



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you all had a restful half term and that you had some time to spend together as a family; we were certainly fortunate with some unseasonably warm weather so a walk with friends was certainly an option.

It has been lovely to see so many parents in school for parents' evening this week. I know that many of you were delighted with the progress that your children are making and thank you for the positive words that were received by so many of my teachers.

We have been very busy since returning after the break. On Monday we had a visitor in school for the KS 2 children. David Fuller, a published author, spoke to Yr 3 and 4 and to Yr 5 and 6 about the writing process as well as what he uses to inspire his writing—himself and his experiences. He was very down to earth and inspiring and explained that even though he had awful handwriting at school, this didn't stop him from becoming a writer. See later in the newsletter for an article and pictures.

Next week we are having a science week. We have a scientist in school running workshops for each class and leading our assembly on Monday. The theme is 'Journeys' and I hope your children gain much from the week.

Greenpower have organised an initiative to help you to recycle old clothes, helping you to declutter and help the environment at the same time. These can come into school on Monday and Tuesday, ready for collection on Wednesday. If the bag is too large for your child to carry do bring it in at drop off and place it in the music room. Well done and thank you to Greenpower for organising this

Please could I continue to stress the importance of careful monitoring of computer games. Still a large number of children are discussing 'fortnight' and all of the children in our school are underage to use this game. Children are very vulnerable when playing this game as there is open access. You will have also received a letter about 'Momo' yesterday from myself and Mrs McLeod—again please discuss safe online use with your children. It is regularly discussed in school. Thank you for your support with this. We are planning a parents meeting regarding on-line safety on Tuesday 12th March at 6 pm in the hall. We have a specialist coming in to speak to parents about how to keep children safe online. We will be sending out a letter with reply slip next week but please make this a priority in your diary.

Wishing you a restful weekend

Considerate Behaviour and Parking

Please can I continue to remind parents and carers that no one (unless you have disabled status) should be parking any further up St Paul's Road West than where the footpath ends, at the beginning or end of the school day (this includes dropping off for Breakfast club). No one should be driving in the safe zone or in the part of the road where staff can park. It is so unsafe as there are so many children moving and if you reverse you simply can not see a small child. You also need to ensure engines are switched off if you have parked down near the church, as fumes near small children are not good. It also damages the environment. We have a small number of parents who are still not adhering to these expectations of the school and this is causing bad feeling as well as a huge potential for an accident. Please come in to request a permit to park in Sainsbury's car-park and try to leave earlier for pick up so that you can park and walk.



Reminder - invitation to participate in a new study

Parents with children in years 3-6 will have received an invitation to participation in a new study investigating why children's movement is linked to their moods and friendships (flyers also being sent home via registers). If you and your child are happy to participate, please respond to your email invitation, or contact Joanna Argent (one of our parents) at ja01013@surrey.ac.uk. Parent online questionnaires need to be completed asap!

Successful secondhand sale

During both parents' evening FOSPA ran a second hand uniform stall. They raised well over £200 for school and many parents went home happy as each item was only £1! Due to the success of this we will try to make this a regular feature at parents evening.

Thank you to FOSPA for organising this!



World Book Day

Yr 5 and 6 talk

As part of our activities to celebrate World Book Day next Thursday, KS2 welcomed the author, David Fuller.

He spoke to the children about his love of writing, the challenges he faced as a child and how he overcame them to become a successful published author. David read the children extracts from some of his published books and treated them to the first chapter of his new, as yet unpublished book about Superheroes.

The children were extremely enthusiastic about the sessions and commented on how much they enjoyed them.

Parents can still order signed copies of David's Books through the school office.

Next week children will be taking home with them a special World Book Day voucher, which will entitle them to buy a brand new book for just £1! Vouchers can be redeemed at major High Street Book Retailers and there are titles to suit all ages.

Visit from David Fuller—Year 3 and 4 talk

To begin our new half term we were lucky enough to have a visit from children's author David Fuller who has written a series of books aimed at KS2 children about a character called Alfie Jones. This visit was to lead into World Book Day activities and to help inspire the children in their own reading and writing.



David was funny and interesting and explained his journey as an author, from a child with messy handwriting that his teacher couldn't read to having his own stories published as an adult. He took questions from the children and gave top tips to becoming a successful story



SCHOOL DISCO FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

The school disco will take place on Friday 22nd March. KS1 will be from 5 pm to 6 pm; KS2 from 6.15 pm to 7.30 pm. Forms should be returned with correct payment to the office by 15th March at the latest. Spare forms can be collected from the office and a copy is being sent electronically with this newsletter.

Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- 4th March - Cross Country, The Weald
- 6th March - Clothing collection
- 7th March - Beech Class Assembly
- 8th March - Y5 to Butser Farm
- 8th March - Y4 Cake Sale after school
- 11th March - INSET, school closed to pupils
- 12th March - 6 pm - Online Safety Talk
- 13th March - Y6 Junior Citizen Event
- 14th March - Willow Class Assembly
- 19th March - Y3 to Butser Farm
- 22nd March - Pupils School Disco
- 26th March - Y1 to Wakehurst Place
- 27th March - Sycamore Class Assembly
- 28th March - Birch Class Assembly
- 29th March - Y1 Cake Sale
- 2nd April - Easter Pause Day
- 3rd April - FOSPA Egg Hunt
- 5th April - 9.30 am Easter Service, St Paul's Church
- 5th April - 1.30 pm, End of Term
- 23rd April - INSET, school closed to pupils
- 24th April - First Day of Summer Term



DON'T FORGET TO BRING IN OLD CLOTHES FOR RECYCLING (AND RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL) ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NEXT WEEK. WE HAVE LOTS OF SPARE BAGS IF YOU NEED ANY EXTRAS!

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!

We desperately need broadsheet newspapers for art and design to cover the tables. The larger newspapers are so much better for table coverage. If you have any, please could you send them into the office for Mrs Cruickshank.

