



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had some very busy weeks since the last newsletter. Year 2 and Year 6 have completed their SATs, Year 5 have been to the Isle of Wight, Year 4 have completed their Bikeability and visited Fishbourne Roman Villa and Year 1 have been visited by Warburtons. All in a fortnight! All of the children have been very sensible and well behaved. They have worked well together and shown real resilience when they were finding things tough. Well done.

As you know our budget has got tighter and tighter over the last couple of years; thank you for your support in this. We have been very frugal this year and have managed to save enough so that we can fund stationery requirements for Years R-2 moving forward. **For Reception and Key Stage 1, school will provide the necessary equipment (pencils, glue sticks, whiteboard pens, erasers etc). Additionally, in Key Stage 2 each class will have a small stock in case children have forgotten their pencil cases.** Having a pencil case as you move into KS 2 is a 'rite of passage' and something we feel is important for them; however, there will be equipment in class if and when it is needed. Thank you so much for your generosity in trying to help us when money was so tight. The school stationery shop will continue to sell these basics at affordable prices. I hope this clarifies the situation and thank you to FOSPA and the Trust Fund that have regularly helped to fund curriculum resources.

Last Friday was Miss Stanley-Ward's last day. We wished her well and look forward to hearing her exciting imminent news. For the rest of this term, Mrs Bradshaw will be teaching Ash Class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mr Hogan-Fleming will finish the week. Both of them have been into Reception regularly and are already getting to know the children well. Mrs Malia will be teaching Sycamore on Fridays until the summer. This week, we also welcomed Mrs. Harris as she started working with us as a teaching assistant in Year R.

Thank you to all of those who are riding from Dorking to Brighton to raise money for FOSPA—the weather looks promising and we wish you well. Thank you to FOSPA for organising these events—the pub fest raised £800 for school! FOSPA are currently recruiting for the Chair's position. Please seriously consider if you are the person for that role—it is highly rewarding and you will get to know so many of our families. Thank you so much to Serena as she steps down. Please speak to her or any of her committee if you wish for more details. We really need you!

Best wishes to you all for a restful weekend.

Mrs. A. Alden

Visit www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk for the lowdown on Y5's trip to the Isle of Wight, including some great pictures and a 'squealy' special giant swing video, plus Year 1's Shabbat learning and dragon discoveries. Also, coming next week, look out for Juniper's assembly!

Get ahead....wear a hat!

As the weather continues to improve, please could you ensure your child has a hat in school and that they are reminded to put it back on after they have eaten their lunch. We will also articulate this reminder so that the children are safe in the sun.



As always, our motto is LABEL IT, DON'T LOSE IT, so grab those Sharpies/ballpoints and get naming!

Lost Property

A group of Year 4 children did a wonderful job sorting and tidying the lost property this week, the ten children responsible winning the coveted Golden Broom for their sterling efforts. We have returned named items to classes, while removing and keeping the leftover, unclaimed, unnamed items for one more week (see the office if you still want to rummage) but we are pleased to say the lost property cabinet is currently empty. Our challenge and the children's is now to keep it that way!

PLEASE ensure EVERYTHING is clearly named, with any old labels removed, particularly during the hotter months when children often take jumpers, cardigans etc off outside and may lose them more easily.



Year 1 had some special visitors last week to tell them all about healthy eating. They each made a healthy sandwich to take home, along with a special goody bag too- thank you Warburtons!



Dates for the Summer Term (new info in RED)

- Sun 20th May: FOSPA Dorking to Brighton ride
- Tues 22nd May: Juniper Assembly
- **Tues 22nd May: NSPCC visiting Yr R/KS1 assembly**
- **Tues 22nd May: Orchestra- wind, brass and strings rehearsals**
- **Weds 23rd May: Orchestra- guitars rehearsal**
- **Thurs 24th May: Y5 parents pre-session video screening for School Nurse session**
- **Fri 25th May: Year 6 Book Club**
- Mon 28th May-Friday 1st June: Half Term
- Mon 4th & Weds 6th June: Fencing taster sessions for Years 2 & 3
- Weds 6th June- Class Photographs
- **Weds 6th June- Orchestra rehearsal**
- Thurs 7th June: Y6 to Buddhist Temple
- Fri 8th June: FOSPA Summer Cinema Club- 4.30pm
- 11th-14th June: Book Fair in school
- **Weds 13th June: Orchestra rehearsal**
- Tues 12th June: Cedar Assembly
- **Tues 12th June: Y1 to Brooklands**
- 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: Yarr, 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**

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL CINEMA CLUB



NOW SHOWING
PADDINGTON 2
 FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 4.30PM-6.30PM
 DRESS CODE: PYJAMAS
 BRING: A COMFY PILLOW!

TICKETS: £3.50 INCLUDING POPCORN AND A DRINK!

Parent volunteers needed- please get in touch!
 clarefullick73@icloud.com or 07966 740371

An Apple a day...

As always, we will gratefully receive cameras, iPods, unlocked iPhones and particularly iPads if you no longer need them. Ideally they should be new enough to be operating at least iOS 9 or 10, with a camera. Sadly we can't use iPad Ones for example, as modern apps won't install on them.

Please see the office or Mr Hogan if you have something you'd like to donate. Devices are very useful for teachers to record children's attainment through notes, photos and videos, and to support children with particular learning needs through apps and websites.



Early Years Equipment

Grown out of a scooter, trike or balance bike? Going to donate no-longer-needed Duplo, wooden railway, or cars to a charity shop? If you have indoor or outdoor toys that are in **good condition** but just too small for your children as they grow older, please do speak to one of the Year R team, including Mr Hogan, to see if we can make use of it as we endeavour to help our children get the most out of learning through experiencing and playing. Equipment to help **balance**, for example balance boards for a perhaps once-enthusiastic snowboarding hobby, are also welcome. We can't always take everything, but will always be grateful you thought of us first!

TT Rockstars News

A big well-done WOW to Miss Morgan and Mrs.



Page's maths group- they currently hold nearly half of the top 40 places on the Times Tables Rockstars leaderboard- based on their time completing challenges and, more importantly, the progress they have made.

Don't forget to encourage all children from Year 3 upwards (and Year 2 a bit too) to log into their account regularly to keep their tables and division facts sharp. Let's see if we can knock some of Year 5 out of the top 40 and- Year 5- let's see if you can battle to retain your place in the hall of rockstar legends! *Forgotten or lost the login? See your child's maths teacher.*

