

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Dear Parents – Mrs. M. F. Johnson

Happy New Year, each new academic year is always an exciting one with so many new families to welcome. Each September I seem to start my newsletter with the same wording, thanking you for your wonderfully appreciative words and gifts at the end of the last academic year. This year I have noticed a slight change in the way parents say thank you. An increased number are choosing to send me an email sharing their appreciative thoughts with many specifically mentioning teachers, teaching assistants who they admire. This is such a lovely trend as even the most modest staff feel valued when the Head is sent a lovely message regarding them - thank you for valuing our exceptional staff.



When I heard the news that Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor had returned to God, I immediately thought of his family. It was shared that they were with him at his passing, and of course they would be, we know them well. The four children of one of Cardinal Cormac's nieces all attended St Paul's. Last year when our teachers visited Rome we had planned to attend Mass in the Venerable English College. As the date drew near we heard that ++Cormac was visiting to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his ordination. It was ++Cormac who said the

Mass in the very small chapel. How fortunate were we. As Bishop of Arundel and Brighton he gave his time to fill the Headteacher's spiritual cup, one always felt so much closer to God after time spent with ++Cormac. Requiescat in pace.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the class representatives who concluded their one year tenure in July, who do so much to keep the wheels well oiled. A number of class teachers speak of the value they place on their close working relationship with their class representative. I am also acutely aware of how you strengthen the school community by welcoming families who are new to the school and supporting those in need. In addition we are blessed with the parents who contribute to the Parents' Forum the value and insight has become an essential part of school improvement.

September seems the natural time to ensure new parents are informed of process and procedure; as such pages 2,3,4,6 & 7 are dedicated to sharing this information. Forgive me if I mention details current parents are already aware of, but many parents mention to me they find reminders very helpful.

:To Fr Jonathan, who has been awarded the "Bronze Wolf" **Award** is bestowed by the [World Scout Committee](http://www.worldscout.org) (WSC) to acknowledge "outstanding service by an individual to the World Scout Movement". It is the highest honour that can be given a volunteer Scout leader in the world and it is the only award given by the WSC. Since the award's creation in 1935, fewer than 400 of the several millions of Scouts throughout the world have received the award. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_recipients_of_the_Bronze_Wolf_Award



Mrs Hope on her wedding day

Headteacher's Awards - July 2016



Golden Boot Winners!
 Congratulations to **St Thomas** who were our 2017 winners

Unaccompanied Children

Mrs.O. DeMorais

If you wish your child to travel from school independently, please confirm your intention in writing to their current class teacher.

Parking

Mrs.L.Pryor

Please show consideration to our neighbours when parking locally. Please also be mindful when travelling on the roads around the school. Thank you for your cooperation



School Closure

As we move towards winter weather conditions, please note the procedures for school closure.

In extreme weather conditions, the school telephone line will be very busy; therefore information regarding school closure can be obtained via:

- our own website
- the Surrey website

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-closures> where you can search the Surrey schools directory

Congratulations to the following children

St Bernadette	Samantha D.	Austin F.	Otis B.
St Matthew		Sofia L.	Hendrix B.
St Luke	Annie G.	Louisa G.	Samuel G.
St Elizabeth	Olanna B.	Olivia W.	Rocco C.
St Francis	Olivia H.	Lily R.	Ray S.
St Mary	Gabriella C.	Annabelle E.	Dylan N.
St John	Parmin E.	Annie D.	Daniel T.
St Peter	Tallulah B.	Harry S.	Sophia D.
St Joseph	Maximillian L.	Daniel P.	Anna S.
St Bernard	Alex H.	Joe F.	Harrison M.
St Anne	Rhiannon R.	Eloise T.	Connor W.
St Thomas	Charles M.	Spencer M.	Jacob R.
St Anthony	Tom K.	Teri O.	Gabriella S.
St Margaret	Seumas B.	Fahey S.	Aidan M.

