

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Congratulations to Rafy N. and Ollie N. who helped raise £278 by selling off unwanted toys/books/games/clothes etc in their front drive. What a fantastic achievement! All money raised is going to the Mouth Cancer Foundation in honour of their Grandad.
<http://mouthcancerfoundation.org>

Dear Parents – Mrs. O. DeMoraïs

It's that time already; the final newsletter of the year. So much has happened already in this final term and we have so much still to look forward to!

Thank you very much for the incredible number of emails I received from you regarding the Infant Sports Day – it was clearly a massive success with you all, and we hope to replicate that high levels of pupil activity in the KS2 Sports Day on 13th July. Over the next few weeks, the end of term will be action-packed! Still to come are the Y3 First Holy Communion Mass, the Y6 Leavers' Mass and the announcement of the winning house. Not to mention the many awards ceremonies we will be hosting to recognise the talents and gifts of our children, the Reception trip to West Wittering and the District Sports competition. We will be busy! I hope to see as many of you as possible at these events – your attendance means so much to the children.

Thank you also to those of you who have kindly donated plants and bottles. The St Paul's Gardening Club have been working hard to ensure they are all planted, and I think you will agree that they have brightened up our entrance considerably. I have recently been gifted with a vine that I hope to plant in a prominent position on our school grounds. As the years go by, it should flourish, and, if nurtured properly, will hopefully be trained over a trellis to provide some additional shade.

Once again, the governors have been incredible in securing a grant to enhance our premises. As a result, both the infant and the junior toilets will be undergoing a much-needed refurbishment this summer. The KS2 toilets will now have external access, which is fantastic news. The whole school will benefit from new blinds in all of the windows, and some old and worn carpets are also being replaced in many classrooms. If you wish to find out more, please attend the AGM on Wednesday 4th July at 7pm.

As we have now reached the end of the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support, and for those who I have not yet met, I look forward to working with you in future. I would like to congratulate SPPA on the incredible work they have done this year; their numbers are few, but their impact on the children has been monumental – you really are wonderful. Thank you also to the Class Reps and Parents Forum members who have kindly given their time to improve the lives of the children.

For those families whose journey ends with us this year, on behalf of the staff and the Governing Body, I wish you all the best for the future. For all of you remaining with us, I hope you have a fantastic summer, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 6th September.



Destination of our Year 6 Leavers

Salesian's	23
St Andrew's	6
Hinchley Wood	4
The Holy Cross School	4
Esher High School	2
Tormead	2
Royal Grammar School	1
Lady Eleanor Holles	1
The London Oratory	1
Notre Dame	1
Kingston Grammar	1
Tiffin Boy's School	1

School Term Dates 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

4th September–

19th December 2018

(inc)

Half term 22nd - 26th

October 2018

Spring Term 2019

3rd January – 5th April

2019 (inc)

Half term 18th – 22nd

February 2019

Summer Term 2019

23rd April – 24th July

2019 (inc)

Half term 27th May –

31st May 2019

Inset days

4th, 5th September

29th October

3rd January

5th July

Staff Deployment – September 2018

They say as you get older, time goes by more quickly, and that certainly is true for me this academic year! I cannot believe how the year has flown, but we've reached the time of the year where we welcome new faces and bid a fond farewell to staff who are headed to pastures new.

Staff retention has been a key priority for me since taking over as Headteacher, and I am pleased that movement amongst staff has been minimal this year. However, we must say a sad goodbye to the following teachers: Ryan Birkbeck, Jane Vassall and Warren Rodricks will all be leaving St Paul's this year, to begin new teaching posts in September. Mr Birkbeck has been poached by Miss Neilson and will be joining her school in Doha, Qatar. Mrs Vassall will be moving to a school closer to home, and Mr Rodricks has been offered the chance to solely teach maths in a middle school, which has been his dream for a while. I personally have worked alongside Mrs Vassall and Mr Rodricks and can vouch for the phenomenal work they have carried out, and Mr Birkbeck's work on P.E. alone has been recognised and lauded by many parents. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all that they have done over the years to support the children, and I wish them all the best for the future.

