



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust this finds you all well. We have had a good week in school and I have heard about some super learning at home too. We had our induction evening last night for our new Reception parents. It was a first for St Paul's as we did it via a webinar! It went very well and was recorded so if you have a child coming into Reception but couldn't make it last night please do contact the office and they will give you the necessary link to access it.

You should also receive a letter today informing you of your child's class teacher for next year. I am delighted to share with you that we have secured sufficient finances to staff a TA in every class for each morning. We felt this was an essential measure to help children with their pastoral needs, their adjustment back into school and to support accelerated learning. We have also appointed two teachers to cover Miss George and Mrs Cole's maternity leaves. Mr Kelly, a very experienced KS 2 teacher will be teaching Year 5 Cedar and Miss Palmer will be teaching alongside Mrs Cruickshank (who is now just teaching two days a week) in Sycamore. We are also welcoming a number of new TAs, Mrs Roffey, Mrs Saunders and Miss Wharmby who will be supporting whole class learning and Mrs King and Mrs Quddus who will be supporting individual children. We are delighted they are joining our staff and we hope they settle quickly with us.

We are really looking forward to seeing our home learners from Year 2—5 in the next couple of weeks. We will be social distancing on the field but it will be lovely for these children to see their peers and their teacher before the end of term. We will go ahead with these regardless of the weather as we have the two marquees on the field that we will use if necessary. You should have received a separate letter about this with further details if you have a child in those year groups and are not accessing a critical worker place in school.

As I mentioned last week, we will continue with staggered starts/ends of the day in September. These will be from 8.30 - 9.00 am and 3.05 - 3.35 pm. We will be sending you greater details with this regard once timings are finalised. Breakfast club will run, but if you wish to use this facility your child must be in school by 8.15 am at the latest. The office are taking bookings for this and you should have received a booking form earlier this week. Action House will also be running and please contact them directly for further details at info@action-house.co.uk.

The summer holidays is often a time when parents have their children's ears pierced. Please see the box below with regard to the new guidance we have received. In light of this guidance all children must be able to remove their earrings themselves and they need to be healed sufficiently to be removed for lessons in September.

We are really privileged to have an excellent Governing Body here at St Paul's. All of the governors do this role voluntarily and faithfully serve in this way. Mrs Helen Wharmby has been a governor for 8 years and our Chair for the last four. She has worked tirelessly within this role and has been hugely influential in the progress we have made over the last few years. Her term of office is coming to an end and she is stepping down from this role at the end of term. I would like to thank her on your behalf for the amazing job she has done.

The last day of term is Wednesday 22nd July. As usual this is a half day and we will be finishing at our current Wednesday lunchtime times. Please see below for a reminder of these times. There will be **no** provision for critical worker children that afternoon.

Wishing you a restful weekend ,

Mrs. A. Alden

End of Term: Wednesday 22nd July

Finishing Times for ALL children

Oak A, Maple A, Elm A, KWW and KWX	12.15
Oak B, Maple B, Elm B and KWy	12.30
Ash C, Sycamore C, Juniper C and KWZ	12.45
Ash D, Sycamore D, Juniper D and KVV	1.00

New Guidance with regard to the wearing of Earrings

"Schools have a duty of care to ensure students are able to participate actively without unnecessarily endangering themselves or those working around them. A clear and consistently applied policy for the removal of personal effects should be in place. The Association for Physical Education (afPE) strongly recommends the practice of removing all personal effects at the commencement of every lesson to establish a safe working environment. This applies to all ear and body piercings, including retainer and expander earrings."



Improving the School Environment

Year 6 have been busy over the last few weeks helping with the gardening. Some children have been working in the school garden making it tidier and planting while others have been tidying the front of the school. They have worked really well on helping us make the school environment even better.

**Thank you Year 6—
Great Job!**



Snippets of Learning



Juniper C have been looking at Andy Warhol's work. They were very proud of the final outcome of a group art task. Each member of the bubble had to draw and colour a section of the picture and then it was all put together. Following on from this activity, the group have created individual art pieces in the style of Andy Warhol.

Action House Summer HPS

We are delighted to be able to open this summer. Our dates are from 27th Jul to 26th Aug, 8.30am to 5.30pm weekdays. Due to the current restrictions, things will look a little different to normal but we assure you we will continue to offer a fun and busy day for your children! For further details or to book a place, please email info@action-house.co.uk. Please be aware we have had to slightly limit our numbers and therefore are filling up rather quickly! If you have not used us before, you will need to complete and return a child information pack BEFORE having your booking confirmed. Cost is £25 per child per day (lunch is NOT included!)

Action House ASC

We will be opening in September and booking forms for this will be going out next week with more details. Further details of how this will work will be emailed to all current users as soon as possible. If you would like to be added to our user list, please email info@action-house.co.uk and put

In RE, Kwy Bubble (Y4) explored the question of 'Why we should care for God's world'. As part of the learning, the children discovered ways of how they can make changes to their own lives to show their responsibility, given by God, to care for the world around them. The main task was to create a 5 point charter that listed ways of the changes they decided they would make. The children really enjoyed making their scrolls using bamboo sticks and tea-stained paper. Mrs Hilston carefully helped the children to make their wax seal, which finished it off beautifully. The children were very proud of their work.



In Kwy Bubble (Y4) the children explored landscape art of various artists. They really enjoyed creating these paintings using different artistic techniques of line and shape to create their masterpieces. The 'Zentangle' art looks especially effective as they are colourful and bright.



Poetry Reflections

Year 3 have been reflecting on their world as part of their home learning. They had to use their senses to think about all the things they liked to see, hear, touch, taste and feel. Sacha W has used the success criteria that was provided brilliantly and included similes, noun phrases, adverbs, alliteration and conjunctions. A super job Sacha! Here is a verse:

I like the taste of hard, crunchy chocolate sauce on cold ice cream, Caramel sauce melting in my mouth and Gii puddings with chocolate on the top.

DorkingMinds, a local, Dorking-based community mental health initiative is offering a session on **Monday July 13th between 7.30 and 8.30** on 'An Alternative Approach to Managing Toddlers' Tricky Behaviours.' Go to the DorkingMinds Facebook page and click on the Eventbrite link 'Find Tickets' and book a free place. If you can't make this workshop, there will be others to come; go to the gentle journeys website (gentlejournays.org), however, this one is free, so book your place soon.

Please see attached with the newsletter various links which parents may find useful, including a video link from CAMHS about possible anxieties surrounding school return after COVID and a special rate being offered to St Paul's parents by Monika Hill Legal Services, which has just opened in Dorking.

