



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Since I wrote last we have had a very exciting Science week and World Book Day as well as two lovely class assemblies. Mrs Speight organised for Professor Bubbleworks to come into school for two days. He led a whole school assembly, as well as a workshop for each class. The theme of the week was 'Journeys' and he looked specifically at rockets. The children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to explore practical, fun science using everyday objects. He demonstrated how air could be used to hold up a ping pong ball and then showed them on a larger scale that the same principle could be applied to unravel a whole roll of loo paper and send it right across the hall using a leaf blower! It was a super engaging spark to start our week.

The children in both assemblies did a super job at explaining the rich learning they had been doing over the last few weeks. We have been presented with some excellent creative writing, acting, singing and dancing—what a lovely rich curriculum they have enjoyed. In reference to watching assemblies, please can I remind you that you cannot video or take photos of children when you are in school. We have a number of children who cannot be photographed and choosing to do this puts their safeguarding in jeopardy. We recognise that these are moments you may wish to capture, and photo opportunities will be given at the end of events, once school staff have discretely moved these children away. If you do take a photo of your child, having had permission granted, this can only be used for personal use and can not be shared on social media, as this may contain photos of other children. Your phones should not be on or visible when you are in school. Please can you help us to keep everyone safe.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the range of planned activities for World Book Day and some classes wrote some super creative pieces in response to the books they had shared together. Please see over for a glimpse of some of the other activities that were done. A number of parents mentioned a disappointment that we didn't dress up. This hasn't been the norm for the last couple of years and we are planning to have a dressing up day during our art week next term—watch this space!

Trusting you all have a restful weekend

Mrs A Alden

GreenPower recycle 'MOUNTAINS' of clothes in aid of The Salvation Army

For the last few weeks, Green Power have been busy writing letters to ask children and parents to search in their drawers for unwanted clothes in aid of the Salvation Army. Over the past couple of days, the team have been collecting up the bags and literally created a mountain of clothes, ready to hand over to the Salvation Army to-day.

Well done Green power for your amazing contribution to recycling!



Online safety Presentation

Thank you to those parents who attended the online safety training led by Tim Barette this week. If you were unable to attend you will be able to access the slides from the website. It is well worth a read to ensure you are as up to date as you can be in this ever changing world.



TENNIS CAMPS

DURING EASTER HOLIDAYS

Please find attached details of tennis camps taking place over the Easter Holidays.

KIND REQUEST

Please respect our neighbours in St Paul's Mews as they need to have access to the road up to school in their vehicles. Please make sure that you and your children stay on the footpath / at the side of the road where possible. Thank You





RED NOSE DAY



St Paul's Year 6 team of Sports Crew members have been organising a fun Red Nose Day celebration on the playground for all year groups to take part in.

The idea of this event was to raise money for Comic Relief and also just for fun!!

The happening included bouncy hoppers, hurdles, cones and many, many more fun activities. There was music in the background and pom-poms for people to play with. When it all finished, the children moved over to the main playground and then lined up. The teachers and children said a big Thank You to us for all our hard work. Isaac F, Year 6



Dates for the Spring/Summer Term (new info in RED)

- 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
- 30th April - Y3 Viking Day
- 1st May - Y2 to Nower Wood Nature Reserve
- 3rd May - Year R Cake Sale
- 6th May - Bank Holiday
- 8th May - Y4 to Fishbourne Palace
- 11th May - FOSPA Social Night

Book Week in Year 5

In Year 5, the children made their own books, based on the story Silly Billy by Anthony Browne. On World Book Day, they enjoyed reading their stories to the Reception children, who also shared their favourite books with them.



World Book Day

Sycamore had an exciting morning on Thursday for World Book Day.

First we worked in small groups on a word scavenger hunt. We had a list of words we needed to find in books in 20 minutes. Two groups managed to find all the words and write the titles of the books. Then we had a mystery story. We had the cover of the book covered up and listened to a story without seeing the pictures. At the end we designed our cover picture, blurb and title of the book.



HANDWASHING IN SCHOOL AND THREADWORMS

We have had reported cases of threadworms in school. Threadworms are not serious but can be irritating and distressing. It is vitally important that the children make sure they wash their hands before eating and after going to the toilet and we would be grateful if you could instil this message as well. Further information can be found on the NHS website.

Mole Valley Youth Awards

Well done to Greenpower and Isabella for both being nominated for Mole Valley Youth Awards

The award ceremony is next week and we wait to hear the outcome.

