



St. Paul's Newsletter

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Dear Parents – Mrs. O. DeMorais



Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful Easter break. For those of you who do not yet know me, I write to formally introduce myself. As of Easter 2018, I have now taken over as Acting Headteacher of St Paul's. In part, this is (as I'm sure you can imagine) a daunting prospect: following in Mrs Johnson's footsteps is no easy task. Yet, it is also an incredible honour for me to lead such a wonderful school. Having worked here for the past five years, I have had the pleasure of forming relationships with a number of parents and seen many different families pass through the school. As I continue in this

new role, I look forward to meeting many more of you.

I do firmly believe that this school is uniquely special. The children here are phenomenal: you only have to read the articles below, listing all of their achievements in the last month alone, to see that.

You may have heard that there is a current crisis in terms of the numbers of people applying to become teachers, and the numbers of teachers leaving the profession. In this summer term, I am keen to ensure we retain our magnificent staff, of whom I am extremely proud: they all work incredibly long hours to ensure each child has their opportunities for learning maximised.

As a result of the re-structuring and in the absence of a Deputy Head Teacher, at this juncture, I am delighted to announce that Hayley Townsend has been promoted to become Assistant Headteacher: I know she will be fantastic in this role. Our other Assistant Headteacher, Warren Rodricks, is now in charge of Key Stage Two as a whole, responsible for the monitoring of both phase email accounts. Please do continue to email the Phase Leader accounts if you have any concerns, or good news to share.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so supportive - the messages I have received have been lovely, and truly demonstrate the kindness of the St Paul's community.

Headteacher's Awards

St Bernadette	Ella Mae Finney- Perez	Tess Joice	Erin Brass
St Matthew	Neilan Perera	Benedict Sleddon	Lucy Thompson
St Luke	Marnie Lane	Ethan Mantio	Iona Merson
St Elizabeth	Sam Eastwood	Daniel Malloy	Amelia Przezdziecka
St Francis	Freya Edge	Alice Midgley	Maddie Moffatt
St Mary	Lorenzo Bello	Annabel Sleddon	Emily Webb
St John	Maggie Green	Rhianne Sparrow	Ella Thordsen
St Peter	Annabelle Evans	Daniel Pietuch	Laura Sire
St Joseph	Chiamaka Brown	Niamh Lines	Macher Thomas
St Bernard	Fernandez Caitlyn	Daniel Mitchell-Toledo	Rafael Nawalker
St Anne	Henry Lunn	Oliver Meech	Eleanor Thorpe
St Thomas	Amy Carney	Ronan Crummy	Grace Gillan
St Anthony	Mia Johnstone	Arabella Johnson	Alice Kennedy
St Margaret	Spencer Melham	Thomas Miller	Rebecca Lumb

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Slip

Mrs Johnson's

Leaving Gift- Mrs Smith

I am pleased to let parents know that we collected a total of £1850.00 for Mrs Johnson's leaving gift. We were able to buy vouchers to the value of £1750.00 and flowers and champagne. The vouchers were for a Spa Resort in Ireland. We hope she enjoys using them.

Lost Property

-Mrs. A. Paterson

It's reached that time again when we all need that spring clean enthusiasm.

As part of a spring clean we have managed to accumulate quite a bit of lost property and would love to help reunite your children with their items.

Here are a few suggestions;

All clothing to be labelled with proper tags, that can not be washed or smudged.

No initials, as finding its way to the owner can be quite tricky.

Lost property items are set out every Friday, so please feel free to have a little rifle through and reunite items back to your child that would be very helpful.

Non-labelled items will be cleared from lost property either to the second hand uniform sale, or to charity every half term.



Fathers' Morning – 20th June – Mrs. S. Thuilliez

To recognise and to celebrate Fathers' Day each year we welcome our school fathers to spend the morning in school joining in with the children during their lessons. This year Fathers' Morning will take place on Wednesday 20th June. It's a wonderful opportunity for fathers to get involved and help out in the classroom, the children always enjoy themselves. Whether you feel you would like to help out generally or if you have a specific interest you would like to share, for example, your football/sporting skills, IT, drawing/artistic skills, singing, dancing, instrumental skills etc. We would love to welcome you into school. If you are able to offer some of your time, please complete and return the slip at the end of the newsletter and return by Friday 11th May. Please note that we are not able to accommodate late entries. Please be aware that in fairness to the children whose fathers are unable to join in with the morning – those attending will not be able to join their own children/year group.

