



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy couple of weeks in school, where the children have had the opportunity to share with us their wonderful talents in many different ways.

Despite the rain, there have been many different sporting events that the children have participated in such as a Year 5 and 6 Badminton Festival in Guildford led by our very own Sports Crew. The children were a real credit to the school and did a fantastic job – as did the children who were participating in the festival. The children who participated in Surrey Schools Cross Country last Saturday also showed our school values when they ensured that someone who was hurt during the race was supported and was able to complete the race. This week we have had 2 netball tournaments, where the girls showed great perseverance and determination and are looking forward to putting their skills to future events. If you would like to read the sports reports, please have a look on the school website under "Life at St Paul's". Thank you to all of the staff who run the clubs and to the parents who have been fantastic supporters - it is very much appreciated.

On Monday evening we were treated to a musical celebration held at St Paul's Church. The audience enjoyed performances from the school orchestra, the Years 3 & 4 and Years 5 & 6 choirs - as well as some fantastic soloists. We would like to thank Mrs Wharmby and Mrs Eborn for all of their time and dedication in getting the children ready for the evening and their work with the school orchestra - as well as some parents who also play within the orchestra. The children are incredibly fortunate that they have the opportunity to do this and without them it would not be possible. Thank you to Mrs Wharmby for also leading the Years 5 & 6 choir and to Mrs Speight who is working with the Years 3 & 4 choir, getting them ready for their performance at Dorking Halls next term.

Last Thursday children and staff made a fantastic effort with their book character costumes - it was great to see such a variety of characters around the school. Thank you to the parents who were able to come in and read with classes - I know that the children really enjoyed it and it is something that we would like to do more regularly. Your child should have brought home a book voucher this week which they can put towards a new book. A huge thank you to all of the wonderful book donations that were sent in last week for the local charity Delight. It was truly overwhelming with the amount of books that were brought in and it is fantastic that they are going to be given to other children who will now be able to enjoy them.

Please may I remind parents who have children in Reception and Key Stage 1 that once they have been collected from their classes at the end of the day they are to stay with an adult in the lane if you are waiting for other children. There have been some children climbing on equipment, playing on stairs and swinging on handrails and we are very concerned that there is going to be an accident. Thank you for your understanding.

We are currently receiving regular updates from the government and the local authority concerning the corona virus and we will be keeping you up to date with any information that we are given. The class teachers are giving regular reminders to the children about hand washing and will continue to do so. If we are given any further information or guidance we will share this with you straight away.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bryan and Ms Lanham

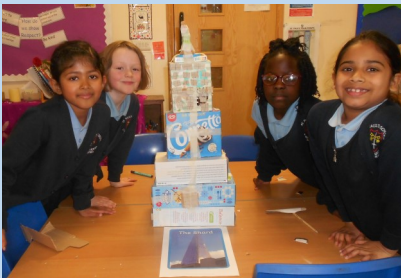


Spring Term Dates: (new info in RED)

- 16th March - Y4 to Fishbourne Palace
- 16th March - YR to Bocketts Farm
- 17th March - Chestnut Class Assembly
- 17th March - Y3 to Butser Farm
- 18th March - Willow Class Assembly
- 20th March - Y6 Doughnut Sale after School
- 24th March - Sycamore Class Assembly
- 25th March - Cedar Class Assembly
- 27th March - Year 1 Cake Sale
- 27th March - **School Disco—postpond until Summer Term**
- 31st March - Easter Pause Day
- 1st April - Birch Class Assembly
- 1st April - FOSPA Easter Egg Hunt
- 3rd April - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 20th April - **INSET Day (school closed to pupils)**
- 21st April - **First Day of Summer Term for Children**

Year 2 Inspiration Day

Last Wednesday we had an exciting London Inspiration day to kick start our topic. We started by talking about what is a landmark? After play we grabbed our Oyster tickets and boarded a bus to go and visit all the famous landmarks around London. We learnt some great facts. In the afternoon we worked as a team to create some amazing landmarks using junk modelling equipment. We had a Buckingham Palace, a Shard, a Tower Bridge and many more.



World Book Day

Was a huge success thanks to the tremendous support and enthusiasm from both the children and teachers. All classes received a mystery parent reader with many welcoming two. Each parent reader chose a children's book that they like and shared it with the class. Due to the enthusiastic response from children, we would like to extend this initiative!

Parents are invited to come in at the end of the school day and share a story with their children's class.

Please contact the office or class teacher to book a slot.



Guess Mr Smith's Favourite Book

As part of World Book Day, children had the chance to guess Mr Smith's favourite children's book. We have received a fantastic response with many children entering. All will be revealed on Monday when Mr Smith will read the story to the whole school!

