

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fortnight has flown by in our busy learning environment and Christmas seems a distant memory.

Since I wrote last, the majority of the clubs have started for this term and it is lovely to walk around school during the lunch hour and see children engaged in sporting and creative activities. Songs waft through corridors and motivated netball, hockey and running participants (to mention just a few) look energised and rejuvenated as they line up for lunch. It makes for a very positive and rich setting.

As staff we have all engaged enthusiastically in some external training this week, around helping to facilitate restorative conversations when things don't go as expected. It was very well led by an expert who works in the Surrey team and supported our behaviour policy and our philosophy of restoration and reconciliation. It helped us to facilitate conversations with children around thoughts and feelings and what needs to be done to make things better for those who have been upset and hurt, recognising that this is often both parties to some extent. We know that these conversations strengthen children's understanding around friendship, trust and forgiveness.

As a school we are looking at our Christian distinctiveness and as you know have re-shaped our vision and values. I am regularly sharing with you the value that we are dwelling on in the context of collective worship and are beginning to work with groups of children to develop their involvement in the leading of collective worship. More children are supporting staff with this and over time we are hoping to develop these skills so that the children themselves can on occasions lead these acts of worship. Within this context, I would like to encourage you as a parent body to think about whether you would like to lead or be part of a parent prayer group. We currently don't have a parent prayer team but this is something I and Rev Ruth would like to develop at St Paul's. If you would like to take on this initiative or be part of this team, please come and talk to me about it.

Last week we had a very positive meeting with the FOSPA committee and no doubt they will be shortly sharing with you the projects they have kindly agreed to fund in school. Their next event is Cinema Club next Friday afternoon. This is a lovely whole school event and the convergence of children in onesies is quite a sight! Everyone is welcome... but please remember that tickets need to be pre-booked. Details are on the back of this letter.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mrs. A. Alden

#### YEAR 2 WORKSHOP

**On Monday the 14th January Year 2 took part in a Great Fire of London workshop. We time travelled back to Pudding Lane in 1666 and improvised the beginning of the fire and even met Samuel Pepys!**



#### Year 5 and 6 Writing Workshop by Moya (Y6)

I was invited to an English Workshop at St John's, along with three other children in my school. Once we arrived, we went to whole school assembly with the St John's children, where Debi Evans (a children's author who has written The Secret Society of Dragon Protectors and The Secret Adventures of Rolo), ran the assembly. She talked about all the interesting ideas that she had that led her to write about dragons and later Rolo, her rescue dog. After the assembly the St John's children went out to break and all the children who had been invited to the workshop stayed inside the hall. Tables and chairs were put out and everyone was given paper and pencils and we had lots of different activities that were fun and interesting. We described a scene and wrote acrostic poems. Debi Evans read out a part of her book to us and we were all given bookmarks. I really enjoyed it and I have learned to get inspiration from everything around me and I cannot wait to put what I have learned into practice.

## UNIFORM ONLINE SUPPLIERS NEWS

We have been informed that the Tesco School Uniform Embroidery service will close on 12th February. Everything will be switched across to a company called **My Clothing**, which is the UK's largest provider of school wear. The website address is below and is all set up ready for parents to search for our school should they wish to order uniform. A price list is also attached

Customers link: [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com)

Our other online uniform supplier, School Trends, are under new management. We hope this won't adversely affect any orders made, but the company have asked us to bear with them during this 'short transition period'.

## Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- 30th January—Y5 to Ashcombe Gym & Dance
- 31st January - Beech Class to Pizza Express
- 1st February - FOSPA Cinema Club
- 1st February - Cinema Club, 5 pm
- 4th February, Full orchestra rehearsal, school hall, 1.45 pm
- 4th February—KS2 Cross Country, Brockham Big Field, 4 pm
- 4th February - RSE Meeting for parents, School Hall, 6 pm
- 5th February - Birch Class to Pizza Express
- 6th February - Chestnut Class
- 6th February - Y5 to Reading event
- 8th February - Y2 Cake Sale/Y6 Donut Sale
- 11th February - Musical Evening, St Paul's Church, 7 pm
- 13th February - Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 18th - 22nd February - Half Term Week
- 26th February - Parents Eve (3.40 - 6 pm)
- 28th February - Parents Eve (4.30 - 8 pm)
- 4th March - Cross Country, The Weald
- 7th March - Beech Class Assembly
- 8th March - Y3 to Butser Farm
- 8th March - Y4 Cake Sale after school
- 11th March - INSET, school closed to pupils
- 13th March - Y6 Junior Citizen Event
- 14th March - Willow Class Assembly
- 19th March - Y5 to Butser Farm
- 22nd March - Pupils School Disco
- 27th March - Sycamore Class Assembly
- 29th March - Y1 Cake Sale
- 2nd April - Easter Pause Day
- 3rd April - FOSPA Egg Hunt
- 5th April - Easter Service, St Paul's Church
- 5th April - End of Term, 1.30 pm

## ELECTRIC DANCING IN ELM CLASS!

In year 6, for PE, Elm Class have been working collaboratively on dance, linked to our science topic, Electricity.

Each week, we start with a warm up, led by members of the class (this week was led by Sam and Daniel).



After we got warm, we all got together to talk about the technical language that we have learnt in our topic and how we can incorporate this into our dances. We then thought about the technical language in dance. Our challenge was to incorporate 7 types of dance moves including balances, gestures, jumps and turns.

At the start of our topic, we created dances in pairs and mimicked each other's moves but now, we are creating dances in small groups, moving in unison or as a canon.

After having time to perfect our routines, we all performed and, as a class, reflected on each dance and discussed how each dance showed elements of our electricity topic.

## St Paul's Stationery Shop

Are you in Key Stage 2? Have a check of your pencil case and if you are short of a pencil or a pen or your glue stick is running down .. Pop along to the shop on Friday afternoons after school, and buy what you need. We are much cheaper than the supermarket!



**LAST DAY FOR CINEMA CLUB  
TICKETS IS MONDAY,  
28TH JANUARY**

**Please bring your form to the  
school office by Monday 28th  
January if your child would like to  
see Incredibles 2 on Friday  
1st Feb  
4.30 pm—6.30 pm  
School Hall**

