



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Inspiring Learning, Nurturing Wholeness

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely last night to welcome our new Reception parents via a webinar. We were able to share with them our vision as a school and explain about the journey their children are about to embark upon. The evening was the first of our sessions of welcome before we begin our array of finishing events for the year; sports days, productions, leavers' events. It is staggering where this year has gone - but your children have coped admirably. They have risen to each of the challenges that we have faced this year and have learnt many new things in the process.

Sadly, many of our 'ending' events won't be as usual and we have had to consider the restrictions in each of our decision makings. Sports Days will have to be in year groups and are restricted to just one representative per child. If the weather is unkind we will have to cancel these and reschedule, without spectators unfortunately. Today we also had to make the disappointing decision that the Y6 production will not be able to be performed in front of a live audience and we will instead have to record it and make it available to parents. The covid cases in the area are rising and we are having to make these decisions to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support under these difficult circumstances.

We have made two new appointments of staff in the school office. Mrs Sally Tillett will be joining Mrs Shaw on four and a half days a week and Mrs Leigh Chambers will be in the office two days a week. They are both doing a few induction days in the next couple of weeks and are looking forward to getting to know you all.

As you know, we have a number of children in school with severe allergies and we have another child joining us in September with a life-threatening allergy to nuts and sesame. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that we are a 'nut free' school and we will also be a 'sesame free' school from September. Please ensure that, if your child has a packed lunch, that none of the items in their lunch box contain nuts or sesame (eg hummus, some baked goods and crackers) as this could make another child incredibly unwell. Thank you for your attention to this.

From September we are hoping that the restrictions will be lifted, but we are planning to continue with the arrangements that children will come into school in PE kit on their allocated PE days. This has made such a difference to enabling PE lessons to be for their full time allocation. When you are replacing uniform ready for September, please may we remind you that they should have plain navy or black joggers and we would like them to also wear their school sweatshirt (or a plain navy blue sweatshirt) over their white St Paul's PE t-shirt. This is a slight change to the PE uniform as previously it said this could be a navy or black tracksuit. Additional sweatshirts are available through the FOSPA second hand supply. Please also make sure that all uniform is named. We once again have a large number of newish, unnamed sweatshirts and cardigans in lost property. When items are named they can be swiftly returned to their owners.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mrs Alden





BORROWED LAPTOPS

If you borrowed school laptops/ Chrome Books this year, please can these be returned with their charger to school by Friday 2nd July.



GOLDEN BOOT

A huge thank you to the whole school community for getting behind the Golden Book Challenge. It was lovely to see many children walk, scoot or cycle to school, especially those who had made a real effort to join in with the challenge when it was not their usual method of transport.

The result of our challenge was very impressive with 10 classes achieving 100% green travel. Congratulations to Elm Juniper, Lime, Cedar, Beech, Willow, Hawthorn, Chestnut, Sycamore and Oak.

The overall winners of the Golden Boot is Elm Class with a 100% Green Change. Hazel Class are 2nd with a 5% Green Change. Elm Class will be awarded the coveted Golden Boot trophy and pin badges for all the children. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS

Over 50 children in school have a peripatetic music lesson each week. If this is something you would like to consider for your child, please contact Surrey Arts at www.surreycc.gov.uk/music

PARKING ISSUES

Please be respectful of our neighbours in St Paul's Road West if you are driving a car up to school and do park considerately (and never in our Safe Zone). An elderly local resident came into the school this week as she was very upset following a conversation with a parent.

Thank you.

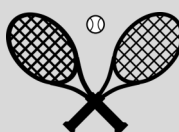


TUNE UP!

We are delighted to have secured funding to enable all of our Year 4 children to have the opportunity to take part in the Tune Up programme this term. Each child has been able to learn a brass instrument and we hope they will perform their piece to an audience in school at the end of this term. Thank you to Mr Kelly for organising this and to Mr Stott for teaching the children. If, following these lessons, your child would like to continue with brass lessons, please apply online to Surrey Arts at www.surreycc.gov.uk/music

Dates for Summer Term (new dates in red)

- 30 June - Y1 Sports Day 9.15 to 10.15 am; Y2 10.30 to 11.30 am;
- 1st July - Year R Sports Day - 9.15 am to 10.15 am
- 7th July - Y6 Production Recording, 6.15 pm??
- 9th July - Muf2ti Day (FOSPA Bottle Collection)
- 12 July - Y6 "Cathedral" Service at St Paul's (pupils only)
- 13 July - Y4 to British Wildlife Centre
- 14 July - Y6 Sports Day 9.15 to 10.15 am; Y5 10.30 to 11.30 am
- 14 July - Reports go home
- 14 July - Y5 Music Celebration, 7pm (outdoors, cancelled if raining)
- 15 July - Y4 Sports Day 9.15 to 10.15 am; Y3 10.30 to 11.30 am
- 15 July - Y6 Party on field (6-8 pm)
- 20 July - Year R to Bocketts Farm
- 21 July - Y6 Leavers' Service, 9.30 am
- 21 July - End of Term (1.30 pm)
- 21 July - FOSPA Summer Fair, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm



SUMMER TENNIS CAMP

See attached flyer about summer tennis camps taking place during the holidays.

