Nurturing Wholeness

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were delighted to welcome all of the children back into school on Monday. It is so lovely to have everyone back with us and to hear the chatter and laughter that so resembles a happy, flourishing primary school. The children have settled back in so well and have very quickly reconnected with their friends and staff and through our pupil well-being survey have strongly stated how delighted they are to be back. We are aware that a very small number of the children are anxious and staff are picking up with these individuals and ensuring they are well supported. 'Talk Time' has resumed (socially distanced) and ELSA will now continue in person. ELSA continued throughout lockdown and we are so grateful to Mrs Solman and Mrs Dalziel for the work they do to support these children.

We are very mindful that we want our teaching to be correctly pitched to meet the needs of the children and we know that some children have made accelerated progress during this period of time, so from next week staff will be using assessments to help to identify where there are areas that still need work and where significant strides have been made. Please reassure your children not to worry about these and they are just a tool to help to inform the teachers of the next steps needed for each person. It will be through these assessments that we will be best able to target our catch-up funding.

I hope as a family you have found the 'calendar of kindness' helpful in thinking about showing kindness to others through Lent. We are continuing to use it in school to shape our behaviours through the week. This week has related to showing value to others and asking 'how do we show what we value?'

There was a FOSPA committee meeting this week and I am delighted to hear from them that even though we had no Christmas fair, they managed to raise over £3,000 for the school last term! Thank you to them and to you for your generosity. I know they are beginning to make plans for events later on in the year so please do look out for their newsletter sharing all their forthcoming initiatives and events. Please see overleaf for a picture of the new furniture that they, along with the St Paul's Trust Fund, have purchased for our Year 6 classrooms. Please do contact the chair or any of the committee if you wish to be a more instrumental member of FOSPA.

We have been wowed and delighted to see the rich learning that you have helped to facilitate at home during lockdown, and we are continuing to use the Teams facility for our homework. We would like the children to continue to engage in a variety of ways when completing their homework. Please do feel to be as creative as you feel able when completing homework so that it is engaging and motivating. We would welcome photos or videos if this has captured the learning best.

Please don't forget that the booking system for our parents' evening goes live this Sunday at 4 pm so please follow this link to make a booking <https://stpaulsdorking.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

We are very aware that some children may have had more food breaks through the day whilst they have been at home, so please do remember to send in their fruit snack and their water as it can feel like a very long time until lunch!

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mrs Alden

### Year 4 Bikeability

If you have signed up for this opportunity don't forget to bring your bike and helmet to school on the correct day. You should have received further details in a parent message.



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### Would you like to donate as you shop?

FOSPA have registered Friends of St Paul's Association FOSPA - Dorking with Easy Fundraising, which means over 4,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use Easy Fundraising to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us - it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

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### Chrome Books

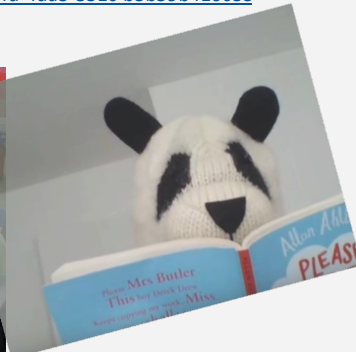
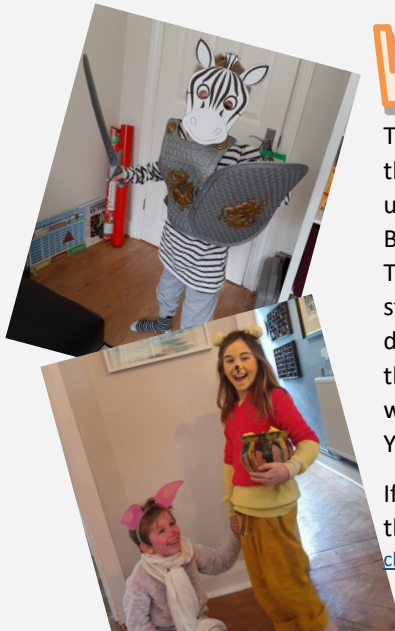
If you have borrowed a Chrome Book from school during the lockdown period, please continue to use it for the home learning that will be set weekly in Maths and English as per the Autumn Term.



# World Book Day

Thank you for sharing your pictures of the learning and costumes that really helped us to make the most of a very different World Book Day this year. As part of the activities, Teachers read a selection of books in the style of the 'Masked Singer'. Some of their disguises really had you foxed, particularly the teacher dressed as a dog (see below!), who it turns out was.....Miss Masters in Year 4!

If you haven't had chance to listen to some of the stories, visit: <https://web.microsoftstream.com/channel/cd0dfc0f-dc4d-4da3-831c-b3b59b410cee>



## Dorking Minds

Dorking Minds is a local volunteer group that aims to help people in the Dorking area to support and take control of their community's mental health. Here are some details about their upcoming sessions:

**Monday March 22nd 7.30-9.00** via Zoom we have Debbie Spens from The Charlie Waller Trust talking on 'How To Navigate the Teenage Brain' Again a session offering very practical strategies based on the latest neurological science. The trust was set up by Charlie Waller's man who sadly ended his life at 28 after experiencing depression that he simply felt he couldn't live with. His parents vowed to save as many parents as they could from having to go through the pain they went through when losing their son.

Go to link <https://charliewaller.org/>

These sessions can be booked through our Facebook page links and also via this Eventbrite link:

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/dorking-minds-16972350590](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/dorking-minds-16972350590)

## A Message from FOSPA



We have raised an amazing £3661.34 in December - well done to the children, parents, teachers, school office and FOSPA!! You can find the breakdown of this achievement and the list of all the recently purchased/agreed purchases on the FOSPA noticeboard which is situated on the fence in the school lane outside the Victorian corridor. You will see how much of a difference our fundraising really does make to the provisions for the children.

FOSPA are a vital and active part of the school community and **we are currently looking for a class rep coordinator**. This is a vital role that we are keen to fill as soon as possible. You would join our hugely dedicated team of very capable volunteers working towards enhancing the provision the school offers to our children. Please do not hesitate to contact either Tara or myself on the following email address if you are interested - we would love to hear from you. [chair.fospa@gmail.com](mailto:chair.fospa@gmail.com)

If you would like to make a one-off donation or set up a regular donation to FOSPA please visit our Charities Aid Foundation campaign link



## Wellies for Next Week

Please can children bring a pair of wellies or old shoes to school that they can get changed into at break as we will be using the field whilst Year 4 use the playground for Bikeability all of next week.



## A Fresh New Look in Year 6

Well, it feels like the start of a new term in more ways than one! We've welcomed back all of the children and in Year 6, we've replaced the desks, chairs and even the art cupboard to give both classes (but especially Elm!) a fresh, new look. We're hitting new levels of Feng Shui in Year 6 as a result!

We owe a **HUGE** thank you to FOSPA and the St Paul's Trust Fund for making the funds available to be able to do this as well as to Mr Smith, Mrs McLeod, Mrs Cruickshank and Mrs Castle, who gave up their Friday evening and Saturday to make sure the classrooms were ship shape for the long awaited return of the class.

