



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very long and busy half term with lots of great learning going on throughout the school. We hope that you were all able to make parents' evening over the last two weeks - if you were unable to attend for any reason, please contact the class teacher at the end of the day, or via the school office, to make an appointment.

This morning the whole school went down to St Paul's church for our end of half term service. This half term we have been focusing on our value of Respect and thinking about how important it is to treat others how we would like to be treated. Our service today focused on making sure that we show we are thankful for all that we receive. Dorking Foodbank are incredibly grateful for all of the donations that were taken to the church this morning. Your donations make a real difference to so many local families - thank you.

This year, as well as having our Star of the Week board, we also have a Values Board. Many children have received a certificate for showing our school values within class and we are looking forward to handing out even more next half term. Lots of the children are consistently showing our values of respect, perseverance, wisdom, trust, hope and compassion and we will be continuing to work on these throughout the year so that we can all aspire to be the best that we can be.

As well as lots of great learning, we have also had many sporting fixtures. We have had many children represent St Paul's in football and cross country and it has been great to see that the children are demonstrating the school values and showing great perseverance. Thank you to all the staff and parents who have supported the children in being able to achieve this.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants today. Mrs Rose, who was in Year 1 last year and Year 2 this year, is leaving us today. We would like to thank her for all her hard work at St Paul's. We will miss her working at school and we wish her the very best for the future.

I have spoken to Mrs Alden recently and she has very much enjoyed hearing about all of the great things that the children have been doing at school. I know that lots of parents and children have been asking about her and she really appreciates all of your kind words and prayers while she continues her treatment.

We hope that you all have a relaxing and well deserved half term and come back ready for a new half term. A reminder that Monday 4th November is a staff INSET day, so the children will be coming back on Tuesday 5th November.

Best wishes,

Mrs Bryan and Ms Lanham



Thank you from FOSPA:

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to the FOSPA Quiz Night on Monday, and a further thank you to everyone else who supported the event by purchasing raffle tickets. I'm pleased to let you all know that we raised £1065 for FOSPA at this event.

Please find attached details of various events taking place locally which we have been asked to share with you.



Year 6 Book Club

On Wednesday 23rd October, several Year 6 children came to Book club with Miss George and Mrs Eborn in Elm Class.

Over this half term, the majority of the year have read a book called SKY HAWK by Gill Lewis. At book club we talked about what we had read. If you have not read SKY HAWK then it is an amazing book set in the Scottish mountains on a farm, inhabited by ospreys.

There are four main characters in the story: Iris, who is an osprey, Callum, who lives on a farm, Iona, a girl who befriends Callum and tells him about ospreys, and Jeneba, an African girl, who can't walk and is in hospital having live saving treatment on her legs.

To quote Izzy, 'Iris was my favourite character because the author described her as if she was a person.'

Next half term, we are going to be reading A BOY CALLED HOPE by Lara Williamson as our book. If you want to join and you are in year 6, see Miss George to find out more.

Taken from Alice's report on the school website



Year 3— Keeping Teeth Clean!

Year three have been learning about healthy teeth as part of their science topic, Food Glorious Food, this half term.

Having discussed why and how we should look after our teeth, this week, the children have been brushing their pearly whites using disclosing tablets. The disclosing tablets turn the plaque on their teeth purple so the children could see where they needed to concentrate

Dorking Library Short Story Competition

Dorking Library is running a short story competition.

The story has to be spooky, creepy or scary and consist of up to 500 words. The top prize is a box set of Anthony Horowitz books, with other prizes for the runners up. It would be suitable for children around 8 - 12 years. A poster and a template have been attached which you can use if you wish, although the children are welcome to use or design their own. Entries need to be brought or posted to Dorking Library by Monday 11th November. Happy

Year 5 and 6 Choir

Year 5 and 6 choir had their first gathering this week and have learnt their first song. We are hoping to attend different events leading up to Christmas and are getting our tinsel ready! If any other children in Year 5 and 6 are interested, the next rehearsal will be during lunch on Tuesday 5th November.

Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- 28th Oct to 1st Nov - Half Term
- 4th Nov - Inset Day (School Closed to Pupils)
- 6th Nov - Juniper Class Assembly
- 7th Nov - Open morning (new parents) 9.30 am
- 8th Nov - Open morning (new parents) 9.30 am
- 8th Nov - Y6 Donut Sale after school
- 11th to 14th Nov - Book Fair in school
- 11th Nov - Orchestra Strings rehearsal
- 12th Nov - Y6 to Ashcombe production
- 12th Nov - Orchestra Guitars rehearsal
- 13th Nov - Elm Class Assembly
- 13th Nov - Orchestra Wind/Brass rehearsal
- 22nd Nov - FOSPA Bottle Tombola Collection/ Mufti Day
- 22nd Nov - Y5 Greek Workshop
- 22nd Nov - FOSPA Cinema Club
- 25th Nov to 6 Dec - Y6 Bikeability
- 27th Nov - Hawthorn Class Assembly
- 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

Our Surrey Arts brass teacher, Mr Stott, is offering a free taster lesson in school. If your child is interested please call him on 07958 3692 to arrange.

From our Year 6 Reporter:

Last Friday Year 6 went to the Imperial War museum in London to consolidate and enhance their learning on World War 1 and 2. They were fortunate enough to have the opportunity to listen and interview two men who were evacuated from the South East during World War 2. They asked excellent questions to the evacuees who were really impressed by their questioning and listening skills. During the day, they also visited the World War 1 and World War 2 galleries. Many of the children particularly liked the model trench; model of a house from World War 2 and the different weapons on display from both wars. The children were a credit to the school and gained lots from this trip.

