



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast moving towards the end of term and the children have worked really hard and deserve a well-earned break when it comes. This week we had our consultant in school and he remarked on the extremely positive learning behaviours that were being exhibited by the children and was very impressed with the quality of writing throughout the school. This was wasn't a surprise to us, but was a very positive affirmation of what your children and the staff are doing. Well done everyone!

We have also enjoyed two class assemblies this week, with Sycamore Class sharing their non-fiction writing and learning about Beatrix Potter as well as thanking the "medium mammals" (the Mums!) for all they do. It was lovely to hear them read confidently to the whole of KS1. Yesterday Birch Class took us on a journey to Ancient Rome and we were treated to the delights of domestic life. Again the children read and acted with confidence and self assurance. Well done both classes.

Year 1 have also been out and about this week and thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Wakehurst Place—see overleaf for further details of their trip. We have also had a number of sport fixtures in the last two weeks and again do read overleaf for the details of our achievements. All of the children showed super team work and encouragement towards each other, as well as to the other teams. Well done!

Please could I draw your attention to a change to our medicines policy. If your child needs a course of anti-biotics and is well enough to return to school but needs to take the medication 4 times a day, you can come into school, complete a Pupil Medication Request form and one dose will then be administered in school. You do not need to come in to do this. You do, however, need to deliver and collect the medicine in its original container at the start and end of the day (this cannot be done by your child) and also complete the paperwork for the office. We trust this will be a helpful change.

Next week is our final week in school so we are having our annual Easter Pause Day on Tuesday. The children will spend the day considering the Easter story and working collaboratively in groups. Each class will also have some time for reflection at the church. You are also invited and welcome to attend our Easter service at St Paul's Church on Friday at 9.30 am, where year groups will share their learning together. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Trusting you all have a restful weekend

Mrs A Alden

### Running Legs!

On the 9th of March 2019, 12 determined St Paul's runners assembled for the Surrey Schools Cross Country races.

Both teachers and athletes sacrificed their Saturday (most of it) to be there. First up were the Year 5 girls (Imogen, Hettie, Anna, Jemima and Lara).

They all ran their hearts out against all the competition. Most importantly, they all enjoyed the race.

After this, we had Kian and Charlie from Y5 boys who both managed to sneak into the top 20. These two talented runners came 17th and 20th meaning that they qualified for Surrey. Unfortunately, St Paul's did not have any volunteers for the Year 6 girls. To make up for it, there were 5 Y6 boys -Samuel, Shaun, Joe, Wes and Arran-. Amazingly, 3 of our Y6 boys managed to get in

to Surrey coming 9th, 10th and 17th. Overall, it was a brilliant experience and everyone enjoyed it no matter what position they came!

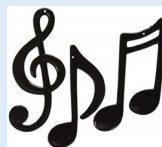


A festival of ideas, talk and information around mental health and wellbeing.

April 1st 2019  
5pm - 9pm  
Dorking Minds and Ashcombe School present...

**MINDFEST 2019**  
**ASHCOMBE SCHOOL,**  
**MONDAY 1ST APRIL**  
**5 PM to 9 PM**

Please visit [www.dorkingminds.org.uk](http://www.dorkingminds.org.uk) for details of this important community event.



### Don't Miss Out!

If your child is in Year 3 and 4 choir, they will be singing at Dorking halls on Monday 29th April.

Tickets are now available for purchase from Dorking Halls.



## Year 1 Trip to Wakehurst

Year 1 had a great time learning about plants at Wakehurst. They were 'real' scientists with hand lenses looking at leaf shape, colour, and appearance e.g. prickly, spiky. The children looked at different tree bark and found out some bark is rough, some is smooth, some are dull and some are shiny.

They looked at the lifecycle of a sunflower and learned scientific words like germination!

The children also learned which part of the plant humans eat – roots, leaves, stems, fruit, seeds.

Finally, they then had fun making pictures with plants and vegetables!



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

- 2nd April - Easter Pause Day
- 3rd April - 2.30 pm Y2 Parents SATs Meeting
- 3rd April - FOSPA Egg Hunt
- 5th April - 9.30 am Easter Service at 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 (in school)
- 1st May - Y2 to Nower Wood Reserve
- 3rd May - Year R Cake Sale
- 6th May - Bank Holiday
- 8th May - Y4 to Fishbourne Palace
- 10th May - Cinema Club
- 11th May - FOSPA Social Night
- 13th to 17th May - Y5 to Isle of Wight
- 13th to 16th May - Y6 SATs
- 14th to 16th May - Y4 Bikeability
- 15th May - Y3 to Wisley Gardens
- 17th May - Y6 to Horsham
- 19th May - Dorking to Brighton Bike Ride
- 22nd May - Oak Class Assembly
- 23rd May - Hawthorn Class Assembly
- 24th May - INSET Day
- 12th June - Rowan Class Assembly
- 13th June - Juniper Class Assembly
- 15th June - 12 to 3 pm, FOSPA Summer Fair
- 19th June - Ash Class Assembly
- 20th June - Cedar Class Assembly
- 24th June - Y6 Service, Guildford Cathedral
- 25th June - KS1 Sports Day, 9.30 am
- 9th to 11th July - Y6 Production
- 15th July - KS2 Sports Day, 9.15 am
- 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Party
- 24th July - Y6 Leavers' Service

## Stone Age Living

Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm

We had a fantastic day consolidating our learning about The Stone Age to Iron Age. We learnt how to spin, made copper jewellery, became archaeologists and finished with carving chalk with flints.

It really made our topic come to life and we thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



## Life Saving - A Fish Out Of Competition Saturday 23rd March 2019

Reported by Ruben

On Saturday 23rd of March, 8 of our children went to a lifesaving competition at Dorking leisure centre.

### Activities

They did very well in their first activities: treading water and throwing the rope. In treading water our swimmers had to scull to the 5 metre mark then tread water for 20 seconds and then repeat it as many times as they could for as many points as possible.

For throwing the ball, they had to throw the ball 5 metres to another swimmer, who swam to the next team member for as long as possible.

Although many of our swimmers showed our school values, two showed lots of perseverance – Sam and Louie.

After that, they had to do a straddle jump into the pool as many times as they could in the three minutes they had to score as many points possible.

There were many more activities: finding the brick; answering questions; continuous width relay and underwater baton relay.

### Results

After 2 hours of exhausting swimming, our year 6 team came 4th, missing out on 3rd by just 1 point and our year 5 team won the most improved score trophy, coming 8th overall. Both of our teams enjoyed a good event run by inspirational people.

