



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Inspiring Learning, Nurturing Wholeness

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you all had a lovely Easter break and that you and your children feel suitably rested and refreshed ready for the term ahead. We have had a lovely first week back with children launching into new and exciting units of learning. We have also used a donation given to us from the old Action House to replace all of the flooring throughout the school. We now have very smart laminate throughout the corridors and it has certainly given the school a dramatic modernising face lift! It looks really smart and the children were certainly wowed at the change. We are so grateful for this donation and we are all loving the new look! Many of you who have popped in this week have commented on the lightness and brightness of the space.

As you know we have made some changes to our Online Safety Policy and in-school procedures. This also includes parental consent forms related to use of IT. Please could you read overleaf for further details about this and use the link to access the appendices and to then give your consent. We need this completed by **all** of our school families so please can you make this a priority.

Mrs Edwards and myself attended a webinar this week that articulated the pathway Surrey Mindworks is taking regarding support for children and families in relation to neurodiversity. Within the meeting they made reference to their website and the wealth of resources that are available for parents, it is well worth a look. In particular they signposted us to their information and resources section where they have posted a series of training videos called "Navigating the Maze—a toolkit of the strategies for parents of neurodivergent children". This is a six week online course they have made available for parents. This may well be of interest to you. [Navigating the Maze - online workshop :: Mindworks Surrey \(mindworks-surrey.org\)](https://www.mindworks-surrey.org)

Clubs restart next week in school and as you know we have tried an online registration for this term. You should have heard if your child has a place for their selected club (as I am afraid numbers in some clubs had to be limited) by the end of today. If you are not sure, please speak to one of the team in the office next week. We welcome Mrs Julie Newman to the school office team. Julie will be working on Mondays and Wednesdays. Julie's children were at St Paul's so she may well be a face you recognise.

Thank you for helping your children to be ready for the new term with their stationery needs. Please do remember our stationery shop as we have all of the necessary resources for you to buy at cost price. Please then help your child to label their belongings as they all look the same! See attached the price list and information about how to make a purchase.

We welcomed a few new families at the start of this term and towards the end of last term. We welcome you to our school family and please do make yourself known to parents within your year group. Where you stand at the end of the day is quite a safe determiner that people near you have children in the same year group!

Have a restful weekend, Mrs Alden

2nd Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a 2nd hand uniform sale in the car park after school on Monday, weather permitting!
Anna is happy to take donations (including old phased out uniform)
Please email Anna directly at annamusgrave81@gmail.com if you are available to help with the sale.



Allergies Please can we remind you not to send your children in with anything containing nuts or sesame, including snack bars, as there are both children and staff at school with severe allergies. Thank you

Safeguarding at St Paul's

The Safeguarding team at St Paul's is led by Mrs Bryan (the Designated Safeguard Lead—DSL) and we have four deputy safeguarding leads (DDSLs)—Mrs Alden, Mrs Moore, Mr Hill and Mrs Shaw. Everyone in the school takes responsibility for safeguarding and alongside that pupil welfare, but this particular team ensure that if concerns are raised, these are followed up and the necessary actions are taken where needed. They also ensure that all of the school team are well trained and abreast of current thinking. If you ever have a concern and you wish to speak to one of us, please don't hesitate. If you would like to share something via e mail, do use our specific e mail address:

DSL@stpauls-dorking.surrey.sch.uk

Here to listen: our safeguarding team

Designated safeguarding lead (DSL): Mrs Lynsey Bryan
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Deputy DSL,
Mrs Ann Alden



Deputy DSL,
Mr Dan Hill



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Mrs Jane Shaw



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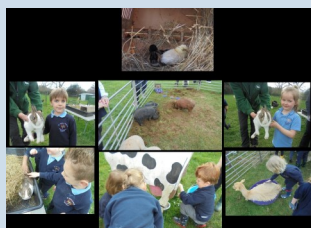


Reception—Mill Cottage Farm

Reception were so excited to have the farm visit them today! (Thursday 21st March) The children have been reading 'A Farmer's Life for me' in school to help them learn about the different jobs a farmer might have to do. Farmer Tom and Ruth brought a lovely variety of animals, including piglets, goats, lambs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, chicks, rabbits, donkeys, guinea pigs and their lovely dog Alfie!