I am delighted to say that Miriam Rodriguez-Lopez, who has worked alongside Hayley Townsend in Year 2 all year, will be joining us full time as a class teacher and the Phase Leader for Y3 and Y4. Therefore, we will only be welcoming two new members of staff to our school. Firstly, Phillip James will be joining us; he has a strong interest in geography and science, and will be replacing Mr Rodricks in Year 6. Secondly, we knew we needed to snap up Tanveer Sekhon when she completed a PGCE placement here, so are incredibly pleased to have her join our school full time in September.

Finally, I am extremely excited to announce that Laura Hope and her husband Harry are expecting their first baby. Due on Christmas Day, we will be very lucky to have Mrs Hope stay with us in Y4 for the autumn term until she embarks on maternity leave.

The detail of your child's class for next year can be found below:

Current Class 2017/2018	Year & Class 2018/2019	Teacher 2018/2019
New intake	St. Matthew	Ms Ana De Jesus
New intake	St. Bernadette	Mr Peter Yarnell
St Bernadette	St. Luke	Miss Gemma Willcox
St Matthew	St. Elizabeth	Mr Brian Goddard
St Luke	St. Francis	Miss Emma McDonald
St Elizabeth	St. Mary	Mrs Hayley Townsend
St. Francis	St John	Miss Miriam Rodriguez-Lopez
St. Mary	St Peter	Mrs Tanveer Sekhon
St. John	St Joseph	Mrs Laura Hope
St. Peter	St Bernard	Miss Marianne Jenkins
St Bernard	St Anne	Mr Joshua North
St Joseph	St Thomas	Miss Ann-Marie Adams
St Anne	St Anthony	Mr Phillip James
St Thomas	St Margaret	Mr Alistair Widdop

Easy fundraising –Mr. T. Cooper , Parent

Welcome friends to the last Easy Fundraising update of this school year. 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 £9130.38 (on 19th June) with 188 supporters. Since my last update, we have three new supporters so to them, welcome and thank you. By the time you read this, England, I am sure, will have won the world cup so, well



Music

– Mrs. E. Versavel
The school choir and orchestra, as well as a selection of KS2 musicians, will be performing at our summer concert - to be held on the 10th July @ 3.30pm.

done chaps (homage to Mrs J there), and let us all celebrate by booking our summer holidays. First Choice will make a £40 donation when booked via EF and should, like me, you be feeling a little flamboyant, Travelodge offer a 1.5% donation on hotel rooms.

One current offer is for life insurance via Beagle Street who will donate up to £255 for a new policy. Presumably, this donation will only apply to a 20 year old yoga teacher living on a tropical island, but their other donations are quite generous as well. Nothing says 'I love you' more than a spousal life insurance policy. Katie's got six for me.

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

Educational Visits



Year 1 Trip to Painshill Park – Mr. P. Yarnell

With the sun shining brightly, Year 1 ventured off to Painshill Park for a mini-beast safari. Searching for different mini-beasts in the wooded areas, the children found a huge variety of different animals living in the location. The children learnt about how to find the mini-beasts, different facts about them and then information about their lifecycles and how this can often change through the year. Searching for 'Tree Trolls' was also great fun, identifying different trees in the park by their trunk as well as the leaves they have. The Great Cedar was very aptly named!



Year 2 Trip to Woking Mosque – Mrs. H. Townsend, Mr. R. Birkbeck, Mrs. J. Roberts

On Wednesday 27th June, Year 2 enjoyed a visit to the Shah Jahan Mosque, the oldest mosque in Britain. We gained first-hand experience of the beautiful designs both internally and externally of this very old building, the children produced detailed sketches of the mosque. We learnt more about the Islamic faith and the similarities with our faith. The children listened intently to the Imam as he explained the beliefs and structure of their religion, along with the importance of the Arabic writing and clock times. The Imam commented on the children's knowledge of his faith and their impeccable behaviour.



Year 4 Trip to Sayers Croft – Mrs. L. Hope

On June 20th, Year 4 embarked on our latest adventure to Sayers Croft. After arriving and the excitement of dorms, bunk beds and bed-making had mellowed; we set off for some fun!

Our busy days consisted of shelter building, bouldering, river walking, raft building, orienteering...not to mention campfires and marshmallow toasting! Needless to say, we came back rather wet from some of these activities!

Our days (and nights!) were long and filled with excitement and lots of fun with memories that will last a lifetime and we returned suitably tired and happy on the Friday!