Charity- Mr. J. North

Three years ago, I decided to grow my hair. A few years in, I met other people who were growing their hair and they were talking about how they grow it to cut it for charity. I had a look around for charities that donated hair to make wigs for people who have lost their own. I came across the Little Princess Trust. After doing my research, I discovered that last year they raised over £4,500,000. I decided then that this was the charity to donate to - making wigs for children who have been affected by cancer.

After three years of having luscious locks, it will be strange to go back to short hair but it is for a good cause. I hope you will all agree! If you would like to donate please see the link below:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/joshuanorth1>

Easy fundraising – Mr. T. Cooper

Happy post Easter period friends and I hope you have not eaten your entire body weight in Chocolate. This monthly update for Easy Fundraising will be the first of this new chapter for St Paul's and there really is almost nothing that you cannot get through Easy Fundraising. To register go to www.easypfundraising.org.uk then find St Paul's Parents Association - Thames Ditton

So far our total raised is £8823.42 (on 15th March) with 186 supporters. 2 new supporters since my last update and so thank you very much you wise people, you. Not a great month in terms of fundraising but every penny helps.

Hopefully by the time you see this, the sun will be shining and the days will be warmer. With this in mind I recommend Greenfingers.com (5%) for garden gifts or Gardenfurniture.com (3.5%) for, guess what. It is never too early to start planning for next year's world book day and Angels Fancy Dress (5%) could be the answer you have been looking for.

Thank you to everyone on board and let us please keep trying to get more supporters. This is the key thing to our success.

Home School Link Worker News – Mr. A. Cottington

Parenting Puzzle Course

Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – The Puzzle helps to provide them.

The Parenting Puzzle Nurturing Programme is a 10 week course that encourages and supports parents and carers to enjoy bringing up children of all ages and to get the best out of family life. It offers positive, practical ways of guiding children so they learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour.

The sessions are informal, fun and a great confidence booster.

The next course will be starting at: Cranmere Primary School, Esher on Tuesday 24th April 2018 6.45pm for a 7.00pm start, finishing at 9.00pm. There will be a break at half term. Please note parking will be allowed in the school car park, so please no parking in Aran Way.

Open to all parents and carers. There will be a cost of £40 per person or £50 per couple for the course which will cover the book and refreshments.

If you have any concerns re payment please give Teresa or Jo a call.

To find out more/book a place please contact Teresa Doe -07871079205





Educational Visits

Milestones Museum – Year 1 - Miss Willcox

On Friday 16th March, Year 1 visited the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke to investigate toys and games from the past. The children were transported back in time to the days of playing 'Hopscotch', 'Jacks' and 'Dominoes', a stark contrast to the modern technologies of today! The children were enthused and enthralled with the variety of games they could play using the most basic of equipment. A trip to 'Beale's Toy Shop' saw the children identifying how toys have evolved from Victorian times to now and their excitement for the trip has continued within our history lessons at school. A fascinating trip!



Great Fire of London tour- Year 2 – Mrs Townsend, Mr Birkbeck and Mrs Roberts

At the end of last term Year 2 followed a guided tour to learn more about the Great Fire of London. Our brilliant guides, Margaret and Philippa, showed us how to be detectives finding historical clues hidden within modern day London. We explored the streets where Samuel Pepys and Thomas Farriner lived and worked 350 years ago. We visited the monument built by Christopher Wren in memory of the fire and of course Pudding Lane, where it all started. We all had a wonderful day and the children were able to recall their knowledge they had already learnt in class. We were able to write using quills, dress up as Mr and Mrs Pepys, as well as explore historical ruins to understand what life would have been like at the time of the fire. All of year 2 would like to thank the parents, who generously gave up their time to accompany us.

Please see the lovely quote from the organisers:

Philippa and I would like to say a big thank to you both for bringing the children on our Great fire of London Day. It was such a pleasure for us to spend the day with you all. The children were terrific - so well behaved and respectful, yet full of fun. They were knowledgeable, inquisitive and enthusiastic. We are very much hoping that we will see you again next year.



