



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Inspiring Learning, Nurturing Wholeness

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been back in school for three weeks and the children seem settled, happy, motivated and busy. We have spent time in most classes this week and the learning has been focused, directed and exciting and the children have shown good attitudes for learning. The atmosphere is lovely.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have a new theme for our Collective Worship this term; Rainbow; a sign of promise. Through this theme we will be exploring aspects including equality, caring for others and loving one another. This will enable us to consider particularly our school value of Hope. Hope is more than optimism; as our statement says "We believe that God never gives up on us, his forgiveness is a gift and He gives us hope for the future. This means that at St Paul's obstacles and wrongdoing do not have the last word, and good things can come from any bad situation. We seek to be a community of hope and aspiration that inspires and motivates every child to live their life to the full."

We will also be exploring the British Values in more depth this term – the five British values are: Democracy, The rule of law, Mutual respect, Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and Individual liberty. We have started with democracy and, as I write this, we are not only having elections nationally but at St Paul's we too are voting. Each class has elected a second school council member and classes are also voting for charities they would like us to support as a school. We are wanting to become courageous advocates for certain causes and to help the children to understand how their actions and engagement can make a difference. We will keep you posted about what these charities will be.

Next week is national Bee day and as a school we will be learning what a difference bees make to our ecosystem and why they are so vitally important. Some classes will be out in the garden weeding and planting.

As part of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education curriculum (PSHE), a number of year groups will be shortly starting their relationships and sex education units for this year. Year group teachers will be writing to you specifically to explain the content of the lessons prior to the learning. Please look out for these letters.

We are delighted that even though restrictions are still in place, our Year 5s are able to have a week of adventurous activities next week. They are not able to be residential but will be enjoying the challenges of raft building, abseiling on the climbing wall, assault courses and an evening walk followed by a bonfire to mention but a few! It is super that they can go to High Ashurst and Thames Young Mariners to enjoy these activities and have the opportunities to build resilience, work collaboratively in groups and be supported and challenged to step out of their comfort zone. We have been able to organise something similar too for our Year 6 for this year the following week, as they missed out on their Year 5 residential trip last year, due to Lockdown 1. Thank you to the staff for all their organisation to make this happen. There is much anticipated excitement in Year 5 and 6 at the moment!

Please can we remind you that as the children are in PE kit for full days, we would like them to wear their school sweatshirt (or a plain navy sweatshirt), along with their navy blue/black plain joggers (or shorts) and their white PE shirt. A few non-navy tops have crept in; please can you ensure these are not worn as they aren't part of our uniform.

Best wishes for a restful weekend, Mrs Alden

**INSET days
for
2021/2022**

**Wednesday 1st
September
2021**

**Friday 17th
September
2021**

**Tuesday 4th
January 2022**

**Friday 11th
February 2022**

**Tuesday 19th
April 2022**



Well done Year 1 and Year 3

Years 1 and 3 have started their ten weeks of swimming at Priory School and we received some really lovely feedback after their first session last week "we had a brilliant afternoon with your Year 1 and Year 3 children yesterday and excellent support from staff and parents so thank you. Your timing and organisation worked really well. "

Thank you to the staff and children and I hope your children did enjoy their first and second swimming sessions



St. Paul's SuperStars!

We made three new additions to our Superstars board recently.

Rosie B in Y3 decided to cut off her lovely long hair and donate it to charity, raising over **over £490!**

Florence H (Y3) did a sponsored 8 mile walk across the Surrey hills with her friends and raised a whopping £207 for the RSPCA and Elsa T (Y3) has worked really hard to improve at horse-riding, trotting without a lead – even over logs. Well done to them all! If you think you should be on the SuperStar board for something you have achieved out of school, come and talk to Mr. Hill.



Another musical Success at St Paul's

We are very proud to say that we have two children who have secured a place in the National Children's Orchestra (you will have seen on the last newsletter that Toby EG in Y5 was selected to play trumpet). We are delighted to announce that Rebecca W, Y6, has been selected to play French horn (notoriously a very tricky instrument to master!) She has been in the orchestra for two years now and through lockdown has joined groups on zoom to play her instrument with people elsewhere in the country. Well done Rebecca!



Congratulations to Rev Alex

Rev Alex Cacouris has secured the role of vicar at St Paul's (he was the associate vicar under Rev Ruth).

His induction and installation service will be at St Paul's on Tuesday 11th May at 7.30. The service will be live-streamed on St Paul's Church's U-tube channel. Follow the link on their website: [St Pauls Dorking : St Paul's Dorking](https://www.stpaulsdorking.org.uk/)



Dorking Tennis Club will be holding half term holiday camps. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Dates for Summer Term (new dates in red)

- 10-14 May, Y5 to High Ashurst
- 17-19 May, Y6 to High Ashurst
- 18 May, Y3 to Wisley Gardens
- 18 May, Y4 Roman workshop
- 19 & 20 May, Skipping workshop
- 27 May, Class photos
- 31 May - 4 June, Half term
- 18 June - Olympic athlete in school
- 23 June - Y1 to Brooklands Museum
- 24 June - New YR Induction Evening
- 30 June - KS1 Sports Day (9.30 am)
- 8 & 9 July - Y6 Production, 7 pm
- 12 July - Y6 Cathedral Service (pupils only)
- 13 July - Y4 to British Wildlife Centre
- 14 July - KS2 Sports Day (9.15 am)
- 14 July - Reports go home
- 15 July - Y6 Party on field (6-8 pm)
- 16 July - Parents' open afternoon
- 21 July - Y6 Leavers' Service, 9.30 am
- 21 July - End of Term (1.30 pm)

TA Bank Staff

We are looking to recruit for bank TA staff. Do you have the skills to support in school, but need flexibility?

This could be a role for you...

Check out our advert on the e teach website at the end of next week for the advert and job description.

Hot Seating in Year 3

Following on from their Viking Workshop, Year 3 have been using hot seating to understand that there are two sides to historical accounts.