Year 6 Residential Trip to the Isle of Wight – Mr. W. Rodricks

Anchors away! And with this brave command the Year 6s took to the seas for their residential trip to the Isle of Wight. The students learnt various sailing skills and participated in water sports galore. No doubt, highlights of the trip included stand-up paddle boarding (SUP) and keel-boating. However, more impressive were the social skills on display throughout the trip. Students helping each other, students taking responsibility for themselves and students making important decisions. Residential trips are a unique opportunity for students to grow in ways and at rates that are pleasantly surprising. Our trip to UKSA was no exception and it has been wonderful to see our Year 6s come back to St Paul's just that little bit wiser.

RE School Council Trip to Worth Abbey – Miss. A. Adams

On Wednesday 20th June, the R.E. councillors (Ray, Lavinia, Cara, Samson, Ava, Xavier, Charlie C, Katherine, Harry, Emma, Arabella and Charlie M, along with Miss Adams and Mrs Montorio Veronese) set off to The Abbey of Our Lady, in Crawley,



commonly known as Worth Abbey. It is a community of Roman Catholic monks and is attached to the Worth School. Whilst we were there, we joined in with a mass to celebrate the theme: 'Lord, we are your hands'. It linked to the Gospel for the day, led by Bishop Richard Moth, where we are encouraged to do good works with our hands, without being boastful. After mass, we had a lovely lunch before heading back to school.

School Council trip to the Houses of Parliament – Mr. A. Widdop



On Friday 8th June the school council went on a visit to the Houses of Parliament. The children found out about the history of parliament and democracy in the UK and were given a tour of the House of Commons and the House of Lords. A sunny picnic on the South Bank was a lovely finish to the day. The children and teacher had a great time and learned a lot!

Information from Subject Leaders

P.E. Leadership – Daily Run - Mr. R. Birkbeck



This year has seen St. Paul's join a group of schools across the country who has implemented the Daily Run initiative. It seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the success and the impact that it has had on our school over the course of the year. I must say as the P.E lead it has been wonderful to see how the run has been embraced by teachers and children alike and the benefits that daily exercise has had on the physical and mental well-being of our children. Many children have made comments about how the run has improved their fitness and how much they enjoy being outside and exercising. It is important that we encourage these positive thoughts so that the children at St Paul's grow up to live healthy and active lifestyles.

Sports Day – Mr. R. Birkbeck



This year has seen a few changes in regards to Sports Day. Bringing back a few of the old classics such as the sack race and the egg and spoon race as well as adding a few new events such as the tower relay has freshened up the activities on offer for the children. For those who attended, it was clear to see how much the children enjoyed being active and contributing to their respective teams; it is what Sports Day should be about. I would like to say a huge thank you to those who helped make Sports Day a success: SPPA, the St. Paul's staff, the coaches from Imber court, Mr Evans and the children as well. I sincerely hoped that you all enjoyed the morning.



News from the Office – Mrs. E. Nicholas

Father's Morning – Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Many thanks to all the Fathers who took time out of their busy schedules to support the school in celebrating 'Father's Morning' and spending the morning with the children. A varied range of lessons were offered such as computing, marine life and languages. It was a fantastic event enjoyed by all.



Morning drop off – Mrs. E. Nicholas

Please be reminded that the playground gates open at 8.45am, where a teacher will be on duty. Access to the field is from 8.40am and all children must be supervised by parents.

Punctuality – Mrs. L. Pryor

Many thanks to all the parents who ensure that their children arrive on time to school with all their equipment ready to start the lessons.

School day starts at 9.00am, but you are able to drop your children off at the gate at 8.45am. If you arrive after 9am, please sign your child in at the office. This will be recorded in the register. Lateness is monitored on a regular basis and letters will be sent home to inform parents if there is a concern about punctuality.

Water Bottles -*Mrs.L. Pryor*

Please do ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day – especially through the warmer months.

Water bottles are available from Alley-Catz.

Attendance for June

0B	98.8%	3P	95.0%
0M	96.4%	4B	95.1%
1E	99.0%	4J	94.8%
1L	96.3%	5T	95.7%
2M	98.1%	5A	97.3%
2F	97.9%	6A	95.2%
3J	98.6%	6M	92.0%

Well done to St Elizabeth for having the highest attendance

Health and Safety*- Mrs. E. Nicholas*

To ensure the safety of the children, please do not let them climb or swing on the marquees in the field.

