

Dear Parents/Carers

It's certainly been a wet and windy week meaning that the children have not been able to get out during playtimes as much as usual. Nevertheless, they have coped well with being inside when necessary and we all have our fingers crossed for better weather next week. As we like to get them outside to play as much as possible, please ensure that your child has a coat in school. Thank you.

A special mention this week goes to Year 4 who went to see a Gym and Dance Display at The Ashcombe on Thursday afternoon. I'm very proud to say their teachers reported that their behaviour was excellent. In addition, three of our children even participated in some impromptu singing and dancing on stage! Well done to **all** of Year 4.

Mrs D Malia, Acting Headteacher

Parents' Evenings

Bookings go live on the online system on **Monday 29th January**– this Monday- for our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th February, running to the now established format in the hall. This term, as well as tea & coffee being served, FOSPA will also be setting up a second-hand uniform stall to give you more opportunity for bagging a bargain!

Please note that the office will be closed for our INSET Day on Monday, so any emails or phone messages regarding parents' evenings will be dealt with on Tuesday.

Musical Celebration

Our annual festival of all things wonderfully musical will be on **Monday 5th March**, featuring the orchestra, our choirs, and lots of amazing individual and group performances.

For this to happen though, we need music! If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6, has been playing their instrument for long enough to be confident at a piece of music lasting at least a minute, and would like to play on a big stage to an even bigger audience, this event is for them!

We welcome children wishing to play on their own, or in a duet/trio or small group. If in doubt, come and talk to Mrs Malia, Mrs Wharmby or Mrs Eborn.

Letters to indicate interest are available from the office or Mrs Malia, or a copy is attached to today's newsletter.



Irresponsible and dangerous driving

The office have had multiple visits this week from local residents and pedestrians, many of whom are rightly starting to be very annoyed with thoughtless parking and dangerous driving.

This morning, a parent parked in St. Paul's Mews- **ACROSS A GARAGE**- such that it could not be opened and the owner could not go to work. It is hard to believe anyone could be so inconsiderate.

Please be reminded of the following:

- **St. Paul's Mews** is **PRIVATE**. You **MAY NOT** park in it, wait in the entrance, or block the entrance while turning. The only people driving as far as school should be those collecting sick children, or those parents/grandparents who may not be able to walk as far.
- You should use the **designated parking areas** as shown on the safe routes maps on our website, or **obtain a parking permit for Sainsbury's car park** and walk up the alley if you need to drive to pick up your children.

PLEASE help us to keep your children safe, and maintain good relations with our neighbours.

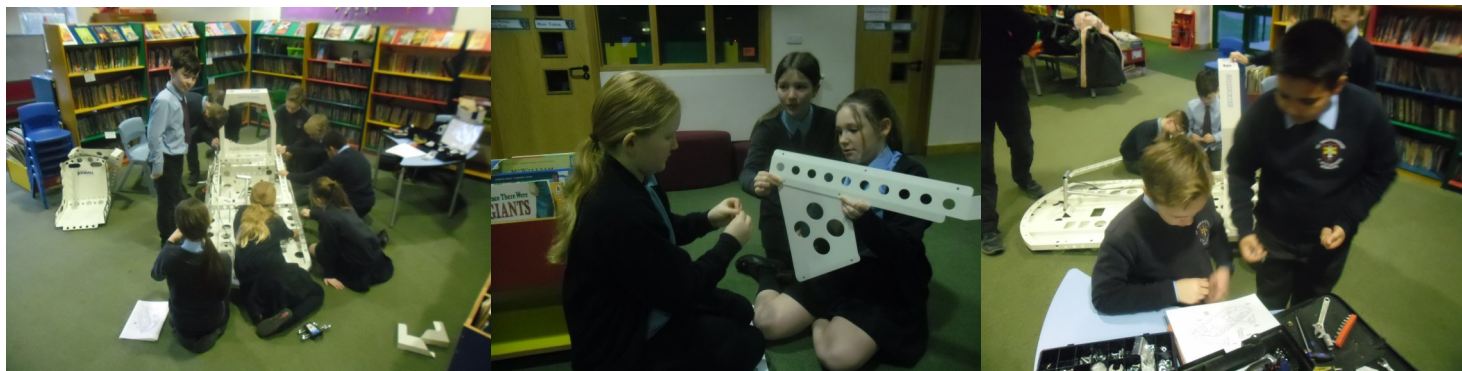


Go Go Greenpower!

It's a new year, so it's time for a new team to bring out their bolts, hoist their helmets and get building our amazing Goblin racing car.

We have had a very busy first few weeks, learning about the types of spanners and Allen Keys we need to use to construct the car, as well as understanding the codes for each component in the instruction manual! As well as the building, we have also been busy writing sponsorship letters to local companies and writing a weekly blog. You can have a look at everything we've got up to, including our blog, on our website page:

[Life at St Pauls > The GreenPower Project > The build 2018](#)



Espresso

We have taken the decision to end our contract with Espresso as, although their resources—particularly the coding lessons and activities—were very good, the yearly cost of subscribing was extremely high. You will therefore no longer be able to access the online resources at home.

