



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have had a good couple of weeks and that any of the children (and adults) who have been unwell recently are feeling much better. We do ask if your child has had an upset stomach or is sick, that they do not return to school for 48 hours after their last episode.

Last week we sent out an important reminder about the road up from the church being a 'no movement' zone for school traffic at drop-off and pick-up times. I cannot stress how important this is, as the safety of the children is so important. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who are walking that little bit extra—it makes a big difference. It is lovely to see that there are lots of children who are wearing the badges they are earning for walking that little bit extra everyday.

Linked to their learning about Ancient Greek times, last Friday Year 5 had a wonderful time dressed up in various Ancient Greek costumes—they took part in different activities throughout the day which the children (and adults) enjoyed very much. Please see the next page to find out more about what they got up to.

On Wednesday this week, KS2 were treated to an amazing assembly from Hawthorn class, who transported us back to the Victorian times. They informed us about the history of Dorking and used their great acting skills to demonstrate what it was like to be in a Victorian school—I think that the children prefer what school is like today!

This week, lots of children from Juniper class have been testing out their cycling skills by taking part in Bikeability (even in the damp and dreary weather). Next week, Elm class will have their turn and I hope that the weather is a little better for them.

Preparations are now well under way for our different Christmas services that are taking place over the upcoming weeks and we currently have a very festive Christmas tree in the school hall - provided via FOSPA and decorated by the children from Action House. Please check out our list of dates on the next page that will tell you about times and locations of the different services. We are starting to get the school ready for our Christmas Fair on Saturday 7th December and I hope to see lots of you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bryan and Ms Lanham



Dear St Paul's School,

A massive thank you to the staff, parents and pupils of St Pauls School for your amazing food collection at Harvest this year. In total you donated 92.14Kgs of food, all of which will be given out in the next 6 weeks to support families in our community who struggle to buy enough food to feed themselves this Christmas.

Thank you - You have made a real difference this year.

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Ali Studley

for Dorking Area Foodbank

Please find attached details of various events and local information which may be of interest.



Please note that there will be free parking in all Mole Valley car parks in Dorking on the following dates:

Saturday 7, 14 and 21 December

Friday 20 December



FOSPA Cinema Club

Thank you to FOSPA, parent volunteers and staff who ran the Cinema Club last Friday. The children had a great evening watching The Secret Life of Pets 2. The children love coming back into school wearing their pyjamas and bringing their pillows.



Guildford Cathedral—Nativity Scene

Guildford Cathedral has a lovely nativity scene inside the Cathedral and we were asked to contribute to this by making a King. Some of the Faith Team from KS2 worked with Mrs Cruickshank, Miss Masters and Mrs



Bradshaw over the last 3 weeks to design and make a King that could be used within the scene. The King has been safely delivered to the Cathedral this morning and makes up the Nativity scene that is going to be in the Cathedral over the Christmas period. You are all more than welcome to go and visit the Cathedral over Christmas and see if you can spot where our King is! Thank you to the Faith team and the teachers involved in making such a great character.

Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- **2nd Dec - Full Orchestra Rehearsal, 1.45 pm**
- **6th Dec - School Orchestra Christmas concert after school**
- **7th Dec - St Paul's Christmas Fair , 12 noon**
- **10th Dec - KS2 Christmas Service, 9.30 am**
- **10th Dec - KS1 Christmas Service, 2 pm**
- **11th Dec - YR Nativity, 9.30 am school hall**
- **11th Dec - KS2 Christmas Service, 7 pm**
- **17th Dec - Christmas Lunch**
- **20th Dec - End of Term, 1.30 pm**
- **6th Jan - Inset Day (school closed to pupils)**
- **7th Jan - First Day of Spring Term for children**
- **10th Jan - Y4 Cake Sale**
- **14th Jan - Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop**
- **16th Jan - Y1 & Y3 Swimming (every week)**

Greek Day—Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed dressing up last week for their fantastic Greek Day. They learnt how it felt to be an Athenian, including how they made important decisions and battle strategies as well as finding out about all aspects of Ancient Greek life.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Tuesday 17th DECEMBER

The deadline for Christmas lunch ordering was today but we can accept any further orders at drop off on Monday morning. If your child already has school lunches you do not need to make any payment. We will also be raising money for Shelter on this day by wearing Christmas jumpers and requesting a £1 donation from each child.

