



St Paul's School News

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Happy New Year to you all! It is good to have all the children back in school with all the potential that the new year holds. Thank you for the many gifts and cards that you bestowed on myself and the staff of the school. The messages of goodwill and thanks are always gratefully received.

Here's to another year of hard work, success and fun at St Paul's CE Primary School.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

As you would expect, the safeguarding and protection of the children sits at the very top of our list of responsibilities. A key document produced by the government with regard to this is Keeping Children Safe in Education. We have updated our Safeguarding Policy in the light of the latest version of this government document, and our revised safeguarding Policy can be viewed via our school website (<http://www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=284&type=pdf>). If you would like to see a paper copy of the policy please contact the school office.

Members of the school community have specific roles with regards to Safeguarding. These are as follows:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is: Richard Catchpole (Head teacher)

The deputy DSLs are: Deirdre Malia (Deputy Head) Hugh Hogan Fleming (Assistant Head)

The nominated child protection governors are: Helen Wharmby (Chair of Governors), Steve Lister (Vice-Chair of Governors)

If you need to contact one of these post holders on a safeguarding matter their contact details can be found in our safeguarding policy.

From Monday 16th January we will be issuing all visitors and volunteers with new **Guidance For Volunteers in School**. A copy for your information will be sent out with this newsletter.

Parents Evening Dates for the Spring Term

Please note that the Spring Term Parents Evening dates and timings are as follows (a slight change has been made to the timings) :

Tuesday 7th February (3.30pm to 6.00pm) , Thursday 9th February (5.00pm to 8.00pm).

Behaviour For Learning

From the start of this term we are implementing a renewed focus on our Behaviour For Learning strategy (a parents information booklet is attached with this newsletter). So when your child talks about being a Resourceful Squirrel or a Ready Rabbit they are referring to attributes and qualities that encourage effective learning.



Reading—a new years resolution?

No one doubts the importance and centrality of being a competent reader. The skill of reading plays such a key role in our society and culture.

From talking to children and looking at reading record books not as much reading is taking place at home as in times gone by. There are no doubt many reasons for this, but can I encourage you to continue reading **to** and **with** your child daily : it does have a positive impact.