



St. Paul's Dorking

Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy and successful half term here at St Paul's. Thank you for coming to Parents' Evening this week - it was lovely to see you all and for your child's teacher to have the opportunity to discuss successes and next steps for learning. If you were unable to attend, please do make an after school appointment. This communication is so important to your child's education.

We have had a number of highlights this half term: the children led a lovely service in the church this morning concluding our half termly theme of 'Thankfulness'. The year 6 children who shared the gospel reading in such a creative manner helped us to really understand the Parable of the Sower. We have also had some sporting highlights; coming first and second in the cycling event at Trinity, Leatherhead this week - we have another smart trophy for our window sill ; an extremely successful cross country competition where we gained the top five places in the Year 5/6 boys' event - something no other school has ever achieved; and a successful competition for the Year 5/6 boys' football team. Thank you to all of those who helped prepare the teams and for those children who gave their all. Thank you too to the children who were always polite, well mannered and good sports when taking part. People often remark that St Paul's children are always so well behaved and respectful.

Respect has been one of our Christian values that we have been really considering this half term. As a school we feel that this value is at the pinnacle of learning and relationship building. Because we believe that God created all people with equal worth and the highest value, we respect everyone equally. We appreciate our differences through demonstrating politeness, courtesy and praise of others. We encourage everyone to have respect for themselves, afford dignity to all others, and show care and value for our environment. These are all avenues that we have explored through collective worship and class time this half term. For the next half term we are exploring our Christian value of 'Trust'.

I know I have mentioned this recently in my newsletters, and Mrs Grant sent you a letter this week in the context of 'Safer Routes to school', but I again need to bring up the subject of parking and driving near school at peak times. I am really worried as a small minority of people are driving too fast and are not considering the needs of others. Please really consider leaving a little earlier so that you can park further away from school safely and then walk the last part. We need to get along with our neighbours and quite a number have mentioned their concerns that people are parking in places that they shouldn't. The Mews and High Meadow are private and should not be used by our parents as parking spaces. We have also been contacted by the hospital as some parents are parking there. This car park is for people using the hospital only. The Mole valley parking attendants have been around today and did issue some fixed penalty fines for cars parked on double yellow lines. Please think about our value of respect and consider the needs of others before you park the car. Thank you.

We are aware that a number of the children in Year 5 and 6 walk home independently. This fosters independence and is a good preparation for secondary school. Some parents are allowing them to bring a phone to ensure they are safe but please can I remind you that before you do this they need a signed permission slip (these are available in the office) and are to be turned off and given in to their class teacher at the start of each day.

I am delighted to share some news with you. Last week we appointed a new deputy head to start here in January. Mrs Lynsey Bryan comes to us having been a deputy in a school in Croydon. She will come into school for a couple of days over the next few months and will start full time in January.

I trust you all have a very happy and safe half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 30th October.

Best wishes,

Mrs. A. Alden





Children's Art Competition

Our World, Our Future

Children are invited to design an eye-catching A4 poster to encourage people to look after Mole Valley, and the planet. They might like to focus on wildlife, recycling, saving energy or water, using less plastic, not wasting food, or the beauty of our area...it's up to them. All entries will be displayed at Dorking's very first ECO FAIR on Saturday 27th October from 10 am -12 noon at the Christian Centre. Please take your entry to the fair by 10.30 am on the day. The winner will be announced at 11.45 am . First prize will be a family ticket to the British Wildlife Centre (britishwildlifecentre.co.uk)

Dates for the Autumn Term (new info in RED)

- 29th October - INSET Day, school closed
- 6th November - Y6 to Ashcombe Production of *Beauty & The Beast*
- 8th & 9th November - Open Days, 9.30 am
- 9th November, Y6 Donut Sale
- 12th - 15th November - Book Fair
- 19th November - Years R to 5 Nasal Flu Vaccine
- Week commencing 19th November - Y6 Bikeability (Group 1)
- 23rd November - Muffi Day (Bring a Bottle)
- Week commencing 26th November - Y6 Bikeability (Group 2)
- 29th November - Y5 Greek Workshop (in school)
- 1st December - FOSPA Christmas Fair
- 5th December - School Orchestra Christmas Concert, School Hall, 3.30 pm
- 11th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church 9.30 am
- 11th December - KS1 Service, St Paul's Church 2 pm
- 12th December - Year R Nativity, School Hall
- 12th December - KS2 Service, St Paul's Church, 7 pm
- 13th December - Christmas Lunch
- 14th December - KS1 Pantomime in school
- 19th December - End of Term, 1.30 pm
- 3rd January - First Day of Spring Term

PLEASE FIND ATTACHED DETAILS OF FREE ONLINE COURSES OFFERED BY CHILDCARE EXPERTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL GIVING HELPFUL INSIGHT INTO CHILD AND TEENAGER BEHAVIOUR. THESE CAN BE FOUND AT :
SURREYCC.GOV.UK/LEARNONLINE



NEWS FROM ST PAUL'S CHURCH—LIGHT PARTY, 31ST OCTOBER 5 TO 6.30 PM

Tickets for this years **Light Party** are now on sale from the Church Reception (weekday mornings). £2.50/child or £6 for 3 or more siblings. The Light Party offers a super fun alternative to a scary hallowe'en. Details attached.

And don't forget to save Friday 30th November at 4 pm for the King's Chamber Orchestra Teddy Concert at St Paul's Church. Tickets on sale soon.



ORCHESTRA DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA WILL SOON BE BUSY REHEARSING FOR THEIR FABULOUSLY FESTIVE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT WHICH TAKES PLACE THIS YEAR ON WEDNESDAY 5TH DECEMBER. PLEASE SAVE THIS DATE AND COME ALONG TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN.



Rehearsal dates for orchestra members will be on: Friday 9th Nov; Monday 12th Nov and Friday 16th Nov (Sectionals to be confirmed)

**Full Rehearsals on Friday 23rd Nov and Mon 3rd Dec
CONCERT: Wed 5th December, School Hall**



JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE NEW KS2 AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB STARTING AFTER HALF TERM ON A FRIDAY. DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON A PARENTMAIL SENT ON 15TH OCTOBER.