Year 5 Visit to a Planetarium

On Thursday Year 5 visited The Winston Churchill School in Woking to take part in an **Earth, Sun and Moon** workshop which included a couple of sessions in their purpose built **Planetarium**. We watched a really interesting film about the topic and explored some of the constellations and planets in our Solar System up close. We even went forward in time to look at the night sky! We also had a chance to explore the wonderful Space books that the school has in its library and we created some posters showing some of the new facts that we had learnt. It was a wonderful trip and it was enjoyed very much by everyone.



Year 1 Trip—British Wildlife Centre



This week, Year 1 enjoyed visiting the British Wildlife Centre where we were able to see many of the animals that we have been learning about in our 'Animal Magic' topic. These included polecats, red squirrels and badgers. We learnt lots of facts about the different animals and it was good to see them up close!

Year 5 – Shah Jahan Mosque, Woking

As part of our RE Islam Unit, Year 5 visited the Shah Jahan Mosque this week. We were shown around by Habib, who shared lots of fascinating information with us about the Mosque and the Muslim faith.

It was a very cold morning, but the sun was shining for a change and we had a really informative and interesting visit.



11th March 2020 - NETBALL TOURNAMENT YR5

We went to the Priory for a netball match—playing against brilliant schools from Surrey. We had a great time and did our best, we scored a few times, but sadly we did not come in the top three. For some of us it was our first time. We couldn't have done it without Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Page so thank you. It was so much fun.

Donations to Delight

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to the charity—we have been able to give them lots of books that they can share with other children.



Easter Football Camp—Powell Corderoy

Please use the following link to find out more information about the Football Camp taking place at Powell Corderoy over the Easter holiday:

<https://esecoaching.com/powell-easter-camp-registration/>

Easter School at St Martin's by Production Bugs

Please see the attached poster for an Easter Workshop Week taking place at St Martin's School Monday 6th—Thursday 9th April.

Mindfest 2020 at Ashcombe School

On Wednesday 1st April, from 5-9 pm, Ashcombe school are hosting Mindfest—please see the attached poster for more information.

Key Stage 2 Creative Competition

Help Blue Cross To Find Britain's Most Heroic Tails!

National pet charity Blue Cross is calling for all Key Stage 2 animal lovers and aspiring artists in your school to enter a new creative competition - where they will be given the opportunity to design a movie poster all about their favourite 'su-purr' hero!

For further information and terms and conditions of entry please visit bluecross.org.uk/postercomp. The closing date for entries is **3pm on Friday 15th May**. All entries must be sent to bluecross@thephagroup.com or sent in the post to 'Blue Cross Competition, The PHA Group, 115-117 Wardour Street, London, W1F 0UN' by this date.

Families magazine

Please find the link to your local Families publication below. The publication provides local news and information, health and education advice for families. It is a great recourse for you to find out about local clubs, classes and other family related businesses available in the area. The What's On section is extremely useful, especially during the holidays!

<https://bit.ly/32uIE5i>

Advice for parents—Roblox and TikTok

We have included attachments of very useful checklists for parents to keep their children safe when using TikTok and Roblox.

Surrey Council user voice and participation surveys

The User Voice and Participation team at Surrey County Council are running a survey for children and young people to share their views on the things that matter to them. We want to check in with Surrey children and young people and ask about their community, their health and happiness and give them a forum to have their voices heard. If successful we'll run this survey annually to consider the impact of service changes, the differences across the demographics and how the needs of our children may adapt.

If you would like your child to take part in the survey, please click on the following links:

The OUR voice survey for Primary – 4-11 years

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey-primary/>

The OUR voice survey for Secondary/College – 11/12-25 years

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/our-voice-matters-survey/>

The Big Survey for Care Leavers – 18-25 years.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/big-survey-2020>

The Big Survey for Looked After Children – 7-17 years.

<https://www.surreysays.co.uk/csf/7-17-big-survey-2020>

Happy Families Parenting Consultancy

Details are attached of the next Positive Parenting workshop which is being held in Shere on Friday 20th March 2020 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. The intention of these workshops is to build parent's confidence and skills to help nurture confident, resilient children. It is a safe, supportive, non judgmental environment in which they learn tools and strategies that are easy to implement and make an amazing difference.

Job Vacancy—Dorking Nursery School—Maternity cover

Dorking Nursery School is looking for an experienced early years teacher to cover a maternity leave working in our nursery with children aged 3 to 5 years. Please see attached flyer for more details.

Message from Dorking Tennis Club

"Many thanks to St. Paul's School for allowing us to present at school assembly. We always enjoy coming in and meeting the pupils. We hoped they enjoyed our fun and energetic efforts!

We have lots of tennis options at Dorking Lawn Tennis & Squash Club for all ages, including parents, so everyone is welcome to contact us on dorkingtennis@gmail.com for more information. The attached flyer gives details for junior group coaching. Many thanks for welcoming me and supporting tennis." - Head Coach Brian Love