Alice Holt- Year 3 team – Miss. A. Adams

Despite the weather Year 3 set off for Alice Holt Forest on the morning of the 15th. When we arrived, we were able to look at and handle amazing animal artefacts and natural objects, such as snakes skin, bird nests and woodland creatures skulls. Throughout the day both classes completed 3 activities; including a blind fold trail (we pretended to be moles), orienteering and a 'marvellous maps' activity, which included following a trail and making our own maps and keys. A great day had by all!



Henley Fort – Year 6 - Mr Rodricks

They say that if you do not learn from history, you are doomed to repeat it. There is a great deal of truth to this. The study of history is critical for our society if we are to truly change our futures. With this in mind, the Year 6 trip to Henley Fort was an excellent opportunity to learn about and from our past. The students were engaged throughout the day with World War 2 and the impact it had on the day-to-day lives of ordinary people. There is a lifetime of education found within wartime events, however, perhaps it is the tales of heroism, camaraderie and kindness, in the darkest of times, that are the lessons most worth learning.



RE visit to Salesian School Chertsey- by Hannah Watkins

Recently I visited Salesian with 7 other pupils from Key Stage 2 on a RE trip. We learnt about vocation which is a calling from God. In the year 6 group we worked with the music teachers and made up a song about it. We then sang it in the liturgy. I enjoyed the visit as I got to meet some of my future teachers and have lunch in the big hall. Altogether it was a great experience.



Information from Subject Leaders

Literacy – World Book Day – Mrs. L. Hope

Despite the 'Narnia like' conditions outside, St Paul's was transformed into Willy Wonka's chocolate factory for World Book Day on the 1st March. With giant Wonka confectionery adorning the hall, the children were greeted by the man himself and his Oompa Loompa team



Hats and water bottles

- Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Children should come to school with a named St. Paul's sun hat and water bottle. These items are available from our school outfitters AlleyCatz, Claremont House, 34 Molesey Road, Hersham KT12 4RQ. Telephone 0845 601 6535

info@alleycatz.co.uk
www.alleycatz.co.uk

Suncream

- Mrs.S.Thuilliez

As we enter the summer term it is important that parents ensure that children are protected with suncream. The NHS recommend using SPF15 and further details can be found on their website

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/travelhealth/Pages/SunsafetyQA.aspx>

Attendance for March:

Congratulations to St John

0B	97.1%	3P	96.1%
0M	94.3%	4B	96.4%
1E	94.8%	4J	93.6%
1L	97.8%	5T	97.5%
2M	97.4%	5A	95.2%
2F	96.1%	6A	97.3%
3J	98.1%	6M	96.7%

for a day of book related fun. The children spent the day looking at the stories of Roald Dahl, reenacting The Enormous Crocodile, making alternative book covers and filming new trailers for Roald Dahl movies! The day was completed with a very special Tea Party for the golden ticket winners in Willy Wonka's office, where the chocolate fountain flowed freely and sugary treats were in abundance!

Public Speaking – Mr. A Widdop

The annual Catenian Public Speaking Competition was a source of pride for us again. Hannah Watkin, Millie Eligon spoke with clarity and passion on a subject of their choice with Anna Neaves-Thomas in reserve. All three girls have devoted a great deal of their time to ensure they were the best they possibly could be. They achieved their target!

P.E – Mr. R. Birkbeck

Netball- Mrs Watkin

St. Paul's netball continues apace this term with weekly training and lots of league matches. Our A team are doing very well in the league with results so far:

Cranmere - Won 16-0
Hinchley Wood - Won 8-2
Thames Ditton - Lost 2-7
Claygate - Won 8-3
St Lawrence - Won 7-3

We have one more match to play against Esher Church School on 27th March - support would make the world of difference - we want to get in to the final!

Our B team have played league matches for the first time this year and have competed really well. Results as follows:

Thames Ditton B Lost 11-0
Esher Church B Lost 1-5
Hurst Park A Lost 3-9
St Lawrence B Won 12-0

Again, one more match to play against St. Alban's A on 21st March - we'll let you know how we get on.

A couple of Year 5 mums have come forward offering to run netball next year which is fantastic. I very much hope that we will be able to having a rolling programme of support from parents over the coming years so that the steps which have been taken at St. Paul's for girls' sport in particular, will not be in vain.

News from the Office

Attendance- Mrs. L .Pryor

Congratulations to all pupils who achieved certificates for 100% attendance at the end of the Spring term. Congratulations to the whole school, we managed 96.3%, and Year 5, St Thomas who achieved the best class attendance, 97.6%, a brilliant success.

