



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I don't like to start my letter with a moan, and I would like to say a big thank you to the large majority of parents who do park and walk to school to ensure all of our children can arrive and leave school safely, but... some parents are not showing our school values of wisdom, respect and trust. A very small minority are parking in the safe zone, the disabled space or the staff parking areas (on St Paul's Road West) at the start and end of the day, putting children's safety at risk. You must not park beyond the large puddle in St Paul's Road West. Beyond this is a no go zone in the morning and at the end of the day. I have been out regularly to remind parents of this and have seen people reversing into the lane to turn, narrowly missing children leaving school. I appreciate that parking is difficult and it is for that reason we urge you to use a parking permit in Sainsbury's car park—It is only £10 for the duration of your time at St Paul's. It ensures you can park safely and that no one is put at risk. Please come into the office for more details. I can not stress enough how important it is that parents are wholly considerate of other children and don't put others at risk because they are short of time!

We certainly have had and are due to enjoy some real treats in the next few days. The school orchestra 'wowed' us this week with their super Christmas performance and all of the children are involved in a Christmas service in the days ahead. Please see overleaf for dates and times. From my sneaky previews we are in for some super singing and acting. I hope you can get to at least one of these services.

You will also have noticed that the school is beginning to look very festive and the displays in corridors have done a super job at capturing each of the aspects of the nativity story. Well done to all of the children and staff for creating such varied and creative tableaux.

Over the last few months, I have been meeting regularly with Surrey Commercial Services (our lunch providers) to ensure an improvement in the quality and choice of school dinners. The quality has improved and the children are being offered a choice of normally three options, as well as the salad bar to complement their main course. Most of the children are certainly enjoying the variety and we are beginning to see a reduction in waste as a consequence. I will continue to have regular meetings with our provider to develop even further choice for the children and to monitor the quality and quantity of the food provided. Lunchtime is a significant part of a child's school day and effective 'refuelling' is an important aspect of that, for a happy and productive afternoon.

Next week we are having some fencing installed at the lower end of the site (towards the carpark) to improve our security. RB Fencing have very generously donated all of the fencing and labour as a gift to the school (Mark Richardson's girls have been through St Paul's and he has kindly made this donation). The work will start on Tuesday and everyone will need to come through the gate near the car park in order to get to the Pupil Entrance doors. They hope by Wednesday that they will have created a second entrance. There will be barriers in place but please be aware of this and ensure your children stay well away. Thank you.

Just to remind you that clubs finish at the end of next week and many new opportunities will start again in January... watch this space. Best wishes for a restful weekend, Mrs. A. Alden



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY THURSDAY 13TH DECEMBER

We hope you remembered to order your child's Christmas lunch, deadline was Friday 30th Nov. We will also be raising money for Shelter on this day by wearing Christmas jumpers and requesting a £1 donation from each child.

HUGE THANK YOU TO FOSPA !



Thank you to everyone who came to and helped at the fair last weekend—we had a wonderful time and together we all raised just over £6,900—a phenomenal total and there is still some more to add to this total!



Christmas Sparkle

The school were given a real treat on Wednesday afternoon. To finish off a day of learning, all the classes went to the hall to listen to the St. Paul's orchestra perform four Christmas songs. The orchestra consisted of a wide range of instruments and all the instruments were played with enthusiasm. The performance was brilliant and it was really impressive how well the songs were performed. It was obvious lots of practise had been done for the performance and the school is very grateful to all staff, volunteers and parents who helped to make the performance the brilliant standard it was. The concert really helped everyone get into the Christmas mood with the countdown to the end of term now beginning.



Thank you!

Due to your generosity and support we were able to send £141.39 to the British Legion Poppy Appeal this year.



Well done and a big thank you to St Paul's Church for hosting the KCO last Friday. Both concerts were really well attended and were an absolute treat. If you didn't see them this year, look out for it next year...

Check out our school website for more exciting news stories and re-counts of events.

Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- 11th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church 9.30 am
- 11th December - KS1 Service, St Paul's Church 2 pm
- 12th December - YrR Nativity, School Hall 9.15 am
- 12th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church, 7 pm
- 13th December - Christmas Lunch
- 14th December - KS1 Pantomime in school
- 19th December - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 3rd January - First Day of Spring Term

Advance Notice...

Please note we are doing Parents' Evening slightly later in the Spring term. The dates will be

- Tuesday 26th February 3.40—6pm
- Thursday 28th February 4.30—8pm

Thank you to the School Council

On Saturday members of the school council volunteered at the Christmas fair. The Christmas fair was a huge success on Saturday and the School Council were brilliant at running the sweet stall raising money for school resources which will help to make learning fun. Mr

Tinsley would like to thank all those who gave up their time to help on the sweet stall and would like to commend them all for their polite and positive attitude.



Sports Crew Gifted and Talented Young Leaders

Six of our Year 6 children were selected to go to St Joseph's in Guildford to attend a young leaders training session. They were involved in a number of activities that helped them to explore what makes an effective leader and which attributes are the most important. They had a really super session and gained a great deal from it—they will use what they learnt to continue to support some of our younger pupils at lunchtime. Thank you for doing this Sports Crew!



It's that time of year when there are lots of colds and coughs doing the rounds. Please would you be kind enough to bring a box of tissues in for your child's classroom. Thank you!