Welcome to our school

We welcome to our school family the following children:

Sophie A.	Adam F.	Taylor P.
Max B.	Niamh G.	Neilan P.
Buddy B.	Oliver G.	Kristian P.
Florence B.	Eleanor G.	Julian R.
Ludwig C.	Joshua H.	Amelia R.
Sophia C.	Liliana H.	Martha S.
Hugh C.	Tess J.	Hanna S.
Sophie D.	Carter K.	James S.
Benedict D.	Mimi K.	Benedict S.
Lily D.	Ross L.	Lucy T.
Noa D.	Maxim M.	Theodore T.
Lucia D.	Olivia M.	Luca V.
Riley E.	Aimee M.	George W.
Alex E.	Alannah M.	Aoife Y.
Mia F.	Kathryn M.	
Ella Mae F.	Aurelia M.	

Class Representatives 2017/18

St Matthew	Anna Gilmore/ Maeve Walsh
St Bernadette	Deb Meacham/ Rachel Joice
St Luke	Heather Phillips/Naomi Brenchley
St Elizabeth	Gail Swing / Lucy Davenport Jones
St Francis	Belinda Midgley /Tarryn Andrews/Karen Wise
St Mary	Rachel Joice/Louise Barnes
St Peter	Ciara Danes/ Patty Curley
St John	Renia Cassell/Aisling McGuire/Rhiannon Skivington
St Bernard	Suzanne Rowan, Keetje Gull and Heather Brun.
St Joseph	Lisa Lines / Celeste Da Silva
St Anne	Roisin McHugh / Inga Sheppard
St Thomas	Sarah Green/ Kirsty Carney
St Anthony	Nuala Kearney / Germaine Gillman.
St Margaret	Sara Tickner / Janet Downer



Easy Fundraising – Mr. T. Cooper , Parent

Hello ladies and gents and welcome to an autumnal update regarding our progress on www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stppatd/

The website allows you to make donations to our PTA (SPPA) while just going about your usual day to day online shopping. Registration is quick and easy and then just one extra click registers you for donations when shopping. Most major retailers are listed. Please do not forget to Gift Aid it as well. Easy Fundraising can also be used via the App on all mobile devices. There really is almost nothing that you cannot get through Easy Fundraising.

So far our total raised is £7975.62 (on 26th September) with 177 supporters (2 new ones since my last ramblings so welcome). However reception appears to be full so there must be more new parents who really do not know what they are missing. Let's aim for £9000 by the end of 2017.

This month I am mostly focusing on the fact that Aer Lingus now donate and if you combine this with Hertz car rental at Dublin airport then your Christmas trip home to visit one of your many Catholic relatives (Paddy O'Doors or Demot O'Logy to name but two) can really help the school. Those new front gates aren't going to maintain themselves you know.

Have an exceptional month and, as always, thank you to everyone on board and let us please keep trying to get more supporters. This is the key thing to our success

Key Stage 2 Field Clothes-

Mrs. H. Mourzag

After the success of last year, 'field clothes' returns again for Key Stage 2 children after October half-term.

Children in Years 3-6 are invited to bring in a pair of old trainers and a set of old clothes (large enough to wear over their uniform).

Wearing these clothes, one year group per day will go onto the field for football or free play at lunchtime.

All items must be in a named carrier bag; shoes and clothes must be labelled. These will be sent home at the end of each half-term. Please note that St Paul's P.E. kit cannot be used as field clothes.

Cycle shed & dismantling in the school grounds

Mrs. L .Smith

The school insurance does not cover bicycles or scooter. These may be left at owners' risk. Please also ensure that you lock your bikes. For safety reasons, no cycle or scooter should be ridden in school grounds, please remember to dismount at the school gates

Charity — Mrs. H. Townsend

Our harvest celebration will take place on Wednesday, 18th October 2017 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. It would be very much appreciated if the children could each bring a harvest gift in to school on this morning in either a decorated cardboard box or a similar container that would be non-returnable. The children will need to be able to carry their own gift as they process into the church. They will then hand it over to Father Rob or one of his helpers. Parents are asked not to bring in their child's offering for them, as this takes away from the child's experience of giving something tangible to help others. We would welcome non-perishable foods, tinned foods, tea, cereals, dried pasta, rice etc.

