

Happy new year!

I hope that you had an enjoyable Christmas. The children settled back well and demonstrated that they were certainly ready to start the new term. Fantastic!

This week a special mention needs to go to Year 3 who had their first school swimming session yesterday. Their behaviour walking to and from the centre, and at the pool, was excellent. Well done and thank you Year 3 - what great ambassadors for St Paul's! Thank you also to the parent volunteers who accompanied them. As always, we really appreciate your help.

Mrs. D. Malia

#### Arrivals in the morning

We will continue with the system this term whereby Years 2-6 will all enter through the main pupil entrance. Year 1 will enter through the top path gate nearest their classrooms, whilst Year R will continue to enter via their outdoor area.

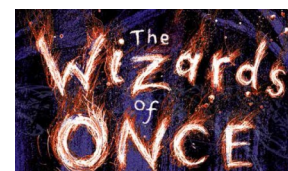
We have staff stationed on all entrances for the safety of our youngest children, who may not be as aware that they are in our care once in school.

You are always more than welcome to accompany your children to the classroom door in the lower year groups if they are anxious about being dropped at the gate, or if you need to give a message to your child's teacher. Our doors are always open!

Naturally, we would hope by now that KS2 children would be able to come in on their own to develop their independence but, again, if you need to accompany your child into school to give a message to the teacher, you are welcome to do so.

#### Cressida Cowell event at the Surrey ReadingZone Festival

Cressida Cowell, author of How to Train Your Dragon, will be talking about her brand new series, The Wizards of Once,



and signing copies of the book at a special event at Dorking Halls on Saturday 3rd February. A poster is attached to the newsletter.

If you would like to go, you can find more information on the Dorking Halls Website: [www.dorkinghalls.co.uk](http://www.dorkinghalls.co.uk)

#### YEAR R SEPTEMBER 2018 ADMISSIONS

If you have a child who is due to start school in September, don't forget that the deadline for applying for a primary school place is MONDAY.

Go to [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) or ask for more information from the office team.

#### Strange Early Humans Seen in Copse!

Year 3 turned Flintstones this week when they went into the copse as part of their new Stone-Age topic. They pretended to be Mesolithic hunters and gatherers, building shelters and a fireplace before searching for nuts, berries and animals to eat!



### Coming up

**Mon 15th Jan:** Netball Club starts for Yrs 5&6

**Mon 22nd Jan:** Year 6 Parents SATs Information Meeting at 3.30pm (more info to come via Parentmail)

**Tues 23rd Jan:** Beech Class Assembly at 9am

**Mon 29th January:** INSET Day

**Tues 6th and Thurs 8th Feb:** Parents' Evenings and FOSPA second-hand uniform sales

### Calling all young musicians!

**Surrey Arts** would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at their open evening on **Wednesday 17th January**.

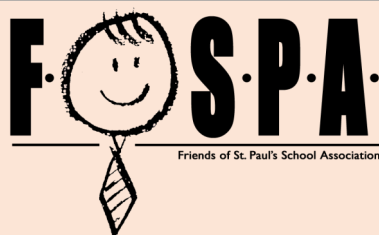
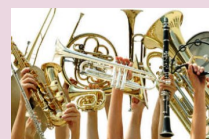
#### 5.15- 6.30pm

- South West Winds - Woodwind, brass and percussion players (beginner to grade 4)
- Prima - String players (beginner to grade 2)
- Opus - String players (grade 2- 4)

#### 6.45 - 8.45pm

- South West Surrey Youth Orchestra - Strings, Wind, brass and percussion (grade 5+)

All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne School in Chilworth and the open rehearsal and first term is free. Expert tutors will be on hand to help, just bring along your instrument! For more information, please contact Alison Harding [Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk)



We want to give superstar dad Lawrence Head and his company [www.uglondon.com](http://www.uglondon.com) an enormous thank you for funding our new FOSPA shed.

A fantastic donation as the old shed was not only bursting at the seams but also at the top of the field, which meant a lot of traipsing up and down in the mud and rain over the years!

Thank you to Lawrence, Ben Challier & James Claridge for spending many cold hours assembling it too, which proved to be a lot more finicky than expected! Job well done.

**We do need a large tarpaulin and some free standing shelves for it so please let Serena know if you have one you would like to donate.** [chair.fospa@gmail.com](mailto:chair.fospa@gmail.com)



### Leith Hill Musical Festival Young Voices

*Are you in Years 5 or 6? Do you love to sing? Would you like to be part of a new exciting singing group?*

The festival are looking for thirty-five ten to seventeen year olds to become the LHM Young Voices. This group will make their debut on Saturday 14th April 2018 at the Dorking Halls. They will sing "Mass of the Children" by John Rutter and will be supported by four local adult Choral Societies and the Southern Pro Musica Orchestra.

Initial rehearsals are being held on Monday 12th February and Tuesday 13th February at The Priory School. If you are in Years 5 or 6 and are interested, you can find more information and an application form attached with today's newsletter, or you can ask at the office.



### All I want for Christmas...

Did Santa bring you anything techy and nice? Do you no longer need the old device?

If you have more iPads than children, or if you've got a shiny new camera or camcorder, we will always be very grateful to accept reasonably modern, good-quality devices to use in school.

We are particularly looking for a couple of video cameras this term, and are always on the lookout for cameras. If you can help, please bring devices to the office or Mr Hogan-Fleming to see if we can use them. Thank you.



### Water Waste

We have noticed some children are regularly coming into school with new, sealed bottles of mineral water. You will all have seen articles recently about over-use of plastic and the problems it causes.



**Please do try to use a re-usable bottle, clearly labelled, for your child's water.**

It's a bit of extra work to wash it out each day- but a lot of extra benefit for our futures.