Uniform List -*Mrs.E.Nicholas*

In readiness for your purchases, please refer to the website for the up to date Uniform List.

Our school outfitters are Alleycatz www.alleycatz.co.uk

*Claremont House
34 Molesey Road
Hersham
KT12 4RQ*

Year 2 parents are reminded that they will need to purchase junior back packs and P.E. bags in time for September.

School day ends at 3.15pm for KS1 (Reception to Year 2) and 3.20pm for KS2 (Year 3 to Year 6). Please ensure prompt collection.

Change of Meal Arrangements – Mrs. S. Thuilliez

Please notify the office by email to meals@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible for any changes to meal arrangements for your child. Changes to school meals, must be confirmed prior to the break of a half term, or before the end of term, to take effect for the first day of the following term.

Ear Piercing and Jewellery – Mrs. L. Pryor

If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please bear in mind that it is best done at the very beginning of the summer holiday to allow for the 6 weeks healing process in readiness for the new term. Children at school cannot wear any jewellery (including earrings, necklaces or chains and rings). Only an analogue watches may be worn, but there should be no wearable technology.

Autumn Term Clubs – Mrs. L. Pryor

Information and booking forms for clubs run by outside agencies will be available on the school website before we break up for summer. We are delighted to be able to offer the same activities as this year which includes a great range of sports, such as football, netball, basketball, yoga, gymnastics, cricket as well as a language club (Spanish). We are also adding to this list a karate club which will start in September.

The new full timetable for our autumn term clubs will be available on the school's website at the beginning of September. Please be advised that clubs do not run during the first and last weeks of each full term. Clubs will start week beginning 17th September for the autumn term. Please note that there may also be other days during the term when clubs will not run. These will be detailed on the individual club booking forms. Please record these dates accordingly.

SPPA

What a fun packed few weeks left of the school year! Along with the fantastic auction prizes that were bid on at the Masquerade Ball, we have the Summer Fair and the Prudential Ride London 100. A big thank you to all who attended a cracking night and helped up to raise in excess of £5,000!! Congratulations to Year 2 who won the fabulous Cinema Night offered by the teachers and Aliya C (3J) who won the Head for the Day. We hope they enjoy the Head's seat! Look out Mrs D, there's a new head in town.

Summer Fair

This year, our Summer Fair is on the 15th July from 11.30 to 2.30. Our theme this year is World Cup Fever and we hope everyone will get into the spirit ahead of the final. In keeping with the theme, we will be running a football tournament on the day. Who knows, there may be a budding England football player in our midst! The entry form for the tournament is at the end of the newsletter.

We are also holding a St Paul's Got Talent at the fair. Please encourage your aspiring song birds and instrumentalists to enter. We look forward to hearing from them.

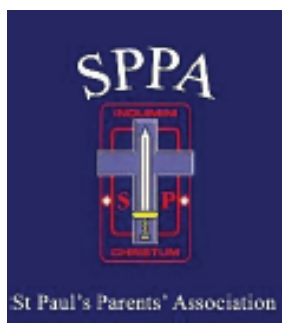
There will be stalls galore including old favourites like the inflatables. This year, we have an obstacle course, a giant slide and bouncy castle for the little ones. We also have splat the goalie, face painting, arts and crafts, raffle and many more. Not forgetting of course, refreshments for all.

Be sure to come along and enjoy a fun-filled day out.

ST PAUL'S TALENT SHOW 2018

stpaulstalentshow2018@gmail.com

Looking for all budding St Paul's performers to enter the Summer Fair Talent Show. The Talent Show which is open to all St Paul's pupils will take place at the School



New Committee members – we need you!

We are looking for new members to join the SPPA Committee for 2018/19.

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?

We really do need new members to come and join us so that we can continue to run our annual events, and 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 – mail to: sppa@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

Fair on 15th July and runs from 12:00-1:30pm on the school field. Slots of 3 minutes each are available. Prizes for 1st place and runner up.

We have limited slots so book early to avoid disappointment.

Each child entering will need to pay £1 on the day.

Please note that as the show is taking place on the school field, there will be no props available other than the stage and a microphone, so if children need anything else for their performance, they will need to bring it with them on the day.