The Government's policy on school attendance shares the importance of school attendance. For more detailed information please see

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/at-school/attendance-and-absence>

91% attendance now initiates the involvement of the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO). As this equates to a child missing one afternoon each week on average, this affects the child's attainment. Where a child's absence from school gives cause for concern, the education welfare officer works with everyone involved to create an action plan supporting full-time attendance and will stay involved until this is achieved. Legal action may be taken to ensure your child attends school.

We are blessed - as you value your child's education so highly we have an excellent attendance record of 96.8% since September, a record we are keen to build upon.

Penalty Notices for unauthorised absence – Mrs. L. Pryor

Please be aware that The Education (Pupil Registration)(England) (Amendment) Regulations 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

Meet the office team



Mrs Smith - School Business Manager member of the Senior Leadership team for the school. Finance, Personnel, Premises



Mrs Pryor - Attendance officer, Clubs coordinator and Newsletter



Mrs Thuilliez - School meals coordinator, Health and Safety officer, First aid



Mrs Busuttill - Responsible for the info@ email box, Admissions officer



Mrs Nicholas - Temporary School Business Manager maternity cover from 18th May 2018

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 policy of the Government to which this school has agreed, 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 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 if paid within 21 days.

Pupil Leave of Absence- Mrs. L. Pryor

If you wish to request permission to take your child out of school, in accordance with our Attendance Policy a minimum of five working days notice must be given. Please email Mrs DeMoraes directly at head@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk giving dates and reason for absence, then attach a copy of her response to your completed 'Pupil Absence Form' before handed in to the office. Evidence of some sort should also be attached. Without this, the absence will be unauthorised and will show on your child's school report.

Summer Term Clubs – Mrs. L. Pryor

The timetable and booking forms are now live on the school's website. Please complete these forms and return them to the school office via book bags. Please note that there are a number of dates during the summer term when clubs will not be running and these are stated on the individual booking forms. Please make a note of these dates.

Parents of children with special medical needs must inform the leaders of any afterschool 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 only if they are available, but the leaders may need to contact the parents directly.

Change of contact details- Mrs. L. Busuttill

Please remember to keep the office updated with your current contact details. Any change of emails or phone numbers, please send an email to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk so we can update our database.

SPPA

Upcoming SPPA events for your diary:

Ride London

The ballot has closed, the riders selected, the training commenced – but who are the riders? We have 5 intrepid cyclists riding the Ride London 100 on the 29th July to raise money for SPPA – Paul Langford, Rickie Parnell, Mike Corcoran, Steve Yeats and Stephen Leeds. If you would like to know a little more about those undertaking this Herculean task, please read our riders' profiles at the end of the newsletter. A BTDonate page has been set up if you would like to sponsor them.

New members

If you are interested in joining SPPA but not quite sure what it's all about or what you would be expected to do, please come along to our informal meeting on the 25th April. We are going to meet at the Greyhound Pub in Thames Ditton at 7.30pm to provide an opportunity to hear about why the school needs SPPA and the events we have planned. We would also love to hear of new ideas for fundraising opportunities.

However if you have a great idea or would like to organise and lead a one off event without joining the committee, please do let us know.

Of course you don't have to wait until April, new members are very welcome at any time of

the year so please contact us if you would like to join. Email us at sppa@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk



St Paul's Masquerade Ball

Why not book yourself onto the biggest event of the year?

St Paul's Masquerade Ball

Saturday 16th June

Littleton Park House, Shepperton Studios TW17 0QD

Help to raise funds for our fantastic school by spending a fabulous evening, with friends, dancing and some special entertainment.

Tickets are £55.00 per head and they will go fast!!!

So organise your table, get shopping for your new frocks (and masks) and email naomiprice1@yahoo.co.uk to book your place now!

