

#### Welcome Back to a New School Year!

We hope you all had a good summer break, whether you went away or enjoyed time at home. It was great to see lots of smiling eager faces on Tuesday and we would like to extend a warm welcome to new families joining our school.

Children have settled in happily. Year R children start part-time during next week; their teachers are visiting them at home this week.

Mrs. D. Malia– Acting Headteacher

#### Meet the teacher meetings

These start next week; a Parentmail has already been sent, giving details of which days these are on for each year group. For those parents new to this tradition, which will be Year 1 parents and parents of new children, we have these short meetings in September. They are held just before the end of the school day in the children's classrooms. The teacher briefly goes through classroom routines and important information. This will include when PE happens (so children need PE things in school), homework, reading at home, what equipment a child might need to bring in and information specific to the year group. It gives you an opportunity to see who the teacher is and what the classroom is like. It is not a time to discuss individual children; we have a parent evening before half term for this. The children will not be in the classroom; they will be with either Mrs. Malia or Mr. Hogan-Fleming and will return to meet you at the end of school.



#### Don't forget...

Summer Uniform may be worn until half-term, including polo shirts. Children are, of course, more than welcome to wear shirts and ties if you or they wish, but please ensure shirts are tucked in and ties are neat.

Hopefully all the summer nail varnish has faded away now- time to put away the glitter until October please!



#### FOSPA News

This strapping crew of Year 2 dads will soon be rowing a traditional 34ft Thames Waterman Cutter 22 miles 'non-stop' from London Docklands to Richmond!

The 'Doarking Cox' Team will be raising money for FOSPA and the Dorking-based charity we have been supporting recently– Kids for Kids– by competing in the 'Great River Race' on Saturday against 400 other crews.

Please support this very worthy cause by visiting the website below to make a donation. We'll bring you an update and hopefully an 'after' photo next week!



<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/6990>

#### Amazing Sports News!

As you may have heard at KS2 Sports Day, last year St. Paul's had over 75% of children in KS2 accessing extracurricular sporting activities. We offered 16 different sports (including rugby, lifesaving, lacrosse and gymnastics) and competed in 15 of those sports. St. Paul's children made it to seven county finals and became County Champions in Rounders.

2017 was not only a busy year for St Paul's Sport; we are also **very** proud to inform you that we have now received the **GOLD Sports Mark**, awarded by Active Surrey, for the first time! A huge thank you to all of **you** for making it happen, and to Miss George, who is the driving force behind our sporting life at St. Paul's.



## Raising concerns or worries about your child

At St Paul's we like to have an 'open door' policy. If you have a concern about your child, whether it be work or friendship related, please let the teacher know. It is usually best to ask to speak to the teacher after school, as they have more time rather than first thing in the morning when all the children are coming in. However, if you know something has happened which may affect your child's day, do drop in to let your teacher, me or Mr. Hogan-Fleming know in the morning.

**Please do approach the class teachers first** as they are the people who spend most time with your children and know them best. If you continue to have concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

I am usually by the Star of the Week board each morning and if I am not there then Mr Hogan-Fleming will be. We can then make a time to talk. If you are working, then I am always happy to talk to you on the phone.

Mrs. Malia

## Dates for your diary

*(see the website for our full calendar, which is updated when we have new dates for events, INSETS etc)*

**Meet the Teacher—all meetings are in your child's class just before pickup. Please enter via the office.**

Y2: Tues 12th Sept—2.45pm  
Y3: Weds 13th Sept— 2.55pm  
Y4: Thurs 14th Sept— 2.55pm  
Y5: Mon 18th Sept— 2.55pm  
Y6: Tues 19th Sept— 2.55pm  
Y1: Weds 20th Sept— 2.45pm

## Class Assemblies this term

1 Maple: Weds 22nd Nov— 9am  
5 Lime: Tues 14th Nov— 9am  
6 Elm: Tues 21st Nov- 9am

## Parents' Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 17th October: 3.40pm- 6.00pm  
Thursday 19th October: 4.30pm- 8.00pm

9th October: Flu Vaccinations for Years R-4  
19th September: Year 4 trip to Brighton  
Clubs: Photography (Tues), French (Weds), Chelsea Football (Thurs) and Zumba (Fri) all start next week.

## Inset Day

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, all staff in school had a training day. As part of the training, we had a safeguarding update. These happens regularly throughout the school year for all staff and also more in-depth training for our two Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Malia and Mr Hogan-Fleming.

The staff also had their annual epipen training and update training in how to deal with asthma and epilepsy. The latest advice from the School Nurse Team is that children who have inhalers should ideally have a spacer in school as well.



**If your child does not have a spacer, you may wish to speak to your GP about this.**

## Lunch Arrangements

If you need to change lunchtime arrangements (i.e. packed lunch or school lunch) for your child, **please let the office know in good time**, so that the kitchen can be informed.

Please help us to ensure enough meals are prepared, and wastage avoided. Thank you.



## NSPCC Net Aware Website

Many of our older young people increasingly use social networking features to share photos or videos, chat with people via messages or video, film and broadcast live videos via streaming and play games. In fact, even if your child isn't part of what you might class as a social media network, for example Facebook, they may still be doing many of the things these services provide!

Whilst you may know a lot about the most popular social media through your own use, there are a host of new and emerging networks and ways to connect out there which are always moving and developing. To learn more about children's favourite social networks, their suggested ages, and how to use privacy settings effectively, visit Net Aware, a website set up by the NSPCC together with O2 to help guide you in the best ways of keeping your children safe online.



[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)





### More dates for your diary!

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### Class Assemblies– proposed dates.

Sometimes external events may clash with these dates– if any changes need to be made, we will let you know via Parentmail. All assemblies are at 9am in the hall.

Class	Assembly Date
R Ash	2 <sup>nd</sup> May
R Oak	14 <sup>th</sup> March
1 Maple	22 <sup>nd</sup> November
1 Sycamore	7 <sup>th</sup> March
2 Chestnut	28 <sup>th</sup> February
2 Rowan	13 <sup>th</sup> June
3 Hawthorn	27 <sup>th</sup> February
3 Willow	1 <sup>st</sup> May
4 Beech	23 <sup>rd</sup> January
4 Birch	30 <sup>th</sup> January
5 Cedar	12 <sup>th</sup> June
5 Lime	14 <sup>th</sup> November
6 Elm	21 <sup>st</sup> November
6 Juniper	22 <sup>nd</sup> May

### Trust Fund– an update from our trustees

The Trust Fund is separate from FOSPA and enables the school to reclaim tax on donations from tax payers who have signed a declaration. It is a great way of getting much needed gifted funds into our school. Many parents feel that this way of contributing to their children's education is an ideal alternative when they are unable to offer practical help in other ways.

Thank you for your past (and on-going) fantastic gifts to the fund which are actively being used on key school resources, thereby allowing the school's limited funds to be used on our wonderful staff. Regular giving using Gift Aid is much appreciated.

The Trustees have given to the school all the money donated last year. It has been spent on exercise books and some of the basic class room supplies needed to start the new academic year.

There is an on-going need and the trustees urge you to consider whether you are able to gift money to the trust fund and thank again those who have already set up regular giving arrangements.

If you would like further information please contact Loraine Pellman (Trust Fund Treasurer) via the school office, or look on the website. There is a link on the front page.



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

### Year 1s– moving on and moving up!

A few pictures of Year 1 from this week– already settling in and enjoying life in their new surroundings.



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