



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

I trust you have all had a good break whether it be at home or somewhere else and that you had time to enjoy some family time together. It has been lovely this week to see so many eager and keen children trying their best to make a good start to the year. It is lovely too to welcome some new families into our St Paul's community and I hope you and your children settle quickly with us. We also welcome our new Reception children who will start next week having had their home visits this week.

You should have already received a parentmail invitation to meet your child's new class teacher. These meetings will be happening during the next two weeks and will run for the last 20 minutes of the school day. This will give the class teachers time to explain about their year group's timetable (including PE times), expectations and curriculum content for the year ahead. Mrs Malia and myself will look after your children and will return them to you at the end of the school day. These meetings will take place in the classrooms.

As a school community, we have been looking afresh at our values and vision. We are adopting six new Christian Values: Wisdom, Endurance / Perseverance, Hope, Respect, Compassion and Trust. Over the next weeks and months we will be exploring what these really mean and how they shape who we are. This work formed part of our INSET day on Tuesday and it was lovely to have all of our staff and governors together to start our new year. We also explored the subject of emotion coaching and the restorative approach as a means of supporting your children when things don't go quite as they planned. I will be sharing more of this in the months ahead. We also completed our annual epipen, asthma and epilepsy training.

During next week we will be sharing with the children the range of clubs that will be available this term and they can then choose what they wish to join.

Your children may have mentioned that we have made some improvements to the provision at lunchtimes. There is now a choice of main meals. Year 2 will now be receiving their lunch from the hatch rather than being served so that they can more easily select what they wish to eat. There is also a salad bar to complement their main meal. I ate lunch with the children yesterday and this choice was very positively received.

Finally, I am delighted to welcome some new members of staff— MrTinsley, Mrs Atkinson, Miss Masters, Mrs Tolley and Mrs Watkins. I hope you will quickly get to know them and that they will be very happy here.

Best wishes for a restful weekend, Mrs. Alden

There are still places available at KS2 Photography Club after school on Tuesdays



2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform sale  
on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September in the school lane  
(inside atrium if raining)  
from 3 pm.



**Watch this space:**  
**Diary dates will be put onto the website calendar early next week.**