If your child is interested in taking part in the Talent Show, please send an email stpaulstalentshow2018@gmail.com detailing:

- Child's name
- Year group
- Parent's contact name and mobile phone number
- Specify category (singers, groups, dancers, variety)
- Lead parent contact if the entry is a group

The **deadline for entering is Friday 6th July** and all successful entrants will be notified via their parent's contact details the week before the fair, with a performance time.

Thanks & good luck

RideLondon 2018... Go Team St. Paul's!!

On Sunday 29th July, 5 of our amazing fantastically fit and daring dads are cycling 100-miles to help fund-raise for our school. Please come out to support them as they pass through Hampton Court at breakfast time and through Esher on to Giggs Hill from lunchtime onwards. Our intrepid riders this year are:

- Rickie Parnell
- Paul Langford
- Stephen Leeds
- Steve Yeats
- Mike Corcoran

If you can, please show your support and donate! There is a BTDDonate page that has been set up:

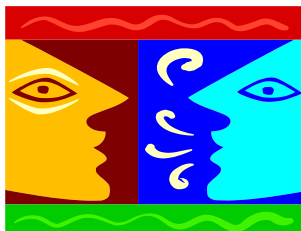
<https://mydonate.bt.com/events/stpaulsride100/459027>



Parent to Parent

Summer Art Camp

The Arts Hub UK summer fun is back for all our fabulous young artists! 🎨 😊 Offering 2 weeks of Magical mayhem, exploring the wonderful 'The Wizard of Oz,' 'Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone,' and 'Room on the Broom,' for our younger artists, from the 20th July - 3rd August, for children aged 5 – 11, in Esher. Full days and half days available. If you are interested or would like further information please visit www.theartshubuk.co.uk or contact Joanne (Charlie A's mum, year 6 and SNA) via email theartshubuk@gmail.com.



Parent to Parent

The last day for submission to the September newsletter is Thursday 5th July. Please forward all wording as a Word attachment to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

After School Childminder Required from September

I am looking for someone to collect my daughter from Year 6, look after her until approximately 6pm every school day (in my house or yours).

Hourly rate will be paid.

If you're interested or know someone who might be, please email me on niamh.thorpe@gmail.com

Dates for your Diary

July	Summer Term
Tuesday 3 rd	Reception trip to West Wittering
Wednesday 4 th	Street Child Africa Pyjama Mufti-Day 7.00pm Governors' AGM
Thursday 5 th	District Sports Track and Field event at Kingsmeadow Stadium
Friday 6 th	In service training - no school for pupils
Monday 9 th	All clubs finish this week
Tuesday 10 th	Group, whole school and sports team photographs 3.30pm - Summer Concert
Wednesday 11 th	Reports sent home Report Surgery Slots become live 10.30am- First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass - all three priests (year 3 to organise)
Thursday 12 th	7.00pm -Year 6 Concert Performance for Year 6 parents
Friday 13 th	9.45am - Junior Sports to include family picnic on the field at lunchtime
Sunday 15 th	12.00pm SPPA Summer Fair
Tuesday 17 th	1.00pm Pupils in classrooms in preparation for next academic year.
Wednesday 18 th	4.30pm - Open Evening, this and next year's teachers
Thursday 19 th	9.30pm- End of term sporting achievement assembly
Friday 20 th	10.30am - Leaver's Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church all three priests 11.30am - Refreshments for yr 6 parents to follow afterwards in Gillespie Hall. (Yr 5 parents to organise) 1.15pm- School closes at 1:15pm for all pupils for Summer Holidays
Sunday 29 th	SPPA Ride London 100
September	Autumn Term
Tuesday 4 th	In service training, no school for pupils
Wednesday 5 th	In service training, no school for pupils
Thursday 6 th	First day of school term for pupils. This term's charity is East Elmbridge Food Bank

St Paul's Summer Fair Football Tournament Sunday 15th July – booking form

Name of Child	Year Group	£3 per player (tick if enclosed)

Name of parent / guardian _____

Email address of parent / guardian _____

Team Coaches

We will need a number of coaches on the day. If you are available for this please provide your details here

Name _____

email address _____

The tournament is always very popular and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please complete this form and return with cash payment to Fiona Fairhurst, SPPA via your child's book bag by Friday 13th July. If you have any questions please contact Fiona ([Fiona brady@yahoo.com](mailto:Fiona_brady@yahoo.com)), Roman (romanparker@hotmail.com) or Lukasz (lmradwan@yahoo.co.uk)