



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Inspiring Learning, Nurturing Wholeness

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this, we have children arriving in school in mufti carrying bottle donations in preparation for the school fair. We are so grateful to FOSPA for moving their plans for the fair to the last day of term as restrictions will be lifted (all being well) and we can gather together as a school community. There will be some restrictions in place and the fair has been scaled down, but it will be lovely to just be able to be together outside and to finish the year well. The last 18 months have been so difficult for everyone and there have been so many things that have been cancelled, but let's hope this is start of moving into a more 'normal' school life in September.

Sadly, we had to cancel parents coming on site for the KS 1 Sports Days last week as we had two positive cases and had to send home a bubble. At that point we couldn't increase the risk of transmission to either parents or children and staff so had to make the difficult decision to restrict access. We recognise that this was very disappointing for some children, but we have taken plenty of photos which we will share with you. The decision to not have parents present was in line with many of the other Dorking schools. Thankfully we have had no further cases so it is our intention to invite one representative per child onto the field for the KS 2 year group Sports Days next week. You should have received a separate message with details for this. If you wish to attend, we are asking parents to queue in the lane and sign in at the bottom gate. Mr Hill and myself will direct you to a space for your child's colour group and you will then circulate with your child's team. Please stay in that group and remain socially distanced from both other parents and the children and staff. When the children race at the end, we are asking parents to stand in their child's class group so we have two groups of up to 30. All of these requirements are in line with the DfE guidance for Sports Days. Thank you for your consideration with this. We will be sending out details separately to our Year 5 parents who are coming to a musical soiree for their children next week.

As restrictions are lifted on the 19th we are hoping (as long as we don't have another Covid case), that we can have parents on site for two morning productions and for the Year 6 leavers service. The next couple of weeks will be very busy for Year 6!

As we come to a close for the year, we have achieved many of the targets for our school improvement plan despite the huge challenges this year. Children have made significant strides with their reading and maths calculations in spite of having a period of home learning and our home learning offer was radically improved from what we were able to offer 16 months ago. I would like to say a huge thanks to the staff who have worked tirelessly to make these improvements in a very difficult year.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in the next couple of weeks,

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mrs Alden

INSET Day and start of next term

Wednesday 1st September is an INSET day and children return to school on Thursday 2nd September.

As the guidance currently stands, we will no longer be required to have staggered starts and all children will arrive in school at 8.45am and KS 1 will finish at 3.10pm and KS 2 at 3.20pm.



Thank you to those families who have sent back their borrowed chrome book/laptop. We would like them back to clean and check they are working before. If your child is in KS 2 in September and you have borrowed one in the past, please do let us know if you would like to borrow one again for next year.



Willow Class went out to the playground to draw pictures using their knowledge of angles. Their giant art work included acute, obtuse and right angles.



Dates for Summer Term (new dates in red)

- 12 July - Y6 "Cathedral" Service at St Paul's (pupils only)- 9 am
- 13 July - Y4 to British Wildlife Centre
- 13 July - Y6 Production Filming - 6 pm arrival
- 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
- 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)
- 19 July - Juniper parents to watch Y6 production, 9.30 am
- 20 July - Elm parents to watch Y6 production, 9.30 am
- 20 July - Year R to Bocketts Farm
- 21 July - Juniper parents to Y6 Leavers' Service, 9.30 am
- 21 July - Elm parents to Y6 Leavers' Service, 10.30 am
- 21 July - End of Term (1.30 pm)
- 21 July - FOSPA Summer Fair, 1.30 to 3.30 pm

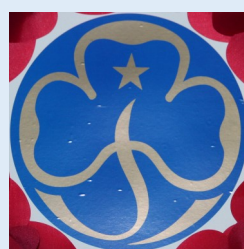
VIRTUAL CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS



Congratulations to Ethan in Y4 and Rory in Y5 on winning the virtual inter-schools cross country competition!



Also, a huge well done to the Y3 girls who came first, and the Y3 boys who came second, in the inter-schools 600m competition.



HELPERS NEEDED FOR LOCAL BROWNIE AND GUIDE UNITS

There are units in Dorking that need volunteers to support Rainbows (aged 5-7), Brownies (aged 7-10), and Guides (aged 10-14). We particularly need help just now at St Paul's Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, who meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings, but all our local units are keen to welcome new helpers.

If you'd like to spend a few hours a week helping the girls share incredible experiences together, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them, please get in touch. Find out more about Girlguiding at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/> or contact Nicola, Alison or Emily at leithhilldivision@outlook.com

Channel Swim to Raise Money for FOSPA

As you may have seen on a parent message recently, one of our amazing parents is going to attempt to swim the Channel to raise funds for the school with the Girls Alive women's sports club.

If you would like to donate to FOSPA, please click here: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/17428#!/DonationDetails>

Or for more details about the swim or Girls ALIVE contact Jenny@girlsalive.org.uk

