



# St Paul's School News

[www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk)

No. 4 (November 18th, 2016)

## Our New School Prayer

Since September we have been using ideas from the children to put together our new school prayer. You can read the finished prayer below. We want the school prayer to be more than just words. It helps to set out some of our shared values and what we believe life at St Paul's should be like. Here it is:

Father God,  
Thank you for our fantastic school.  
Thank you that we are all special and unique.  
Please help us to treat each other the way that we want to be treated.  
May we encourage everyone with what we say and what we do.  
Help us to do our best in everything.  
May our school be a peaceful place to live and learn.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

## Y1 Carry On Exploring

Last week Sycamore and Maple classes were once again explorers. They read a story about a boy rescuing his explorer father at the South Pole - so the children made a backpack and drew in it all the things they thought would be needed on an exploring trip to the Pole. After that they made a boat to get there! Once there the children solved a treasure hunt puzzle to find instructions on how to make a penguin. Upon returning from their travels they applied their new found knowledge and made themselves a penguin—all of which now adorn the Y1 classrooms! The photo shows some of Y1 on the look out for penguins. ... and you thought you had simply dropped them off at school in the morning!



## The New Trim Trail—it's amazing!

Have you seen the new Trim Trail? It is truly spectacular! It has been a huge hit with the children since being opened earlier this month. Providing the funds for it was a real team effort, with the following groups contributing: Action House, Breakfast Club, the school, FOSPA.

The previous Trim Trail had served us well, but its time was up. Without so many groups chipping in it would not have been possible to replace it. So a big thank you to all involved.

## Open Days and our Y6 Tour Guides

I would just like to say a huge thank you to our superb Y6 children. At our recent Open Days they provided guided tours of the school for visiting parents. The feedback from the prospective parents was so positive on their enthusiastic and articulate sharing of St Paul's. So Year Six—"Thank you!"

## Child Safety—pedestrians and drivers

Please do drive slowly up St Paul's Road West, especially if you are approaching the school (eg Breakfast Club drop-off). Likewise, please do remind your children (both school age and younger) that they need to be careful, safe and responsible when walking up to the school.

### Cross Country

Once again many children from St Paul's recently took part in an inter-school cross country event. It was superb to see so many children out in the fresh air representing the school and having fun.

This photo shows Sam M and Matthew M (both from Y6) leading the warm up for our runners.

A fantastic effort from all the year groups, with great results.

Well done! A big thanks to Miss George, Mr Monk and Miss Andrews who have been accompanying the children.



### Missing cardigans/sweatshirts and lost property

Please could you check that you have your own child's school uniform. Quite a few parents have spoken to me and the office about named items going missing at school but not being found. In theory named items should find their way back home.

### Alumni News

St. Paul's is very much an extended family; our leavers will always be St. Paul's students to us, and we love hearing about what they've got up to after they leave us- be it exam successes, career choices, or a hobby that grows into something more at secondary school. We've had pupils return not just for a chat, but now even as parents and members of staff- a great chance to link to, and reflect on, both our past and our future as a school community.

One of our former students, Zoe Burton, who left the school in 2014, has been cast in a leading role in *'Seussical the Musical'* - based on the stories and poems of Dr. Seuss. Zoe was a member of the 'Three Wishes' (the Genie's all-star backing band!) in our production of Aladdin a few years ago and it is wonderful to hear that she has kept up with her love for drama and singing since she left us.

The show is at the Leatherhead Theatre (formerly the Thorndike) from the 1<sup>st</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December. It sounds fantastic and a great idea for a Christmas family outing! Do go and see it and support not only a former student, but an important community resource in the Leatherhead Theatre, which relies on their local audience to survive and thrive.

**Christmas Lunch, Friday 16th December** - A reminder that all orders for Christmas Lunch must be in by **Friday 2nd December**. We will be unable to take any further orders after this date. If your child already has school lunches you do not need to respond. A copy of the festive menu for this is attached to this Parentmail.

### Festive Events at St Paul's Church

On **Saturday 26th November** there will be a **Christmas Craft Fair and Children's Festive Craft Workshop** from 10 am.

The annual **Kings Chamber Orchestra Teddy Bear Concert** will take place immediately after school on **Friday 2nd December**. This special Family Concert will last approximately 50 minutes and children aren't expected to sit still for too long - instead they should bring their teddies and join in with the performance when asked!

Tickets and further details are available from St Paul's Church office on 01306 743378.

### Mufti Days

We have a number of Mufti Days coming up. Please pop them on your calendar:

**Friday 25th November—FOSPA Bottle Mufti** : please bring along a bottle for the FOSPA Christmas Fair.

**Friday 9th December— Slippers for Shelter** : this is a new charity event for us. We are inviting children to wear slippers in school and make a £1 donation to help families facing homelessness this Christmas.

**Monday 19th December—Kids For Kids Christmas Jumper Day** : children can wear Christmas-themed jumpers or accessories to help raise money for Kids4Kids (we suggest a £1 donation).

Thank you for helping your child to support and participate in these fund raising events. I know that it is both a busy and expensive time of year, but if you are able to support these events it is much appreciated.

### Christmas Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 3rd December - 12 noon to 3 pm - FOSPA Christmas Fair at St Paul's School

Tuesday 13th December - 9.30 am - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church

Tuesday 13th December - 2 pm - KS1 (Years 1 & 2) Service, St Paul's Church

Wednesday 14th December - 9.15 am - Year R Nativity, School Hall

Wednesday 14th December - 7 pm - KS2 Christmas Service, St Paul's Church

Tuesday 20th December - 1.30 pm - End of Term