



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The last few weeks have flown by and suddenly the end of term is upon us.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone - parents, FOSPA, staff, governors and your amazing children - for your support since September. It really has been a privilege to be Acting Headteacher of St. Paul's for two terms and I'm excited at the thought of welcoming Mrs Alden when she starts after Easter.

I hope you have a restful break and look forward to continuing to work with you as I return to my role as Deputy Headteacher.

Kind regards,
Mrs. D. Malia

FOSPA Planting and Painting Party

This Saturday, 31st March, will be the day for digging out your fork, putting on your planting shoes and joining FOSPA to continue the transformation of the garden and outdoor areas. Let Serena (chair.fospa@gmail.com) if you can help dig, paint or plant, or just pop down if you fancy burning off some calories to make room for some Easter chocolate!



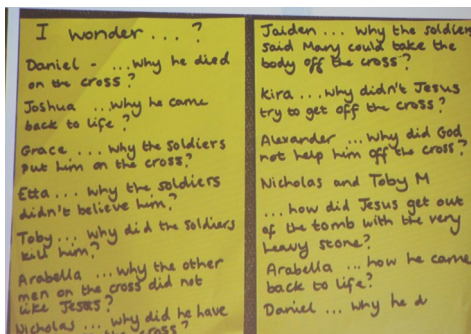
What's on the website?

It's more a case of what isn't on the website this week! Visit www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk to find out about and see pictures of Year 1's trip to Wakehurst and their elephant charity day; a pair of cracking assemblies (crackling in Chestnut's case— it being all about fire!) from Year 2 and 3; plenty of dancing for Sport Relief and the phenomenal disco; and finally, there's lots of pictures of the wonderful workshops put on for us by St. Paul's Church for Easter Pause Day this week.

You can find all the pictures by going to the 'Life at St. Paul's' menu and clicking on 'galleries.' Enjoy!

Easter Service

We all enjoyed sharing the learning from our Pause Day and celebrating the joy of Easter this morning in church. The children spoke with a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm about everything they've learnt and reflected on from the Easter story. Year 1 and 2 came up with these very thoughtful questions as part of their day— well done everyone!



At the Easter Service this morning, Mrs Malia and I were presented with some very lovely gifts on behalf of the staff and pupils, and even lovelier words and applause from pupils and the parents who were present. Lots of parents have also said some extremely kind words in the last few weeks.

Thank you for all of these from both of us. Echoing Mrs Malia, it has been a very exciting privilege to step up into our acting roles this year, and we are now looking forward to helping Mrs. Alden lead the school forwards into an even more exciting, inspiring future.

Mr. Hogan-Fleming



Yesterday, we had another very successful Year 6 Book Club, where children from both Juniper and Elm, discussed the book *Because a Fire was in my Head* compiled by Michael Morpurgo. The book contains serious and funny poems and, as a group, we thought about our favourite and why. Next, we read the poem 'Finding a Poem' and used this as inspiration to create our own poems outside, using our senses. As always, we needed to recharge with cake before understanding the importance or tone, volume and actions to perform poems. We then put this into practice, performing our own poems or our favourite poems from the book. Next half term we will be reading *Wonder* by Palacio.



Some of Year 5's cooking club with their latest yummy creations, fresh from the oven last night: spinach and feta rolls. Yummy!



Dates for the start of the Summer Term

- Monday 16th April: Summer Term begins
- Tuesday 1st May: Willow Assembly
- Wednesday 2nd May: Ash Assembly
- Monday 7th May: Bank Holiday
- Monday 14th May: SATs Week
- Monday 14th May: Y5 Isle of Wight trip begins
- Sunday 20th May: FOSPA Dorking to Brighton ride
- Tuesday 22nd May: Juniper Assembly
- Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June: Half Term
- Tuesday 12th June: Cedar Assembly
- Wednesday 13th June: Rowan Assembly
- Monday 18th June: INSET

As promised in our last newsletter, Mrs. Alden has now arranged the remaining INSET Day for this year- this will be on Monday 18th June, in addition to Monday 23rd July as already advised.

An Update from School Trends, our uniform supplier

We are updating our carriage charges for our on-line uniform service.

We have listened to feedback from parents about the cost of our delivery service, and so from 27th April 2018 we are reducing the carriage cost of parent orders from £4.95 to £2.99. This charge will apply to all parents orders, whether delivered to home or to school.

Free delivery will apply on all orders over the value of £75 including VAT.

You will now be able to have delivery to home or an alternate address before the start of term, and to school during term times.



Mrs. Jayne Mockler, our wonderful Home School Link Worker, begins her retirement at the end of this term. Her support for the school and for the many parents she has helped has been invaluable and she will be greatly missed. We wish her all the best with her retirement plans. We are lucky that we will be joined by a new, experienced Home School Link Worker after Easter to continue the vital work the post entails.

Could you, or do you know someone who could, be the next Treasurer of FOSPA?

FOSPA are looking to appoint a new treasurer for the 2018-19 academic year – starting in September 2018. This could be performed by one person as a main role, or two people with one person taking the lead and one person supporting. If you are interested in this role in either format, please contact Fiona Brownlee fbrownlee1201@gmail.com. This is a vital role to the running of FOSPA. Please do consider this role as it is important that it is filled for FOSPA to continue its good work!

Fundraising activities raised close to £25,000 profit for the school last academic year, and we are on target to raise this amount by the end of this academic year. These additional funds are vital given the current funding crisis the school faces. The role will be well supported by a very active team of volunteers, which make FOSPA such a thriving charity. Handover and shadowing will be possible through next term plus all past activities have been fully documented ready for handover. An overview of the role is below:

FOSPA Treasurer role

- You will be a signatory and the main point of contact for the bank, the Charities Commission and HMRC.
- Expenses – Keep a record of all expenses and payments. Pay invoices, expenses and 100 club winners in a timely manner.
- Receipts – Count and bank all money received, from takings and donations at the fundraising events throughout the year, in a timely manner. Keep a record of all sales and donations. Reconcile all takings from the on-line donations for the various fundraising campaigns.
- Complete monthly bank reconciliations for both the main account and the 100 club account.
- Ensure sufficient monies in both accounts to fund events and that money spent is in line with the constitution and Charities Aid Foundation guidelines.
- Maintain a float for events throughout the year.
- Christmas and Summer Fairs – be available from 11am to 4pm on the day. Calculate and prepare floats beforehand. Regular checks with stalls throughout the fair to ensure sufficient change. Count, bank and record how much each stall takes.
- Report to the committee at meetings on the current expenditure, sales and profit and any other relevant information.
- Prepare annual accounts to present to an independent auditor and at the AGM.
- Complete and submit the accounts online at the Charities commission website.

