



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Art exhibition on Wednesday. I think you will agree that the quality of the art was superb and this has been borne out by so many of you buying your child's work. The children and staff really enjoyed the week and we spent a significant amount of time developing peer feedback in order for the children to redraft and make improvements to their creations. Not only did this make a marked improvement to their pictures but also developed the children's ability to reflect and give constructive feedback—a tool that we are developing so children can critique each others' work to move on their learning. I am so encouraged that staff have shared that they have encouraged the children to use the same techniques they developed last week to apply to other aspects of their learning. This will be a focus throughout next year as we develop and change the way we give feedback and mark. I will keep you updated with this as the year unfolds. If you were unable to get to the exhibition, Mrs Cruikshank still has the pictures and you can view and purchase your child's picture any afternoon next week after school (but not on Friday—they are returned on Thursday evening). Please go to Mrs Cruikshank's outside door at the end of the school day. Thank you to Mrs Cruikshank for organising art week and the exhibition.

In the last fortnight we have had four class assemblies; Rowan, Juniper, Ash and Cedar. They were all a pleasure to watch and significantly different in content! We learnt about bold travels from Year 2, preparation for change from Year 6, under the sea from Reception and watched a dynamic news channel about the Year 5 adventures in the Isle of Wight. All of the children spoke with boldness and confidence and had clearly loved their learning. It was lovely to see you if you were able to attend.

FOSPA have also been exceptionally busy in the last couple of weeks, culminating in an amazing fair on Saturday. The day went extremely well (no one seemed put off by the rain) - we were impressed and entertained by the orchestra, choir, Zumba and dance clubs as well as some amazing baking creations. Well done and thank you to all of the children who took part and a HUGE thank you to you as parents who helped and attended to make such a great event. At the last count we raised an amazing £6,200 profit. This figure doesn't include match funding either. If you do work for a firm that does match fund please make enquiries about it—they will often match what your stall makes so we could potentially double our profits! I would like to say a big thank you to Katie Woolley and her committee for putting it all together and working tirelessly on the day to bring together a wonderful fair.

I have some staffing news to share with you. At the end of term we will be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Hughes, our SENCo as she has secured a job closer to home. She has worked tirelessly at St Paul's and please do take the opportunity to catch her to thank her or speak with her before the end of term. Mrs Edwards will be our Acting SENCo and will not be class based as she is currently. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Shrestha and again we wish to thank her for all she has given to St Paul's and wish her well as she embarks on a new career as a yoga teacher. Today you will receive a letter about your child's class and teachers for next year. Please share this news with your child and that they will be meeting their new teacher on Tuesday 2nd July. They will also go up into their next classroom on this as the majority of Year 6 are visiting their new secondary schools. I wanted to give you ample time to help your child adjust to these changes. Wishing you a restful weekend, Mrs A. Alden

Sadly we still have a few parents who are parking in the wrong place. Please could I remind you that parents, at any time of the day, should not come beyond the safe zone. Some parents are continuing to park in the load outside of school. This is staff parking and often staff can't park as parents have. This is particularly true at about 7.45am, when parents are dropping off at breakfast club. Please do not park beyond the safe zone.



Dates for the Summer Term (new info in RED)

- 24th June - Y6 Service, Guildford Cathedral
- **24th June Year 5 to Priory School, Music and Science workshops**
- 24th - 27th June - Book Fair (new date)
- 25th June - KS1 Sports Day, 9.30 am
- 26th June—New Reception Parents' (Sept '19) Evening
- 27th June Reserve date for KS 1 Sports Day (in case there was rain!)
- **27th June Orchestra to Yehudi Menuhin school concert**
- 28th June - Y1 to Brooklands Museum
- **2nd July Meet your new teacher**
- **2nd July Year 6 transition Day to secondary school**
- 3rd July - YR to Painshill Park
- 9th to 11th July - Y6 Production
- 11th July—Lime Class Assembly
- 15th July - KS2 Sports Day, 9.15 am
- 17th July—Reports go home
- 17th July—Reserve date for KS 2 Sports Day (in case there was rain!)
- 18th July - Y6 Leavers' Party
- 19th July from 2pm Open Afternoon including a second hand uniform and book sale
- 24th July - Y6 Leavers' Service
- 24th July - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 5th September - First Day of Autumn Term for children

Dates for next year:

INSET days for 2019/20

WED 4TH SEPT 2019, MON 4TH NOV 2019

MON 6TH JAN 2020, FRIDAY 14TH FEB 2020

MON 20TH APRIL 2020



It is not too late.. You can still buy your child's picture.



St Paul's Art Exhibition

Sport at St Paul's

Lots of our children have been extremely busy with sport in the recent weeks and have represented our school in a range of competitions. At every event we received comments about how well behaved, polite and respectful our children are—so it is lovely to see that when they are feeling competitive and under pressure they still reflect our school values. The boys cricket team managed to win their tournament and are through to the County finals! Sadly this event was postponed due to poor weather but we await a re-scheduled date—watch this space. The girls cricket team narrowly missed a win by 6 runs and came a very commendable second in their tournament. Our Year 4 Trigolf team came 6th in their competition, but again showed excellent sportsmanship. Our swimming team (Yr 3—6) also competed recently and again won their meet. So a very impressive couple of weeks and we have some more silverware on the windowsill!

Thank you too to Miss George and the other teaching staff who help run clubs week on week to help the children to achieve their best in these fixtures.

We have another sporty week coming up next week with KS 1 children involved in a Physifun sports festival, year 3/4 mini tennis and of course our own **KS 1 Sports Day on Tuesday at 9.30am**. Looking forward to seeing you there.



LOCAL EVENTS :

You can find fliers attached for the following events and summer camps which are taking place locally:

- A fundraising family picnic on 30th June taking place on the Nower organised by one of our parents
- Details of the Patchworking Community Garden Open Day on 30th June
- Dorking Cricket Club Summer Camps
- Futsall Fever/LBP Summer Holiday Camps
- Trailblazers Summer Holiday Camps

Our attendance is up!

As we mentioned last time our attendance is at 97% but it will only remain that way if parents do not take their children out for holidays. Please do not take children out of school in term time. The curriculum is full and even a few days of missed school create gaps in your child's learning that can lead to misunderstanding. Holidays are for holiday time. Thank you.