Enrichment - Mrs. S. Rawsthorne

Are you in possession of an unusual or interesting skill? Would you be able to run an Enrichment session for some children in Key Stage 2? Every Friday from 2.15-3pm, all of the Key Stage 2 teachers, several teaching assistants and some other lovely parental volunteers like you run classes for the children. We have been blessed over the last couple of years to have volunteers running classes in musical theatre, drawing, cartoon animation, novel-writing, karate, dog-grooming and film. This is only the tip of the iceberg! There are many other brilliant classes that have been run and now we need you! If you feel you have a skill to offer, or could team up with a couple of other parents to run some sessions, please get in touch using the attached form.

Why St. Paul's doesn't 'do' Halloween

– Fr. Rob Esdaile

Halloween has become increasingly popular in recent years. How should we respond as Christians to that date in the 'secular' calendar? There's no need to regard Halloween celebrations as evil, nor to criticise those who do make a party out of it. But we should help our children to focus their reflections on the Christian faith that underlies (and undercuts) this modern pagan festival. After all, the name of the day is itself a contraction of 'All Hallows Eve' - in other words, the night before the Feast of All Saints.

Long before pumpkins were carved into masks in the New World, large root vegetables (swedes and manglewurzles) were being made into lanterns in England on October 31st to guard the graves of deceased loved ones - a sign of Easter Faith, the victory of the light of Christ over the darkness of sin and death.

That should be our focus, the story we are telling our children this October 31st,

Secondary School Application 2018/2019 – Mrs. L. Busuttill

Deadline for secondary school applications for Year 6 pupils is 31st October. However Surrey County Council suggests you submit your application by 20th October 2017 which is the Friday before the half term holiday



Mr Dennis Little

Surrey Arts Music Lessons – Mrs. L. Pryor

Surrey Arts provide music lessons for pupils who would like to learn to play a musical instrument. Lessons normally take place during the school day and include brass, woodwind, strings, piano and guitar. Please visit

<http://www.surreycc.gov.uk> and search for Surrey Arts for further details and to download an application form. Alternative call direct on 01483 519303 or email: surreyarts@surreycc.gov.uk



inviting them to think about the Communion of Saints - and to pray, calmly and confidently, for the members of their own families who have gone before them to God. It's an opportunity to speak with them about what happens to people who die and about our Christian hope.

This year **The Feast of All Saints** will be celebrated on **Tuesday, November 1st** and **All Souls Day** (officially 'The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed') on the 2nd November. That is also an important opportunity to remember loved ones and to help your children entrust them to God. Most parishes also have a Book of Remembrance or other ways of naming those we have lost at this time of year. Why not take your child to see it or to light a candle in church for your loved ones who have died? Our Lady of Lourdes will be open through the day on November 3 to let you do that.

Information from Subject Leaders

Dennis Little Awards - Mrs. O. DeMorais

On Thursday, 21st July 2016, the whole school took part in a special assembly to watch the presentation of the Dennis Little Awards. Mr Little was a volunteer who listened to children read for many years at St Paul's.

Each year, a child in each class is chosen to win a book. The children are chosen based on their use of intonation and expression, and ability to talk about the book they are reading. The prizes are purchased using money donated to St Paul's by Mr Little's family to commemorate his love of reading with children.

This years' winners are:

St Matthew	Ewan M.	St Peter	Billy A.
St Bernadette	Eli S.	St Bernard	Ayla P.
St Elizabeth	Amelie M.	St Joseph	Essie G.
St Luke	Emily W.	St Anne	Anthony F.
St Francis	Leo U.	St Thomas	Anna N.
St Mary	Emily D.	St Anthony	Sam M.
St John	Maria B.	St Margaret	Millie M.

Many congratulations to the winners!

MUSIC- Miss. S. McLean

At the beginning of the school year, it seems a perfect moment to say a few thank yous. Firstly to Liz Neaves-Thomas for her dedication to the school orchestra. Alongside her team of parent helpers, Liz has created a wonderful welcoming environment for children to learn to play in an ensemble together.

If your child is in KS2 and is having instrumental lessons, or if they wish to play percussion, they are warmly invited to sign up for the school orchestra.

We were very fortunate last year to have had a team of volunteer accompanists playing for us in our masses throughout the year: Marilyn, Liz Neaves-Thomas, Brian Tatam and Helen Vanstone.