DEADLINE Friday 27th April - DONT MISS OUT

Dates for your Diary

April	Summer Term
Monday 16 th	School re-opens for pupils. This term's charity is Street Child Africa
Tuesday 17 th	Y6 Height and Weight Check
Friday 20 th	Please return Missio Lenten Appeal Collection today
Monday 23 rd	All clubs commence this week
Thursday 26 th	Pedals training year 2
Friday 27 th	Pedals training year 2 Staff Cake Sale- Alice in Wonderland theme
May	
Tuesday 1 st	10.00am- KS1 Assembly led by visiting speaker from Street Child Africa 10.30- KS2 Assembly led by visiting speaker from Street Child Africa
Monday 7 th	May Day Bank Holiday school closed
Tuesday 8 th	Year 5 leave for their residential trip to Dorset
Wednesday 9 th	7.00pm- Elmbridge Music Festival
Thursday 10 th	Feast of the Ascension 9.30am- St. Elizabeth's Assembly. Juniors to watch. Parents naturally welcome.
Friday 11 th	Deadline to return slip for Fathers Morning 9.00am Parents' Forum
Wednesday 16 th	4B Bikeability
Thursday 17 th	Year 3 to visit Look Out Discovery Centre 4J Bikeability 9.30am- St. Luke's Assembly. Parents naturally welcome.
Friday 25 th	School closes for all pupils for half term (3.15pm for infants and 3.20pm for juniors)



Parent to Parent

The last day for submission to the June newsletter is Monday 7th May. Please forward all wording as a Word attachment to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

Ride London St Paul's Team

We thought you might like to know a little more about what makes our riders tick ...

Name: Paul Langford

Children in school and years: Evie in Y5 and Euan in Y1.

Have you done Ride London or similar races before?: Never done this ride or anything near this long before. I did the London to Brighton about 7 times a long, long, long time ago when I was 3 stone lighter.

How is training going?: 2 x 50k rides down along with the other chaps doing it this year for St Paul's. First time was on my 25 year old, never serviced, rusty mountain bike. Forgot my water bottle. Almost killed me but I didn't walk! Second time was with an alloy road bike with cleats and everything. Quite a difference with the right kit and I kept up with everyone and sometimes took the lead. Next step – Lycra! :)

What gets you through the training?: I'm pretty good at self-motivating. I don't like being last and that sticks in my mind during the week and makes me go to the gym. I'm enjoying the rides so far apart from the freezing feet. So much kit to buy – Neoprene overshoes this week with snow coming again!

Do you have a personal motto: Right now it's "Cleats Cleats Cleats" – It's the first time my feet have been attached to a bike and I'm amazed I've not stopped and flopped yet.

How are you going to celebrate finishing?: Might go for a bike ride? More likely a cold beer and a burger will hit the spot.

Name: Ricky Parnell

Children in school and years: Sam in Y4 and Daisy in Y2

Have you done Ride London or similar races before?: Yes I have done a few. I did the Pru Ride 100 in 2016 for a Cardiomyopathy Charity.

How is training going?: Yes its going fine. I cycle most days to work, so it's part of my commute which makes it easier to make the time.

What gets you through the training?: I'm one of the lucky ones, I like cycling.

Do you have a personal motto?: no not really...

How are you going to celebrate finishing?: Pint of Guinness with the St Paul's Team and a Sunday Roast!

Name: Stephen Yeats

Children in school and years: Leo Yeats in Y1 and to come, Annabel Yeats who will in Reception next year.

Have you done Ride London or similar races before?: No this is my first foray into long-distance cycling - had to buy a bike! I have done a few marathons so figure (hope) it can't be any more painful than that.

How is training going?: So far so good - started about a month ago (after I got my bike), going early at the weekend. Have managed a couple of 30 mile rides.

What gets you through the training?: Chatting to the other guys and the great Surrey countryside.

Do you have a personal motto?: No pain no gain....

How are you going to celebrate finishing?: BBQ in the garden and a few beers.

Name: Steve Leeds

Children in school and years: Gabrielle (Gaby) Leeds in Y 1

Have you done Ride London or similar races before?: I can't say I have ever ridden 100 miles in one sitting and already there are parts of my anatomy that wish they had been consulted before I decided to accept this challenge.

How is training going?: We have started, so given the weather this is a big step in the right direction.

What gets you through the training?: Coffee... and more coffee pending how our 18 month old daughter Lily-Rose slept the night before.

Do you have a personal motto?: Over the hill and its guilt free bacon and eggs

How are you going to celebrate finishing?: BBQ in the garden and a few beers – being an Aussie I believe that Steve has stolen my answer.

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Fathers' Morning – 20th June 2018 - 9-11am
Please return via your child/ren's book bag by Friday 11th May

I am able to attend the fathers' morning Name in BLOCK CAPITALS.....

Child's name YearClass.....

Skills that I am able to offer.....

Contact details email & telephone no.....