FOSPA have kindly enabled us to make a one-time purchase of a new computing and online safety curriculum- 'Switched On Computing'- which will enable us to deliver the same high-quality curriculum using practical and online resources, but at a fraction of the cost of keeping a subscription going. As always— THANK YOU FOSPA!

We hope in the future to harness the magic of iPads to make our curriculum even more relevant and engaging to our children- and bring benefits across the wider curriculum. This will take a bit of planning— and a bit of fundraising— but watch this space!



Road Safety

We have been asked to make you aware of a safety campaign set up by local residents.

The 'HRRSG' has been set up to gain support from local residents to reduce speeds on Horsham Road, Dorking and Flint Hill, Dorking.

They have started a number of initiatives and would like to request your support by spreading the word, "liking" their Facebook page, or, if you have time, to volunteer to help.

For more information, see the group's page on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/MakeHorshamRoadSafe/

Club Collection

The table opposite shows where to collect your child from some of the different After-School activities.

We will always try to stick to these exit points wherever we can— please refer to them when picking up to ensure you come to the right place.

Please remember that Action House, as a separate organisation to the school, cannot let anyone in who is picking up for a club.

DAY	CLUB	COLLECTION POINT
MONDAY	NETBALL	OUTSIDE MUSIC STUDIO (use garage gate)
MONDAY	TAG RUGBY	OUTSIDE MUSIC STUDIO (use garage gate)
TUESDAY	PHOTOGRAPHY	OUTSIDE MUSIC STUDIO (use garage gate)
WEDNESDAY	ART	VICTORIAN DOORS
WEDNESDAY	FRENCH	OUTSIDE MUSIC STUDIO (use garage gate)
WEDNESDAY	GYM	ATRIUM DOORS
THURSDAY	TECH CLUB	OUTSIDE MUSIC STUDIO (use garage gate)
FRIDAY	DANCE	ATRIUM DOORS
AS ADVISED	BOOK CLUB	VICTORIAN DOORS





Quiet Area Make Over!

We are looking to give the **quiet area** in the playground a spruce up. Mrs Cruickshank is planning a beautiful wall mosaic, we will be painting the fence rainbow-coloured, planting herbs in the flower beds and possibly buying outdoor bean bags along with the much-needed new shade sails. **Doves Paint Shop**

have kindly said I can nab some rainbow sample pots they have spare, so if you would like to help paint one weekend day soon, or if have any fairly established herb plants you would like to donate to the space, please get in touch.

Also, if you would like to make a donation towards the costs to be specifically be spent on this lovely chill out area for the children, that would be amazing!



Gardening Club & Work Day

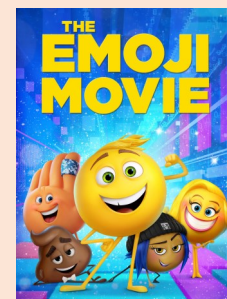
Our **gardening club** is taking shape! Green fingered mums **Sarah Matthews & Emi Stonebridge** have very kindly offered to come to the school one afternoon a week to work with the children, teaching them how to grow flowers & vegetables and in the process, transforming the garden into a lovely space for all to enjoy. To help get the club started, we ask for as many people as possible to come along on **Saturday 24th Feb at 10:00am** to get the beds ready for planting and give the place a tidy up. Please let me know if you can come. Also, if you have any long planks of wood or sleepers you no longer need I think we could use them to repair a few of the borders. We will also be needing a **greenhouse** at some point soon so if anyone or their company fancies chipping in towards it, let me know!

For information, or to offer help, contact me on chair.fospa@gmail.com

Thank you!
Serena

Next Cinema Night - The Emoji Movie - Volunteers Needed!

Our next movie night is now set for Friday 23rd February 4:30 - 6:30pm. Tickets will go on sale soon so keep out for booking forms in book bags. If you are able to volunteer at this event, please let us know! If we don't get enough helpers, we will not be able to run this very popular event.



School Uniform Sale in the library during Feb Parents Evenings

We thought we would run a uniform sale in the library at the same time as the two parents evenings coming up on the **6th and 8th of February**. It's £1 an item so a real bargain and a great chance to top up your child's uniform! We would love a few people to help with set up and clear up on either of these days, if you are available, please email Sarah Bishop

sarah.bishop10@gmail.com

Summer Fair Planning Team

Believe it or not, it's time for FOSPA to start planning for the summer fair - if you would like to help, we'd love the extra help! Please get in touch!

Match Funding

We would like to thank Anna Emsley & Claire Pickett for seriously coming up with the goods!

Through Match Funding schemes at Fidelity & Boots Opticians, they have raised an amazing (very much needed) £1035 and £500 to go in the FOSPA pot. We are so grateful to you and your employers for these very generous donations.

If your company offers a match funding scheme, please get in touch, it is such a easy and high impact way to benefit our school. Thank you once again Anna & Claire!

FOSPA Save the date:

- Dorking to Brighton FOSPA Bike Ride - Sunday 20th May. To register your interest in the ride, please email Gavin on: gavin.wrangles@gmail.com
- School Disco - Friday 23rd March
- School Summer Fair - Saturday 16th June

