

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Congratulations to Natalia W (St Thomas, Year 5) who completed a 60km bike ride to Brighton, raising around £400 for the people being treated at the Royal Marsden hospital. What an amazing achievement!



Dear Parents – Mrs. O. DeMoraís

Quite a lot has happened since the last newsletter! As I write, the sun is shining brightly and after a successful Ofsted, the school is revelling in a positive and upbeat atmosphere. We are really looking forward to an exciting new chapter for the school, and are particularly pleased to begin this summer term by revamping our humanities curriculum.

I would like to thank you again for all of the supportive and kind emails that I have received. Emails highlighting the work of specific members of staff can be an incredible boost. If you feel that any member of staff has gone above and beyond, please do let me know, as I am incredibly proud of my colleagues, and am keen that their hard work is recognised.

Thank you to those of you who attended the e-Safety talk by Ian McGraw on 1st May. At St Paul's, the safety of your children is paramount. Educating children on how to stay safe online and when using mobile devices is one of our key priorities, and we are teaming up with the NSPCC in this term to ensure that children feel prepared for a variety of situations, both in school and out.

As the weather has started to get a little warmer, I have begun to notice some children not wearing the correct school uniform. Please note that our school website is very clear in terms of what is and is not expected. Any child not wearing the correct uniform will be spoken to, and, in certain cases, the items will be removed on the spot. I do appreciate your support in this matter.

The Governors' AGM is on Wednesday 4th July, and will be a wonderful chance to learn and ask questions about our Governors' current concerns and areas of focus. Future plans for the school will be discussed, as well as a review of the income and expenditure in the school, and how this has enhanced your children's learning and lives.

The school's Open Evening and Art Exhibition will take place on Wednesday 27th June from 6-7pm. This evening is an opportunity for every child to show their family around their school. As this is not a parental interview, children's books will not be available. Each child should be dressed in their full school uniform and is welcome to walk into every class. This will be our fourteenth annual Art Exhibition, and this year's theme is 'Colour', so look out for rainbow-like explosions of the entire spectrum! Drinks and food will be available for a small cost, and the school playground will be open for parking. This is always an exciting event that the whole school prepares for, and we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

As the academic year draws to its close, if you are aware that your child will be leaving St Paul's in July, please could you let the school office know in writing as soon as possible, so we can offer any available places to families who are on the waiting list.

This is an action-packed term, with Art Week, residentials, Sports Days, masses and much, much more! I look forward to seeing you at as many events as possible.

Cake Sale

Alice in Wonderland indeed!

Friday the 27th of April was a magnificent day for bakers and cake lovers alike! It marked the annual staff cake sale in support of SPPA. The staff at St Paul's were busy throughout the week preparing the most wonderful and delicious baked goods known to humankind. The result was tables and tables of sugary goodness, devoured quickly by our students and a few of their parents. What made the bake sale even sweeter (pun intended) is where the money goes to: the students. Our wonderful parent association, aka, SPPA, raises money for the school whereby the money raised is put directly back into the school, helping us maintain and develop our school for our students. As a school, we are ever thankful to SPPA for their time and efforts, They truly are a game changer. I would encourage any and all, who haven't already done so, to get in touch with them to see how you can help make a difference.



Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded the Headteacher's Award this half term.

St Bernadette	Sophia C.	Ross L.	Amelia R.
St Matthew	Lily D.	Oliver G.	Hanna S.
St Luke	Aurora E.	Hannah P.	Milo U.
St Elizabeth	Kiera F.	Ewan M.	Mark W.
St Francis	Aidan J.	Alan N.	Petra S.
St Mary	Andrea C.	Oliver D.	Elliott W.
St John	Amélie M.	Amelia T.	Niamh Y.
St Peter	Samson P.	Maya P.	Holly T.
St Joseph	Jude C.	Ava P.	Jack W.
St Bernard	Erin C.	Amber H.	Aidan N.
St Anne	Ayla P.	Max L.	Thomas S.
St Thomas	Thomas C.	Edward F.	Joshua S.
St Anthony	Cyrine A.	Max D.	Anthony F.
St Margaret	Emma E.	Frederik G.	Mia O.

