



# St. Paul's Dorking

## Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you have all had a restful and enjoyable holiday. The lovely weather towards the end of the break gave us a very summery feeling for our return to school.

We ended last term with a farewell to Mrs Grant. We are grateful for her positive enthusiasm and dedication to the children in her care. She is about to start a job outside of education so has some availability to do some class cover for us from time to time so it will be lovely that we can continue to see her.

We also finished the term with a thoughtful service at St Paul's Church with a focus on Easter and the journey that Jesus took in the last few days of his life on earth. Each year group contributed to the service explaining aspects of their learning from the Easter Pause Day that we had on Tuesday. Different year groups shared their thoughts and feelings with regard to the different parts of the story. It was lovely to see so many parents joining us for that service.

We had a very useful INSET day where we continued to review children's progress and explored aspects of our behaviour strategies with regard to positive handling. Our final INSET day of this academic year will be immediately before half term. Within this newsletter we have given you a number of key dates for this term, including sports days, production dates and school trips. Please do make a note of these. They will also be on the school website calendar. We are having an Art Week in June and this will involve a dressing up day for the whole school - so watch this space for further details!

Our term has begun well, with the children swiftly getting back into the routines of learning. They are coming into school well using the slightly amended arrangements and thank you for your help and support with this. The pupil entrance continues to be closed as we need to have some urgent work done on the roof before we can use this walkway. We will let you know when this is back in use.

On Monday evening the Year 3 and 4 choir will be singing at the annual Dorking Halls Music Festival and we are certainly looking forward to this event—there were still a few tickets available for Monday's performance, so if your child is taking part it isn't too late to book a ticket. You are in for a treat. Please note the children will need to wear winter uniform please.

Wishing you a restful weekend, Mrs. A. Alden

### **A Note from the Governors**

**Have you wondered what is required of a church school?**

**Come to the forum on Thursday 2nd May from 6.00—7.30pm in the school hall to understand the expectations of**

**Christian Distinctiveness for a Church of England School, with presentations from Jane Whittington, from the Diocese and Mrs Alden.**

**Please let the school office know if you intend to come so we can buy enough cake!**



### **Summer Uniform**

Your child is welcome to wear summer uniform if they wish from this week. This is a polo shirt for the boys and shorts if they wish and a summer dress or a polo shirt and skirt for the girls. Please can we also remind you that hair should be tied up if it is longer than shoulder length and only blue, black or white hair accessories should be used.

**Turn over for key dates for this term**



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

- 29th April - Y3/4 Choir to Dorking Halls
- 30th April - Y3 Viking Day
- 1st May - Y2 to Nower Wood Reserve
- **2nd May - Christian Distinctiveness Forum, 6 pm, School Hall**
- 3rd May - Year R Cake Sale
- 6th May - Bank Holiday
- **7th May - Maple Class Assembly**
- 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
- 27th - 31st May—Half Term Week
- **5th June - Class Photos**
- **10th to 13th June - Book Fair in School**
- 12th June - Rowan Class Assembly
- 13th June - Juniper Class Assembly
- **14th June - Y4 Cake Sale**
- 15th June - 12 to 3 pm, FOSPA Summer Fair
- 19th June - Ash Class Assembly
- 20th June - Cedar Class Assembly
- **21st June - Y5 to Sayers Croft**
- **21st June - Y3 Big Sing at Ashcombe**
- 24th June - Y6 Service, Guildford Cathedral
- 25th June - KS1 Sports Day, 9.30 am
- **28th June - Y1 to Brooklands Museum**
- **3rd July - YR to Painshill Park**
- 9th to 11th July - Y6 Production
- 15th July - KS2 Sports Day, 9.15 am
- 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Party
- 24th July - Y6 Leavers' Service
- **24th July - End of Term, 1.30 pm**



## YOUNG FOOTBALLERS WANTED FOR INNOVATIVE DORKING FOOTBALL ACADEMY

A groundbreaking initiative that counters the significant Relative Age Effect (RAE) in youth football is offering more places this term for U6-U11s.

Late Birthday Project (LBP) combats RAE by providing professional academy opportunities and coaching to boys born between January and August only.

LBP Dorking has centres at St John's Primary School (Saturdays 3.30pm) and Meadowbank Stadium (Sundays 9am), plus Goalkeeping on Thursdays (Meadowbank 4.45-6pm).

LBP offers UEFA qualified coaches, premium facilities, free futsal, discounted holiday camps and free Adidas team kit, plus an innovative curriculum, including sprint and strength training, aimed at giving younger players a fighting chance when it comes to maximising their potential.

For more information, or to book a trial, call 01306 509147 or visit [www.latebirthdayproject.co.uk](http://www.latebirthdayproject.co.uk) or email [hello@latebirthdayproject.co.uk](mailto:hello@latebirthdayproject.co.uk)

## SHARE YOUR MEMORIES OF DORKING

To celebrate Surrey Day on 4 May, Dorking Library would like to hear your memories of growing up, having fun and living in Dorking. Pop in and have a chat or visit our facebook page.



Details are attached of the annual Teddy Bear's picnic which is taking place at Abinger Hammer on Monday 6th May.

Happy Families is running a new 'Positive Parenting' workshop on 29th April. Details are attached. There will also be workshops running in May and further details will be sent out when we receive the dates of these.

### Year R Cake sale

Come ready to buy a treat on Friday 3rd May in the lane after school.