If you are a musician and could spare an hour a week after school on a Wednesday to help out with the orchestra, or if you would like to accompany the masses on the organ, piano or guitar, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Finally, if your child is interested in learning to play an instrument at school this year, please contact the school office who can put you in touch with Surrey Arts. We currently have visiting tutors offering piano, violin, recorder, flute, guitar and brass instruments.

PE. – Miss. E. Lucas

Infant Sports Day

The weather held off for our infants sports day and we could not have asked for more from the children. They shone whilst showing great sporting achievement as well as exemplary sportsmanship displayed, resulting in an electric atmosphere enjoyed by the whole school community! A big thank you goes to our year 6 children on the day, who not only marshalled all events but motivated and supported the infants throughout. A triumph of a day! Well done to all involved!



Junior Sports Day- Miss. E. Lucas

Yet another great morning of sport! The juniors battled it out house by house, showing respect and healthy competition for their fellow teammates and opponents – this certainly added to an incredible atmosphere shared amongst adults and children! The high jump finals yet again produced some excellent entertainment and a huge well done to all the children, who really showed off their sporting ability on the day!



Triathlon - Miss. E. Lucas

Class 5T took part in a Schools Triathlon run by IntoTri in Walton. For many of the children who took part, it was the first time they had competed in such an event. Class 5T entered 2 teams with some solo team members and others who did the race as a relay. They did brilliantly with such great enthusiasm and sportsmanship. No prizes were won this time, but they are all keen to compete again in September.



Foundation Stage- Miss. A. DeJesus and Mr. B. Goddard

What a wonderful start to the year we have had! Smiley faces all-round!! The children have loved coming in and exploring their classroom, both inside and outside and have learned lots of new things with new people. They have been really fantastic and have shown great independence. The school and in particular, the dining hall and the infant playground have been a great adventure for the children and they have enjoyed every bit of their journey so far. We look forward now to more learning, fun and excitement as we prepare pupils for Harvest and, dare I say, yes it is nearly that time, our Christmas Nativity. Wow! What a treat. Happy times await us all.

Active kids vouchers

Miss. E. Lucas

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our huge amount of Sainsbury's active kids vouchers. This year the main focus of the voucher will be to update and add to our play equipment shed for both KS1 and KS2. This alongside the new KS2 gym will certainly give the children lots of opportunities to keep fit next year.

Junior Library – Mrs. L. Hope

St. Paul's is a school that relies on the wonderful support of parental volunteers. The junior library has been a fantastic new addition to the school over the last couple of years. We currently need volunteers for afternoons to run the junior library from 3:20-4pm. All volunteers must be DBS checked which can be done via the school office. This would be a lovely opportunity to help nurture the children's love of reading and make access to fantastic books available to all.

If you feel you could help please contact Mrs Hope via the office at info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

Educational Visits

Reception trip to the Seaside – Miss. J. Nuttall & Miss. A. De Jesus

On Monday, 3rd July, 50 very excited Reception children spent a wonderful day at West Wittering Beach. Even though the journey was long, the children were so happy to see the seaside and immediately asked for their ice creams! (Only to be reminded that they would have to wait until after lunch.)

As the tide was out, we had the most amazing views of flat sand which was visible for miles. This made it a perfect setting for a sandcastle village, where the children competed in building sandcastles by working in pairs or groups to create masterpieces. Paddling in the shallow water was a great success, especially for those who 'somehow' got soaking wet. The weather was glorious and everyone had so much fun, that instead of a quiet journey back, it was full of excited chatter about their "best day ever!"

Thank you to all the parent helpers, who helped to make the day a very memorable one indeed!



News from the Office – Mrs. L. Smith

Going Home Arrangements – Mrs. L. Smith

We have many daily changes to 'going home arrangements' from parents due to children going home to other children's houses to play. In order to simplify the arrangements at 'going home time', teachers will allow your child to go home with



Nut and Sesame Seed Allergies

Mrs. S. Thuilliez

As you are aware, the school is a nut-free zone as we have a number of pupils with life-threatening allergies to various nuts and sesame. The reaction can occur when an allergic child is exposed either by eating nuts or sesame seed or in the presence of others who have eaten nut/sesame products in their pure form, e.g. peanut butter/sesame seed bars, hummus or rolls with seeds on them. The school caterers already have the necessary checking procedures in place, but we do need the help of the parents who provide packed lunches and also for the weekly cake sales. Your co-operation in checking all packaging to ensure no products containing these ingredients are brought into school is very much appreciated.