The children really enjoyed milking the wooden cow Daisy, brushing the goats, and sheep and stroking the rabbits and guinea pigs. Farmer Tom taught us about the difference between male and female birds, e.g. the hens lay eggs, but the cockerels/roosters do not. The male duck (drake) has a softer quack, and a female duck (hen) has the loud quack we are used to hearing!

Max – "You get mittens from their (sheep) wool."
Jannatul – "I like rabbits"
Alfie – "The dog's got the same name!"



Year 4 Roman Day



Year 4 took a trip back in time for their Roman Day. With a huge thank you to all our wonderful parents, they all looked the part, dressed as Romans for the day and joined in with great enthusiasm. They were thrilled and excited by a visit from the Hobgoblin Theatre company, putting on an interactive production named 'The Wall.' Following the show, the children took part in a theatre workshop, developing their knowledge about the Romans and the characters in the play. The rest of the day was spent completing Roman themed art and history activities. The children had a really fabulous day.



Dates for the Spring Term (new info in RED)

- Mon 22nd April—2nd hand uniform Sale after school (Lane, weather permitting!)
- Thurs 25th April—Interschool swimming gala
- Mon 29th April—Y3 Primary Schools Music Festival (Dorking Halls)
- Thurs 2nd May—Cedar Class Assembly 9am
- Wed 8th May—Ash Class Assembly 9am
- Mon 13th May—Fri 17th May—Y5 PGL
- Mon 27th May—Fri 31st May—Half Term
- w/c Mon 24th June—Art week
- Tues 25th June—Y4 Tilgate Nature Reserve
- Wed 26th June—Y1 Brooklands
- Wed 3rd July—KS1 Sports Day
- Fri 5th July—Reserve KS1 Rainy Sports Day
- Fri 12th July—KS2 Sports Day
- Wed 17th July—Reserve KS2 Rainy Sports Day
- Thurs 18th July—Open Afternoon & Art Exhibition
- Mon 2nd Sept, Tuesday 3rd Sept—INSET days
- Wed 4th Sept—Start of the Autumn term

YEAR 3



This week, year 3 have been investigating settings in English. We have been looking at new vocabulary and we have used lots of inspiration to immerse them into Dinosaur land. As dinosaur noises were in the background and setting pictures were being shown, children explored the smells and textures of different exotic fruit, the feeling of bark grass and leaves through their fingers and then looked carefully at different rocks. They created amazing noun phrases ready to create high quality setting descriptions! We even had a visitor in class ... a 6 foot dinosaur!!



Action Needed

Online Safety Policy - Acceptable Use Agreements and Parental Consent

As previously mentioned in the Newsletter at the end of last term, the guidance for children's Online Safety and IT use in school has recently been amended. Following this, we have updated our Online Safety policy, including the appendices for Acceptable Use (EYFS/KS1 and KS2) and also the Parental/Guardian Consent - both of these need to be acknowledged by parents. Please read these Appendices (there are links to these in the Microsoft Form linked below) and then complete the MS Form to confirm that you have read and agree to the contents. If you would prefer to complete these on paper, they are available in the School Office. The full Online Safety Policy is available on the School website.



[Updated Online Safety Policy - Acceptable Use Agreements and Parental Consent. \(office.com\)](#)

Stationery Shop

Please order and pay for all stationery on Scopay and then your child can collect a slip from the office and collect their stationery from the shop in Elm class every lunchtime 12:05—12:15. The stationery shop price list is attached.

Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have been busy this week in maths learning to measure in metres and centimetres. Can you do anymore measuring at home with a ruler or tape measure? Why don't you measure everyone in your family?

They have also started learning all about Henri Rousseau who painted this picture of the tiger in a tropical storm.

We are getting excited about doing a tiger picture for the art exhibition (whole school) which parents will be invited to see in July.

