



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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I can't believe that we've come to the end of another week. They do say that time flies by when you're enjoying yourself!

This week I would like to give a special mention to one of our Teaching Assistants, Mrs Leech, who is currently supporting Y1, Y3 and Y4. Mrs Leech has been a valued member of our team at St Paul's for 10 years. Sadly, for us, we will be saying farewell to her next Thursday as she has decided to take (very early!) retirement. Whilst we are going to really miss her, we know that she has exciting plans and we wish her all the very best. Mrs Leech: you've been great!

Mr Hogan-Fleming and I will be interviewing next week and will let you know who we appoint to fulfil this role.

Mrs. D. Malia

### SIAMS Inspection On Friday 29th September

We have just received notice that we will be visited by a SIAMS inspector next Friday. SIAMS stands for "Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools" and is carried out every five years in a Church school.

The inspection will look at the following aspects of the school:

- A: *How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?*
- B: *What is the impact of Collective Worship on the school community?*
- C: *How effective is Religious Education?*
- D: *How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a Church school?*

The inspector will be in school from 8.00am on Friday. As part of the inspection process he will observe some lessons and our collective worship (which children and adults often call assembly time). He will also talk with children and a range of adults. He will question in more depth Mrs. Malia and Mr. Hogan-Fleming; Mrs. Hilston— our RE subject leader; the Rev Ruth Bushyager, our Chair of Governors and a group of other Governors. He will also look at RE books and a wide range of school paperwork. He will certainly be very busy!

In the past the SIAMS inspection often followed or preceded an Ofsted inspection in church schools. In our case, we are not due an Ofsted inspection due to the 'outstanding' rating we received in 2013. The SIAMS visit is therefore a great chance for us to be proud of and show off all the wonderful work, activities and caring behaviour that makes up our school, community. Following the inspection, a report will be written, which will be sent to the school and we then publish this for parents once it is available.

We will be telling the children we have a special visitor in school, but not in too much detail as it is important that we can continue with as normal a day as possible next Friday. The word SIAMS is also unlikely to mean much to them!

### A vacancy has arisen on the governing body for a parent governor.

If you are interested, please talk to our chair, Helen Wharmby, via [chair@stpauls-dorking.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:chair@stpauls-dorking.surrey.sch.uk) or via the school office. Being a governor is a very rewarding opportunity to support the school; you can read more about the current governors on our website if you are interested.

### Parking during the day and at pickup

You have all been fantastic at remembering the yellow lines on St. Paul's Road. This week, we would like to ask you to please be sensitive to St. Paul's Mews when parking. This is a 'safe zone' area for children, as well as allowing the residents access to their road. We have blocked and made it difficult for residents to turn out of the road several times this week; please be mindful of our neighbours when visiting the school at any time.



On Tuesday, (19<sup>th</sup>) Year 4 happily departed on a coach to visit Brighton Museum to, among other things, explore the delights of Ancient Egyptian mummification.

Both Beech Class and Birch Class participated in a wonderful workshop which demonstrated, in superbly gory detail, the intricate steps of an Egyptian mummification. Life-sized models were provided and the children happily washed bodies, yanked brains through noses and removed vital organs! The workshop ended with the heart weighing ceremony overseen by the god Anubis which determined whether the mummified person would be allowed to enter into the Afterlife.

We also managed to take advantage of the fact that the Museum were featuring an exhibition of the works of John Constable and we all enjoyed exploring his atmospheric sea-scapes which were painted when he stayed in Brighton. The children were exceptionally well behaved, as commented on by the Museum Staff and Educators, and really engaged with the workshop, artefacts and paintings.

Thank you so much to all the parents who helped on this trip, we could not have done it without you!



### Year 3 Buddies

A special mention this week for our Year 3 buddies. This week the Year 3 children have been supporting the Year R children in the dining hall during lunchtimes and they've been brilliant! Their CARING helpfulness has been a fantastic CONTRIBUTION to our school COMMUNITY.

It's wonderful to see our School Values in action.

Great work, Y3. We really appreciate it!

Mrs. Malia

### St Paul's gains 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Surrey Competition League for 2016-17

There are 198 primary schools in Surrey who are all entered into the Surrey Competition League. The competition league awards points for entering a School Games district event that leads to a county final, additional points depending on placings in the county final event & bonus points for winning the School Games Values award.

St. Paul's scored 182 points – coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

A huge congratulations to St Paul's. Let's make it first this year! Even if you haven't come to a club before, give it a go. The experience of being involved in a club is amazing: it is social, fun and exciting!

### Sports Crew

10 of our year 6 children went to The Priory School this week to learn how to become young leaders. In a half day course, the children used teamwork, honesty, passion and determination to gain an understanding of how sports leaders are able to put on events and lead others.

Once again, St Paul's were commented upon how well behaved and helpful they were. One course leader was even quoted saying: *'your children are heroes, they helped me pack all the equipment up and saved me so much time.'* Children at St Paul's never fail to impress!

Our newly appointed Sports Crew are also our Team Captains and will be organising many events this year including whole school and inter team competitions to add excitement and active play during play times.