Medical Needs: School Clubs

Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Parents of all children with special medical needs must inform the leaders of any after-school clubs that they attend. Those leaders will need to be in a position to deal with any medical emergency that may arise. The school office staff will assist if they are available but the leaders may need to contact the parents directly. Any queries regarding medical issues whilst your child is at school should be addressed to Mrs.

Thuilliez at info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

[uk](mailto:info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk)

any other adult who is known to the class teacher, unless you notify the current teacher in writing that you only wish your child to be allowed out of school directly to you. School staff will not allow your child to go with any adult who is not known to them or who is not a school parent.

Change of school meals – Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Any changes to your child's school meal must be received via email to meals@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk or a letter to the office prior to the break of any term or half term.

School Improvements - Mrs. L. Smith

We are pleased to start back this September with a new automatic secure gate system at the front of the school. We hope parents feel this improves the schools safety and would like to thank parents for the additional money to support our LCVAP bid to complete the works. Mr Skivington and Mr McGuire have been the driving force for the fund raising and we Thank them both for this.

Absence – Mrs. L. Pryor

The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013, which became law on 1st September 2013 state that Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. The Headteacher should determine the number of school days a child can be away from school if leave is granted. In accordance with the above Regulations, requests for leave of absence are treated sympathetically, but only in exceptional circumstances can they be approved. The government policy, to which this school abides, states that parents who take their child out of school for five days or more during term time, without the authority of the Headteacher, will each be liable to receive a penalty notice. Penalty notices will be issued by the Local Authority. The penalty is £60 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice, rising to £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days of receipt of the notice. If the penalty is not paid in full by the end of the 28-day period the Local Authority must prosecute the recipient for failing to ensure regular school attendance under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

Please be aware that each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who incurs unauthorised absences, for example, if there are two parents and one child, each parent will receive one Penalty Notice. If there are two parents and two children incurring unauthorised absences, each parent will receive two penalty notices, which in this case would amount to £120 each.

The issue of a Penalty Notice will also be considered where attendance has fallen below 90% and there are no less than 10 unauthorised sessions (5 days) during the preceding 6 school weeks.

Absence figures are collated once a year and reported to parents on the spring term report. If a child is ill, it is the responsibility of the parents to ensure the school office receives a telephone message on the first day of absence from school. The school answerphone is on between 4.30pm and 8.30am for this purpose. In the event that the office has not received an explanation for a child's absence/lateness a member of staff will telephone the parents directly. This must be followed with a confirmation email when your child returns to class. If an email is not received on the day a child returns to school please note that the termly reports will indicate an unauthorised absence.

Lateness Figures – Mrs. L. Pryor

I am frequently impressed by the large number of children who are never late for class. I know how hard it is to be punctual when there is such a short time slot to travel to school.

To help identify if there is a problem, the class teacher will write to you on a termly basis, if your child has been late for class.

Attendance- Mrs. L. Pryor

As per the previous academic year, children will now receive a very special certificate for getting 100% attendance. These will be issued termly and for children achieving 100% for the full year, they will receive a badge and certificate. These certificates and badges will be given out in a celebratory assembly. As well as the

School Term Dates 2018-2019

An annual calendar for schools is published on the Surrey CC website. Please be aware that these dates are for guidance to schools, but individual schools can change these dates, though not the total number of days the school is in session. Only the St. Paul's Annual Calendar should be used when booking family holidays.

Please note these dates do not include all of the in-service training days which will be added when the school calendar is published

Autumn Term 2018

4th September–19th
December 2018 (inclusive)
Half term 22nd - 26th
October 2017

Spring Term 2019

3rd January –05th April 2019
(inclusive)
Half term 18th – 22nd
February 2019

Summer Term 2019

23rd April – 24th July 2019
(inclusive)
Half term 27th May – 31st
May 2019

Medical Information - Diarrhoea and Vomiting Mrs. S. Thuilliez

In accordance with Surrey County Council Guidelines the period for children to be kept from school is 48 hours after the last incident of diarrhoea or vomiting. Your co-operation with this requirement will help to stop any infection spreading in our school community.