Easy fundraising –Mr. T. Cooper , Parent

Welcome friends and I hope you all spent wisely, via Easy Fundraising, for the Royal Wedding, the May bank holidays and my wedding anniversary. Please remember that there really is almost nothing that you cannot get through Easy Fundraising. To register go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk then find St Paul's Parents' Association - Thames Ditton

So far our total raised is £8964.96 (on 8th May) with 185 supporters. Since my last update, we seem to have lost a supporter and so please all look behind your sofas and see if you can find them. If you do not have a sofa then I recommend The Sofa Company who will donate 2.5%. Last month was not great in terms of funds raised, but if everyone buys at least one new sofa then the effect will be great, and comfy. Also do not forget your summer wardrobe. I know to my cost, the social exclusion of being seen in last year's outfit. This year, I shall mostly be refreshing my swimwear via Swimwear365 who will give 5% even with the discount I get for modelling for them. Needless to say, I shall be treating Mrs Cooper to a surprise summer outfit, probably from Party Pieces (fancy dress department) who will also give 5%. Thank you to everyone on board and let us please keep trying to get more supporters. This is the key thing to our success.

Charity – Mrs. H. Townsend

Summer Term Charity Focus – Street Child Africa Pyjama Mufti Day – Wednesday, 4th July

The charity we are supporting this term is Street Child Africa. This charity was originally set up by a group of parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 1994 and helps support street children in six sub-Saharan African countries. The children had a visit on the 1st May from a representative of the charity. She later wrote: "Just a quick thank you for having me today. Your school is such a wonderful inspiration with your fundraising. It really is an enormous support to a small charity like ours. I was also really impressed by all the questions!"

We are asking that the children wear their pyjamas again this year and in return bring in a donation for this charity. Please remember to wear suitable football for the playgrounds.

Please join us in extending our warm wishes to Mrs Tenant, St Peters' part-time teacher who is expecting her second child in the October half term



Golden and bronze medals won by Molesey Boat Club

Miss McDonald

For those of you who do not know, Miss McDonald, our Year 3 class teacher is currently in the process of trialling for the Great Britain rowing team and spent the weekend of the 11th May racing in Ghent, Belgium at the Belgian National rowing Championships.

The weekend followed a week long training camp with her club - Molesey Boat Club - at a lake nearby. The race attracts many of the top clubs from Great Britain along with several European crews. She was competing in the women's 4- and 8+. Successfully making her way through the rounds on Saturday, she found herself in the final of the women's 4-. The race was intense, exciting and painful, but her team is now proud to be able to call themselves the Belgian National Champions!

She is now looking forward to moving forward to race at Ratzburg, Germany in another International competition, Henley Royal Regatta and the World University championships in Shanghai, China.

We are incredibly proud of Emma and hope you will join us in wishing her all the best for her future competitions!

Educational Visits

Year 3 Trip to The Lookout Centre – Miss. E. McDonald

This week, Year 3 have been on an adventure to the Lookout Discovery Centre. The trip was a huge success! With many different interactive activities, the centre provided a great chance for everyone to get involved. We had a great time at the mini beasts show where we learned about the food chain and different types of mini beasts. We even got to go out and search for some of the mini beasts!

Thank you to our lovely parent helpers who we could not have run the trip without.



Hindu Temple – Year 4 – Mrs.L. Hope

On Tuesday 24th April, year 4 visited BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir. Popularly known as the 'Neasden Temple', it is a sanctuary of vibrant Hindu worship in north-west London. After arriving, we were taken to a large room where we learnt about how the magnificent temple was made by thousands of volunteers in different parts of the world. We spent time visiting the exhibition and learning about all the Hindu gods. At 11:45am we were welcomed into the daily Hindu prayer service. It was important for us to be silent and respectful whilst we watched and listened to the beautiful service. We then spent time with the Madir staff who explained to us about how Hindus worship and why the Mandir is such a special and sacred place.



Year 5 trip to Osmington Bay – Mr. J. North

During our trip to Osmington Bay, we had the chance to experience mesmerising heights conquering our fears. We took part in activities such as trapeze, Jacob's ladder, rock climbing, abseiling, giant swing, aero-ball and fencing. Not only that but we also had the opportunity to go underground and play fun games involving tunnels (pretending to be zombies).

