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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a big 'thank you' for the warm welcome I have received from you. We have had a lovely week here at St. Paul's. The weather has been bright and everyone seems to be back in school with a very positive outlook. I have popped in and out of lots of classes and have seen happy, motivated and hardworking children who are engaged in their learning. I am really looking forward to taking the school forward into its next chapter.

There was much excitement on the playground on Monday when we had a company in to improve and develop our playground markings. They look really super and will not only enhance our sporting opportunities, but also support outdoor learning in Maths. If you haven't seen them please take a look at drop off next week. Thank you to Vicki Ellwood, Ruth & Ron Bushyager, and Stephan Erasmus for their very generous fundraising that has gone towards the cost of this initiative.

We have already got some wonderful news of sporting success. Miss George took our Year 6 A and B teams to the county lacrosse finals on Tuesday and we won! The A team will now go to the National finals. Very well done children! See overleaf for more details.

Thank you to FOSPA who have worked so hard through the holidays to improve the playground environment. They have painted the fences and have re-potted all of the plants in the quiet area. It looks really lovely. They are finishing off this project on Saturday morning and would warmly welcome any other willing volunteers.

Thank you for helping me have such a super first week and I look forward to getting to know you.

Best wishes for a warm weekend

Mrs Ann Alden

There's a few places left for the Tuesday After-School Photography Club. Interested? See your Parentmail or the office for details.

New jumper? Taken advantage of a bargain from the uniform sale? Grown into your brother's shorts? Make sure the **NEW NAME LABEL** is clearly visible and any OLD LABELS **REMOVED.** Thank you!



On the website this week: Greenpower putting the pedal to the metal, and all about what happened when Year 1 found these mysterious eggs. Find out more at www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk or follow us on Social Media!

What a difference a splash of colour makes! Here's just some of our shiny new playground markings and the first results of FOSPA's amazing efforts. (don't forget- they're not done yet- please come and help to finish the painting tomorrow morning!)



On Tuesday 17th April, 12 children from Year 6 competed in the County Finals Lacrosse Championships at Elmbridge.

During the opening ceremony, 3 of our children performed the Let's Dance Dance Routine, which we learnt during our Sports Relief charity day, in front of many hundreds of other competitors. After waving our flags to officially open the event, we hot-footed our way to the Lacrosse pitches, where 12 schools from all across the county were ready.

St. Paul's had 2 teams taking part, both in separate pools. St. Paul's B did an amazing job, winning all but one match in the first round, meaning they were through to the quarter finals. Unfortunately, they were up against fierce competitors in the quarters and narrowly missed out on the semis, losing 2:1.

Our A team also had great success in the first round, winning all their matches. The competition was tough yet we managed to get through to the finals, where we were playing against the reigning County Champions, St. Charles. It was a nail biting match with both teams gaining goals, but when the final whistle blew, it was St. Paul's who were celebrating - an amazing 5:2 victory. Well done to both teams-you're all superstars!



Dates for the Summer Term

- Mon 23rd April: Y3&4 Choir at Dorking Halls
- Tues 1st May: Willow Assembly
- Weds 2nd May: Ash Assembly
- Weds 2nd May: Y3 to Wisley
- Mon 7th May: Bank Holiday
- Sat 12th May: FOSPA Fest at the Cricketers-7.30pm—late!
- Mon 14th May: SATs Week
- Mon 14th May: Y5 Isle of Wight trip begins
- Fri 18th May: Y6 to Horsham, Y4 to Fishbourne
- Sun 20th May: FOSPA Dorking to Brighton ride
- Tues 22nd May: Juniper Assembly
- Mon 28th May-Friday 1st June: Half Term
- Weds 6th June-Class Photographs
- Thurs 7th June: Y6 to Buddhist Temple
- Fri 8th June: FOSPA Summer Cinema Club- 4.30pm
- 11th-14th June: Book Fair in school
- Tues 12th June: Cedar Assembly
- Weds 13th June: Rowan Assembly
- Sat 16th June: FOSPA Summer Fair
- Mon 18th June: INSET Day
- Thurs 21st June: Y5 Astronomy Roadshow in school
- Tues 26th June: Year R, 1 & 2 Sports Day
- Weds 27th June: Y6 to Guildford Cathedral (shirt and tie required)
- Thurs 28th June: Y5 Languages visit to Ashcombe
- Fri 29th June: Y4 to Box Hill
- Thurs 5th July: Pixham Athletics-6pm
- Fri 6th July: Yarrr, it be Year R Pirate Day!
- 10th-12th July: Year 5 & 6 Production-7pm
- Thurs 12th July: YR to Painshill Park
- Mon 16th July: KS2 Sports Day
- Weds 18th July: Open Afternoon-2pm-4pm
- Weds 18th July: Year 6 Leavers Party-6pm
- Fri 20th July: Leavers' Service-9.30am in church (shirt and tie required for Year 6)
- Fri 20th July: Summer Term finishes at 1.30pm
- Mon 23rd July: INSET Day



On your bike!

The instructors who deliver our Bikeability sessions do an amazing, much-

If you would like to be part of their team, working around local schools to help children learn to ride responsibly and safely, Surrey County Council are now recruiting for new Cycling Instructors.

If you would be interested, go to www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs and search for 'Cycling Instructor.'