Tissues

- Mrs. S. Thuilliez

As the autumn season is upon us, donations of boxes of tissues for the children would be very welcome! We will use these throughout the school to help with runny noses and snuffles. This will also give us the opportunity to remind the children of the NHS advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

above, we will be rewarding the class with the best attendance with our very special St Paul's mascot to look after for the following term.

School Nurse Service – Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Our pupils are supported by a school nursing service provided by Central Surrey Health, which is contracted by the NHS. The school nurses work as part of a wider 0-19 years Children and Families Service. These teams are committed to supporting the health, development and wellbeing of all those aged between 0-19 years. The 0-19 Team is comprised of specialist practitioner school nurses and health visitors, staff nurses, nursery nurses and clinical health assistants. Therapist such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists may also see children with specific needs.

The school nursing team provide:

- Health Screening
- Health Education as part of the school curriculum: for example, healthy life style choices
- Advice, support and referral to specialist services such as Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy
- School staff training on a range of medical issues e.g. use of Adrenaline Auto Injectors for children with allergies and asthma management
- Additional services for children and families with specific needs.

The school nursing team is also available to provide support to parents and carers on a range of health issues that may be concerning them, and where appropriate signpost to appropriate services. Further information including contact details can also be found on [CSH Surrey's website](#)

SPPA

St Paul's Parents' Association (SPPA)

SPPA extends a warm welcome to new parents and a 'welcome back' to everyone returning. We have an exciting programme of events this year providing opportunities for both parents and children to socialise and have fun while raising vital funds for our school.

Friday cake sales

Every Friday two classes are asked to provide homemade or shop bought cakes to be sold after school. This is a significant fundraiser and one of the highlights of the week for the children. Please support this activity by providing & buying cakes.

New Committee members – we need you!

We are looking for new members to join the SPPA Committee for 2017/18. Do you have ideas for new events or thoughts on how to improve existing ones? Would you like to take a lead on one of the events this year or be part of the supporting team? Could you organise the 2nd hand uniform sales or collect the money raised at the cake sales each Friday?

In particular we are looking for a **SPPA Lead**

Are you organised? Could you spare an hour or so per month?

Thank you to those who attended the SPPA AGM on 20th September and the SPPA meeting on 26th September. We really do need new members to come & join us so that we can continue to run our annual events & to ensure we have a fun and productive year ahead.

New members are very welcome at any time of the year so please contact us if you would like to be join us <mailto:sppa@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk>

Upcoming SPPA events for your diary

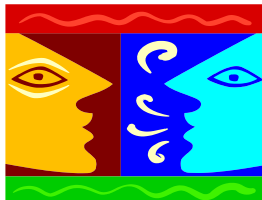
Friday 6th October – MUFTI day

Children can wear their home clothes to school in return for a bottle to be used at the Bottle Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to Year 4 St Josephs who will

Snacks at after school clubs –

Mrs. L .Pryor

If your child attends one of our clubs, please ensure that they bring a snack of fruit and water. Club leaders will monitor children who bring snacks to the club.



Parent to Parent

The last day for submission to the November newsletter is Wednesday 11th October. Please forward all wording as a Word attachment to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

Yoga

Yoga is for all- Adults, Teens, kids...

*Join me to stretch, strengthen and relax your body; you'll make your mind happy too in the process! Check out the *NEW* yoga and mindfulness course for the children at St Paul's (morning Club Tues/Thurs), the group Yoga classes in Thames Ditton (active or gentle restorative), the Events and the informal Meditation session with tea/coffee (every Thurs in TD). I am excited to share what I love and inspire whoever wants to join me on this journey. Sophia Kouame (Anton- Yr 5) www.sophiayogaforall.com 07944893904"*

be collecting bottles at the Front & Back gates.

Friday 10th November – MUFTI day

Children can wear their home clothes to school in return for a toy to be used at the Toy Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Toys should be new or nearly new and suitable for primary school children. Any soft toys must have their safety tags intact (the material tag sewn onto the toy showing the safety symbol). Thank you to Year 3 St Peters who will be collecting bottles at the Front & Back gates.