However, what many of us particularly enjoyed the most was rifle shooting, working on our accuracy and shooting on a range. We got our bearings of Osmington Bay in order to complete our orienteering tasks, hunting down numbers that were planted around the site. As well as that, at the end of it all, we all showed off our dancing skills in the disco with the other schools. It was really difficult to find an activity that we did not enjoy and we would love to visit again soon. We would definitely recommend it to anyone that is adventurous.



Information from Subject Leaders

Literacy - Scholastic Book Fair- Mrs L. Hope

Wow! This is pretty much all I can say about this wonderful event. Thank you all for your incredible support during our Book Fair week. It was so wonderful to see so many of our children excited by the books on offer. So excited in fact, that we ran out of many titles by the end of the second day!



We hit the target that I had set for the week by Wednesday and as such, the school is going to benefit from a wide selection of new fiction and non-fiction books for our libraries.

Thank you all again for supporting this wonderful event - we will definitely be welcoming it back again next year.

Music – Mrs. L. Hope

On Wednesday 9th May, eleven of our best year 4 singers took part in another wonderful Elmbridge Music Festival at Dorking Halls. Along with many other schools from across Surrey, our choir performed with enthusiasm and passion.

The theme for this year was a musical called 'Go, Lightning Vikings!' which produced some energetic and amusing song lyrics, including the troubles of being a Viking girl in a Viking world!

It was a wonderful evening and we would love to see an even bigger St. Paul's choir performing next year!

A huge well done to our performers!



P.E – Mr. R. Birkbeck

Reed's Tag Rugby Tournament

St. Paul's arrived at the Reeds tag rugby tournament full of optimism following last year's success. The team got off to a good start, drawing 5-5 with Thames Ditton Junior School. This was followed by a disappointing 7-5 loss to Royal Kent School, despite a valiant performance. Back to back wins against Claygate and Hurst Park left a tense final game against Esher Church School in a 'winner takes all'. The game ended in a 3-3 draw, which unfortunately was not enough to take the title. The team were a respectable runner-up and were consistently praised on their sportsmanship and fair play. A special mention must go to Connor W who received the award for star boy player of the tournament.



FA coaches arrive at St Paul's

There's exciting news for St. Paul's as the school is looking to develop its partnership with Met. Police FC who are based at Imber Court. The school is now proudly growing as a hub for girl's football through the Wildcats initiative, which aims to get more girls playing the game. We now offer football for Year 4 girls, as well as years 5 and 6, and the positive interest has been fantastic to see. Miss Willcox will now be supported in the running of the club by FA qualified coaches who will continue to develop girl's football in school. The coaches are also aiming to come down and run some sessions for the boys' team this term and will look at the possibility of involving themselves in both teams in September.



Walton Athletics Club

-Mr Birkbeck

Athletics is a huge part of summer PE, both in the curriculum and in an extra-curricular sense. The school have aimed to enhance our provision with the help of Walton Athletics Club.

Qualified coaches are now helping to teach curriculum lessons in Year 5 and 6 as well as providing an extra-curricular club on Tuesdays after school. The response from everybody has been fantastic and there is certainly a 'PE buzz' around the school at the moment. We are

hoping that with this extra boost, we will be especially prepared for District Sports in July.

Netball- Mrs. F. Watkin

Following on from our last netball news, our B team won convincingly against St. Alban's As (8-3) and our A team played and won their final league match of the season vs. Esher Church School (13-3) to launch them in to the A league final against the formidable Thames Ditton Junior School.

The A league final was played in the last week of April at TDJS and thanks to Mr Birkbeck and Mrs DeMorais, the whole St. Paul's netball squad were able to attend, providing fantastic support for the team.

It was a fantastic game of netball. The team demonstrated high levels of determination and commitment, playing to the best of their ability and then some! Thames Ditton are a very strong team who, in the end, beat us 5-2. However the scoreline does not represent the match well as there was nail-biting action throughout with the teams having equal amounts of possession and the ball travelling swiftly up and down the court. Unfortunately TDJS were better at seizing a few key opportunities. What was noticeable was our improvement across the season - the St Paul's team was so much more impressive than when they played TDJS a few months ago - testament to all that hard work during training!

The A team for the final was: Rhiannon R (c); Fred G; Martha P; Clodagh W; Emilia D; Arabella J and Anna N (with a special mention to Xenia D who was selected but broke her wrist!)

