



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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My first two weeks as Acting Headteacher have flown by and I've really enjoyed it. Already lots of fantastic learning is taking place with your children, with colourful, interactive displays up in classrooms.

This week we welcomed the new Year R children into Oak Class and Ash Class. They've settled in well and have already stayed for lunch once. Last Friday, FOSPA reps organised a lovely picnic so that children and parents could meet up before they started school this week. Unfortunately, the weather was not so lovely, so a big thank you to St. Paul's Church for letting them use their hall for what looks like a really great afternoon!

After such a positive start across the school, we're all looking forward to a happy and successful term.

Thank you for your continued support.



Mrs. D. Malia

NEW INSET DATE

Surrey CC's Term Dates have the last day of summer as Monday 23rd July. We will hold our summer INSET Day for staff training on this date instead of the usual middle of July.

The school year will therefore finish for children on FRIDAY 20TH JULY 2018 AT 1.30PM.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Years R to 4

Your **nasal flu immunisation forms**, which we need whether or not you have opted in/out, need to be returned by MONDAY. Please check bags and book bags for the forms!

Uniform for PE

A few things you may need to remember– either as part of the uniform list, or just for common sense:

- Trainers in a **plastic or boot bag** so they can be changed outside– avoiding mud in school.
- A **spare pair of socks** for PE. During the autumn and winter months, the field gets increasingly damp; a pair of spare socks means that children are not wearing damp socks after their sports lesson.
- A suitable container/bag to keep **earrings** safe. All Surrey schools have a strict 'no earring' policy for sports.
- All PE kit, including tracksuit trousers/tops, should be as **plain** as possible and in **school colours**.
- If learning hockey and football, **shin pads** are advisable, as are **mouth guards** for hockey.

We have had a fantastic turn out to the sports clubs which have started this week. The passions for sport in St Paul's really shines out, with numbers of Key Stage Two children attending cross country club on Wednesday in excess of 80, as well as large numbers of children attending football.

The children have started the year with great sportsmanship, showing incredible teamwork and behaviour. Keep it up St Paul's!

Miss George



Do you have friends with a child due to start school next year?

Please spread the word about our **Open Mornings**, which will be held on **Thursday 9th** and **Friday 10th** of November, both from **9.30am** with a talk from Mrs. Malia at 9.45am.

Staff, governors and FOSPA will be on hand to answer questions, and Year Six are really looking forward to showing our prospective families around the school.

This week's special guest uniform reminders are boys socks and hair in general!

Please try to make sure that **boys' socks** are of a suitable standard for school– plain grey, navy or black, with no multi-coloured stripes etc. Trainer socks are not really smart enough for schoolwear– try to avoid these please.

Any hair longer than shoulder-length should be **tied back** or **held off the face** by a plain hairband. Glitter, huge bows, cat-ears etc are the current crazes– please save these for the weekend.



Farewell to Headley Court

On Friday 29 September at 1.40pm from Pump Corner, servicemen and women from Headley Court, the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre (DMRC) will parade through Dorking's High Street as a celebratory farewell to the District, before the facility moves to its new home in Loughborough.

Residents, schools and businesses are being encouraged to come and support the armed forces, veterans, cadets and other personnel from Headley Court as they pass through Dorking's High Street. The Band of the Household Cavalry will be playing; the Countess of Wessex will also be in attendance.

We have been invited to support the parade by the organisers; we hope to take some of our older classes down for the afternoon. A poster advertising the event is attached to this newsletter.



Parking Plea

The double yellow lines on the bend of St. Paul's Road West are there for a very good reason on a very dangerous junction. Please do not park on them at drop-off or pick-up under any circumstances; they are there to keep your children safe.

De-clutter and donate!

You may remember some very successful appeals for equipment last year. We still very much welcome working compact cameras and other audio-visual equipment if you are upgrading to the latest kit—see Mr Hogan-Fleming or leave items at the office. We were able to equip a few classes with replacement cameras last year thanks to generous donations, in addition to acquiring two very high-quality video cameras. Thank you so much to anyone able to donate in this way.



Many class teachers will also gladly accept good-quality books which your children have grown out of. Year 4, for example, would love some age-appropriate fiction and non-fiction books to add to the Birch book corner, so if your children are all in their final years or older, and you are wondering what to do with books they no longer read, please consider dropping them in for us to have a look through.



Again—thank you. Your kindness is really helping us to stretch our funds this year.

A request from Key Stage 1 teachers...

Whilst we admire some of the children's flexibility in swinging/hanging upside down from railings at pick-up time, please ensure that children, including younger siblings, are supervised and safe during this time.

FOSPA AGM

The FOSPA AGM will be held directly after the Year R reading evening (which starts at 7pm) on **Thursday 28th September**. All are very welcome; wine will be served at **7.45pm** to get you in the mood for a short meeting to elect our new committee and hear about all the wonderful things FOSPA has been, and will be, up to!

FOSPA News

At the last count, the Great Boat Race last weekend had raised over £3500. What an amazing start to the year!

There will be more news on FOSPA's success in 2016-2017 soon, as well as their plans for more fun-packed events and ideas this year.

Money raised last year has enabled the school to purchase both much-needed resources and ways to enhance the education of the children. Some of these include:

- A new interactive touch-screen to replace a 12-year-old whiteboard in Elm. (the recommended lifespan was meant to be about half that!)
- A visualiser for Willow, to enable teachers to show and discuss examples of work with the children.
- A complete set of glockenspiels for the music room, as well as some beautiful xylophones.
- Storage, tools and equipment for the garden.
- New costumes for Christmas plays, to replace some that were mostly held together by patches and hope!
- A new projector for the hall.
- A set of Numicon maths equipment.
- The design and build of our new website.
- Funding to help replace the trim trail, which is loved by the children but had become unsafe for use.

Many of these items, whilst extremely valuable for allowing the children to get the best out of their education, could not be considered for purchase in school under current budgetary constraints, so, without FOSPA's efforts and your generosity, they simply wouldn't happen. We would therefore like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you for your continued support!





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District Council

HEADLEY COURT FAREWELL PARADE

Come and celebrate Headley Court with your red, white and blue flags!

Through Dorking High Street
Friday 29 September
Starts at Pump Corner, 1.40pm



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