



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely couple of weeks here in school—we have had the joys of Chestnut's assembly, hearing lots of rehearsals ready for Monday's musical celebration, the Cinema Club and Year 4 going to Pizza Express. It is lovely that the children have such a variety of experiences to enhance and enrich their learning.

On Monday, Mrs Read led a session for parents with regard to the changes to our Relationship and Sex Education curriculum. This presentation is now on the website, under the tab 'Curriculum and Assessment', so if you were unable to attend, please do have a look. This is so that we are in line with the proposed statutory requirements

You may well know that on Tuesday it was 'Safer Internet Day'. In school our focus was on being safe online and it came to our attention how many children are using 'Fortnight'. This game is a PEGI 12, so all of our children are under age to use this game. As it is an Open Forum chat site there have been incidences where children have asked a player to join the group as they are very good, but that player is unknown to them and then went on to ask for personal details and use inappropriate language. Many of the children said they use it in their bedrooms late into the night. Please keep a very tight eye in order to keep your child safe. The Chief Medical Officer's guidance around screen time was published yesterday, section 7 is worth a read as it contains advice for parents and carers. I have captured the link here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/777026/UK\\_CMO\\_commentary\\_on\\_screentime\\_and\\_social\\_media\\_map\\_of\\_reviews.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/777026/UK_CMO_commentary_on_screentime_and_social_media_map_of_reviews.pdf)

We are really grateful for the donations we receive from St Paul's Trust Fund. It has made a significant difference to what we can offer in school. Please read their message below.

A number of parents have expressed concern that their girls are quite cold in tights at this time of year. Please can I remind you that the girls can wear navy blue school trousers and I would recommend this as an option, particularly for the Year 1 and Year 3s on their swimming day. A number of children are already making this choice.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Mrs. A. Alden

### A Message from St Paul's Trust Fund:

A big thank you to all our school families who have contributed to the Trust Fund over the last year, which has resulted in a doubling of our funds which now stand at nearly £12,000 allowing us now to make a significant contribution to the school. Following consultation with the Headteacher we have agreed to fund equipment and resources for the Reception class as well as funding a number of teacher-led small group interventions one afternoon a week.

If you would like to know more about the Trust Fund or contribute to the Fund, as a one off gift or to make a regular donation, please visit the school website following the Donate tab.

<http://www.stpaulsschool-dorking.co.uk/donate>

### Asthma and Inhalers

In order to ensure our records are up to date, we are sending home a letter today for all children who have an inhaler in school. If your child has asthma and doesn't currently have an inhaler in school, please could you come into the office to pick up a letter.



DORKING TENNIS CLUB WILL  
BE HOLDING HALF TERM  
TENNIS CAMPS.  
DETAILS ATTACHED



## Greenpower Entrepreneurs

On Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> January, we went to Love Your Logo to give a pitch to persuade them to sponsor us. We walked down with Miss George and Mr Tanton, feeling extremely nervous but excited. When we arrived, Martin (the manager) came to introduce himself and showed us to his office. We stated to present our pitch to him, explaining what Green Power is, why it is important for us to spread the 'Green' word, the significance of our logos and what we wanted them to sponsor us with. It went fantastically well, as Martin, offered us printed t-shirts with our own designs as well as bags and sticker (both designed by us!) We were extremely pleased with the outcome and were very proud of ourselves.

'I am glad we had a successful pitch' said James.

'I feel so proud, and I hope that we are able to spread the 'Green' word with our bags and stickers' said Amy.

We want to thank Love Your Logo for allowing us to pitch to them and being so generous with their time and sponsorship.

We even got to see how their embroidery machines worked! (See pictures bottom right)

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

- 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 - 1.30 pm, End of Term

## Fire!Fire!

This week Chestnut Class enjoyed doing their class assembly on the theme of The Great Fire of London. They told the events of the fire through song, dance, mime and artwork, as well as all taking a turn to read the main facts aloud. Some of the children also read their diary entries they had written as if they had travelled back to 1666. It was lovely to see them all speak and perform so confidently in front of the audience.



## Look what we have discovered about soil in Hawthorn....

Year 3 made Soil profiles to understand what soil was made from. We learnt that there are 5 levels known as Horizons and that each Horizon has a different name.



## 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!



### Our Pitch and our design