I am now signing off from netball at St. Paul's and handing over to Debbie Gillan. Many thanks to all the parents and children who have played in and supported the netball squads over the last 7 years.



Rhiannon R, 6A – Capitan of Girl's Netball A tea

It really was an amazing experience and a once in a life time opportunity playing at the Reeds Netball Tournament.

Sadly, we didn't win, but that didn't make it less of a terrific experience; we tried our hardest and that's what got us to the semi-finals, then (thankfully) to the finals. We only lost two matches out of five.

In our first match against Saint Lawrence we won 4-1, our 2nd match with Hurst Park B we won 11-0 and finally out of the first set we lost 2-1 against Claygate.

Next was the semi-finals, we won 5-2 again to Royal Kent.

Last but definitely not least came the finals against Thames Ditton Junior School; we didn't win! Sadly, we lost 5-3.

As a team mate and a team Captain, I know that the reason we succeeded so much in most of our matches is not only because of our skills, but because of how much our team connects, how they communicate with each other - everyone gets along - in such a good way. We are extremely proud of our achievements.

News from the Office – Mrs. E. Nicholas

Golden Boot Challenge 2018: 4th June to 29th June- Mrs. E. Nicholas

Each Summer around 250 schools take part in the Golden Boot Challenge. It promotes healthy and sustainable travel and is run in a way that makes it possible for everyone to take part. A class gets a point for each pupil who walked, scooted, cycled, or travelled by public transport to school. Pupils who have no alternative to the car can use car share or park 'n' stride to score points. Classes compete against each other to win the coveted Golden Boot Trophy. The Challenge is web-based, so everyone can see how St. Paul's is doing in a fun, interactive way. The Golden Boot trophy is awarded to the class that achieves both the biggest change in green travel and the highest level of green travel.



We would like to send our warm wishes to Mrs Smith, the school business manager who is now on maternity leave and is expecting her second child any second now!

Attendance for May

0B	98.5%	3P	97.7%
0M	98.5%	4B	98.3%
1E	98.6%	4J	98.8%
1L	94.0%	5T	97.5%
2M	98.5%	5A	97.3%
2F	98.1%	6A	98.1%
3J	98.1%	6M	97.6%

Well done to St Joseph for having the highest attendance

Suncream, sunhats and water

- Mrs. L. Pryor

Now that it is the summer term, please consider applying suncream to your children at home, each day before school to areas not protected by clothing. Ensure that they also bring a named St Paul's sunhat and St. Paul's water bottle – these can be purchased from the school suppliers, Alleycatz.

Lateness – Mrs. L. Pryor

During the school day when registers are taken, class teachers identify any absent or late pupils. They will check whether this is authorised. The figures are collated within school and monitored by Surrey County Council. They are communicated to parents within the end of year school report. Unauthorised lateness appears as a late mark on the child's school report. If the level of lateness becomes a cause for concern the school will contact the parents in writing.

Message regarding School Meals- Mrs. S. Thuilliez

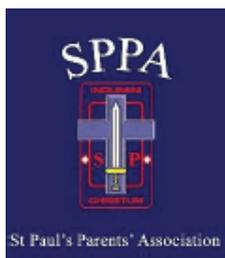
On Tuesday 26th June and Wednesday 27th June the learning support assistants will be getting our school hall ready for the Art Exhibition and Open Evening and as such the hall cannot be used for school lunches.

Mrs Pollard, our school cook is happy to prepare sandwiches on Tuesday 26th and 'Sausage and Chips' on 27th June to eat on blankets with their teachers on the school field or in their classroom, depending on the weather on the day. If your child is on packed lunch and would like to take part in this event, please fill in the slip at the end of the newsletter and send back to school via the book bag before Thursday 14th. If your child is in Year 3 and above, please pay £2.25 in advance on the parent payment Tucasi system, to enable your child to take part. As you can understand, we are not able to include children that have not paid, as this would incur a debt to the school, so please make sure your child has paid by Thursday 14th June so we can let the kitchen know final numbers.