Friday 24th November – Collection for the Christmas Fair Surprises Room

Donations of new or unused gift items such as toiletries, bags, purses, scarfs, books for mums/dads/grandparents will be gratefully received. This has become one of the most popular rooms at the Fair. The children love choosing and presenting their gifts so please dig out and donate any unwanted gifts so that this room will be well stocked. Thank you to Year 3 St Johns who will be collecting donations at morning drop off at the Front & Back gates

Saturday 2nd December – Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair team have a wonderful afternoon of festive fun planned for everyone. This is a very special event and cannot run without everyone's help. The class reps will be in touch soon to let you know which stall your class will be responsible for. Please support them by volunteering for stall rotas. Many hands make light work and we'll all have fun in the process!

We are hoping to organise another Santa Fun Run – more details to follow!

We'd love to hear from you if you are interested in the many varied roles that enable SPPA to fundraise successfully for the school community. Please contact us on mailto:sppa@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk or come to the Committee meeting on 26th September (see above) – you'll be very welcome!

Parent to Parent

St Pauls Ladies Footicise - new players welcome!

We are a group of St Pauls Mums who get together for football, fitness and lots of fun every Wednesday from 7.45pm at Esher High Sports Hall. Please come join us!! No experience needed. All welcome. Starting Wednesday 20th September. For more info, please contact Elaine Malloy (elaineheywood99@hotmail.com) or Tara Sparrow (tarasparrow@hotmail.co.uk)

RideLondon 2018 – Ballot Now Open

A massive congratulations and thank you to the 2017 RideLondon team! The ballot for the 2018 St Paul's RideLondon team places is now open! Are you looking for a challenge for 2018? Did you feel inspired by watching the riders in the summer? Sign up now for the ballot to cycle 100 miles from London through the beautiful Surrey countryside on Sunday 29th July 2018. We have 5 places available. If selected in the ballot, you will need to pay a £70 entrance fee to secure your place and then commit to fundraising a minimum of £400 to cover the ballot fee and to raise money for the school. For more information and an entrance form, please email elaineheywood99@hotmail.com or Gavin.mcguire@gmail.com. For more information on the ride check out www.prudentialridelondon.co.uk. The ballot places will be drawn at the Christmas Fair! Good luck!

Dates for your Diary

Salesian Open Evening

Please be advised that Salesian School Open Evening is scheduled for Thursday 5th October 6pm-9pm. All welcome, no need to book. Talks in the hall at 6.30pm and 7.15pm.

October	Autumn Term
Wednesday 04 th	Feast of St Francis of Assisi 9.00am Reader Helper Training in Junior Library
Thursday 5 th	7.30pm Photography Safety Talk with Ian McGraw
Friday 6 th	SPPA Mufti Day 9.00am Parents' Forum Meeting
Tuesday 10 th	Year 3 will visit Haslemere Museum
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 will visit Butser Farm 9.30am St. Thomas Class Assembly. Parents naturally welcome. (Tea and coffee available in school hall from 9.00am. Class reps to organise). 6.30pm Talk for Parents whose children are going on the year 4, year 5 and Year 6 residential trips
Monday 16 th	Florence Nightingale Museum – Year 2
Tuesday 17 th	4.30pm Whole school parental interviews - to discuss targets, data and plans for the year - all clubs to be cancelled
Wednesday 18 th	9.30am Feast: St. Luke the Evangelist
Thursday 19 th	Whole school parental interviews - to discuss targets, data and plans for the year - all clubs to be cancelled
Friday 20 th	School closes for half-term (3.15pm for infants, 3.20pm for juniors)
Monday 30 th	School re-opens for pupils. All pupils should be wearing winter uniform

Enrichment (a termly commitment, once each week):

If you feel you have a skill to offer, or could team up with a couple of other parents to run some sessions, please complete the form below and return it to the school office via your child's book bag:

Your name: _____

Your child / children's name: _____

Child's class/es: _____

Contact email: _____

Suggested enrichment option: _____

Please contact me with any queries enrichment@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Rawsthorne