Medicines – Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Please ensure that you keep the school up to date with any medical issues that your child has as this will help the school team provide support as and when required. The school staff are not qualified to dispense medicines but are able to administer medicines on your behalf. An authorisation form must be filled in and brought to the office by a parent or guardian. Please follow the link: http://www.stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk/application/files/4014/5797/5389/Pupil_Medication_Request_form.pdf

SPPA - St Paul's Parents' Association (SPPA)



Upcoming SPPA events for your diary Summer Fair

After the great weather of the Bank Holiday weekend, SPPA is hoping it will be repeated for the Summer Fair, on the 15th July 2018. SPPA has a variety of stalls arranged and we would as always much appreciate all the help and support you can provide, both in preparing for the fair and on the day itself. SPPA will be letting you know your stall allocations soon. We are running the much beloved (by children at any rate!) talent show again this year. A call for entries will be sent out shortly.

Summer Ball

SPPA is looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Ball on the 16th June 2018 for the Masquerade Ball. Look out for the list of auction prizes via the class reps. There are some great prizes that the children love, so get your bidding teams together!

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. A BTDonate page has been set up if you would like to sponsor them.

<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/stpaulsride100/459027>

New members

If you are interested in joining SPPA, but not quite sure you want to join the committee – we have a number of ad hoc jobs that you could help with independently of joining the committee e.g. helping with refreshments at different events or helping with the second uniforms. SPPA has listed a number of these 'one off' jobs on the SPPA notice boards (next to the school office and back gate). Please send us an email if you are able to help.

However, if you have a great idea or would like to organise and lead a one off event without joining the committee, please also get in touch.

Of course, you don't have to wait until the new school year, 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

Parent to Parent

French summer au-pair

I'm a young French boy, I'm completing my A levels this year and I'm keen to come to England this summer (2-3 weeks in August) to immerse myself in an English family, share the way of life and improve my language skills- I will be prepared to help look after the children and any tasks around the house.

Please be in touch with any questions or if you know anyone in the area who may welcome me- many thanks- contact Sophia on 07944893904 (mum of Anton 6A and Oscar 3J), Paul Dubuy.



Parent to Parent

The last day for submission to the July newsletter is Monday 18th June. Please forward all wording as a Word attachment to

info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk



Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton, Surrey KT7 0LP
Telephone 020 8398 7475 (9.30am to 12.30pm)

Last few places available from September 2018

- Our Lady's Nursery

If your child was born between September 2014 and August 2016, you may like to apply for a place at Our Lady's Nursery Thames Ditton (based in Our Lady of Lourdes Church)

Application forms are available from the nursery or they can be downloaded from our Website <https://www.ournursery.org.uk/>

If you have any questions you can contact us by email info@ournursery.org.uk

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or telephone on 0208 398 7475.

Dates for your Diary



June	Summer Term
Monday 4 th	School re-opens for pupils. All pupils should be wearing summer uniform. Whole School Arts Week
Monday 11 th	9.30am - New Parents Introductory Morning
Tuesday 12 th	Year 6 residential trip to the Isle of Wight
Wednesday 13 th	9.30am - New Parents Introductory Morning Year 1 visit to Painshill Park
Thursday 14 th	St. Anne's Assembly. Parents naturally welcome
Friday 15 th	SPPA collection for the Summer Fair
Saturday 16 th	7.00pm - St Paul's Masquerade Ball
Sunday 17 th	Fathers' Day
Monday 18 th	Deadline for the July newsletter
Wednesday 20 th	Year 4 leave for their residential trip to Sayer's Croft Fathers' morning in school 6.30pm- New Reception Parents Evening Talk
Thursday 21 st	Infant Sports Event follow by a picnic lunch
Friday 22 nd	Year 4 return from Sayer's Croft 9.00am - Class Representatives meeting
Monday 25 th	Islam Week for Foundation and KS1
Wednesday 27 th	Yr 2 to visit Woking Mosque 12.00pm - Lunch to be set up on the school field due to art exhibition 6.00pm - Whole School Open Evening including the Art Exhibition
Thursday 28 th	9.30am- St. John's Assembly. Parents naturally welcome
Friday 29 th	Feast of St Peter and Paul Claygate Mass and Cobham Mass
July	
Monday 2 nd	2.30pm Dennis Little Awards

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Sausage and Chips Form – 27th June

Please return via your child/ren's book bag by 14th June

Name..... Class.....

Yes please I would like my child to have 'Sausage and Chips'

Allergies/Dietary requirements.....

I will pay £2.25 on line for my child/children if in Year 3+ by the deadline of Thursday 14th June.

Signed.....