

St. Paul's Newsletter

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Dear Parents – Mrs. M. F. Johnson

Happy New Year. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for your thoughtful Christmas gifts, your kindness is often mentioned in the staffroom. It is lovely to hear how your appreciative words written in Christmas cards make the staff feel so valued. I hope you had a peaceful holiday and welcome you all back for the new school term.



Every year I praise the staff for the way they enabled your children to shine during the end of year productions. Many parents emailed me to share their joy, one kind parent wrote: *'Thank you so much for providing us with such a wonderful nativity this morning at St Pauls. We were blown away by the confidence of the children and the beautiful acting, singing and speaking! We train our public speaking winners from a very early age!*

Headteacher's Awards

Congratulations last half term's winners:

St Bernadette	Mimi K.	Taylor P.	Maxim M.
St Matthew	Benedict D.	Mia F.	Aoife Y.
St Luke	Liam M.	Adam R.	Bastian V.
St Elizabeth	Jack A.	Arthur Cr.	Gabrielle L.
St Francis	Ava B.	Ralph B.	Ryan K.
St Mary	Mae B.	Esme E.	Sam L.
St John	Ray S.	David E.	Florence N.
St Peter	Charlie C.	Francesca L.	Scarlett S.
St Joseph	Tallulah C.	Stanley F.	Cian S.
St Bernard	Katie D.	Leonardo M.	Alessia B.
St Anne	Barney C.	Charlie C.	Georgia E.
St Thomas	Taisija M.	Isla O.	Imogen S.
St Anthony	Redford G.	Sebastian H.	Fionn K.
St Margaret	Angela B.	Anna N.	Clodagh W.



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Easy fundraising –Mr. T. Cooper



Winter Weather Mrs.L.Smith

In extreme weather conditions the school has established procedures for closure.

As the school telephone line gets busy, information regarding school closure can be obtained via the front page of the school website. Details are available from 6.30am.

Further information is available on the Surrey County Council website <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/people-and-community/emergency-planning-and-community-safety/winter-general-advice/information-about-schools-in-bad-weather>

Welcome one and all to this month's Easy Fundraising update. 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 £8444.66 (on 11th December) with 180 supporters (two new members since my last high pressure sales push so thank you both). As of the date of typing it looks like we will not reach £9000 by Christmas but thank you anyway and I am sure we will push through this target shortly.

Not many people know this but, and I kid you not, 2018 is the Chinese year of donating via easyfundraising and so it is literally vital that we recognise this and do as much of our online purchasing as possible this way. As I type this update, the snow is threatening to settle on my car roof and so I must purchase lots of cold weather gear from Mountain Warehouse (2.5% donation) and dog food for my Huskies from Pet Planet (2.5% donation). I suggest you do the same.

Have a fab 2018 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.

Home School Link Worker News – Alan Cottington

The Parenting Puzzle

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 Wednesday 10th January 2018 9.30am-11.30am. and is open to all parents. There will be a cost of £40 per person or £50 per couple for the course which will cover a book and refreshments.

If you have any concerns re payment please give Teresa, the organiser, a call.

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

Educational Visits

Guildford Victorian museum- composed by Sam C 6M

Our Victorian trip to Guildford Museum was a roaring success! I immediately liked it when I found out we were going to dress up as poor Victorian school children. It was great fun to find out what others were wearing and to share our ideas. By the time we disembarked from the coach, I was trembling with excitement! I'm glad to say that the trip definitely met my expectations. As soon as we arrived at the museum, we were treated like Victorian scholars. It was intriguing to see how children our age were treated back then. We sat in pairs on wooden benches with a slightly angled table top, and did very peculiar lessons compared to our usual ones.

During breaktime, we were introduced to Victorian toys which were just as fun as our own, and my friends and I particularly enjoyed an old fashioned pinball machine which was just as fun as the original. The whole way around our visit we were supplied with facts that were mind-blowing; this has opened my mind to history entirely. One of my personal favourite parts about the trip was where we went to eat lunch: it was in a field of lush grass, and we were surrounded by Victorian toys that we had brought along. We all enjoyed our Victorian-theme lunch as well.

This trip was fantastic!





Aviva Community Fund- Mrs. L. Smith

Thank you for all those who voted for our covered stage area bid through Aviva Community Fund. On this occasion we have not been successful but we were awarded £100 which will be ear marked for the stage project.

School Meals – Mrs.S. Thuilliez

If you will be making a change to your child's meal arrangements after half term, please remember to give notice to the school office in writing or by email to meals@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk prior to the break of the half term i.e. Friday 9th February 2018.

Applications For Nursery Places at Our Lady's Nursery

If your child was born between September 2015 and August 2016 you may like to apply for a place, at Our Lady's Nursery Thames Ditton

Further information and application forms and are available to download from their website www.olnursery.org.uk

If you have any questions you can contact by email info@olnursery.org.uk or telephone on 0208 398 7475.

The submission deadline for applications for academic year starting September 2018 is 19th February 2018.

Polka Theatre Miss. G. Willcox and Mr. P. Yarnell

On Thursday 30th November, Year 1 visited The Polka Theatre in Wimbledon to experience a performance of 'The Snow Queen'. The children were taken into a magical world through the medium of story-telling, alongside the effects of lighting and sound used so well by the cast. Glued to their seats throughout the show, the children were mesmerised by the actors creating their own story and were treated to their first sighting of snow, blasting through cannons at the front of the stage. A thoroughly wonderful trip!

Information from Subject Leaders

P.E – Mr. R. Birkbeck

Netball- Mrs Watkin

The netball squad has made fantastic progress during the Autumn term and are improving every week. The A team have won all three matches so far vs. Cranmere (16-0); Hinchley Wood (8-2) and Esher Church School (6-3). The B team worked very hard against Esher Church Bs but lost out 5-1 to some very good shooting - it was the first match for most of them and they did very well. There are plenty of league matches still to come for both the As and Bs so lots more netball to be played!

I have been involved with High 5 netball coaching at St. Paul's for nearly 7 years now but as my youngest daughter, Hannah, leaves St Paul's at the end of the year, I will also be moving on. During this time netball at St Paul's has developed enormously. We have been champions at the District tournament 3 times and also won the District League in its inaugural year (2014). It would be fantastic if another parent to could now offer to take on the role of netball coach from September 2018. If anyone would like further information please either email me on fionawatkin@yahoo.co.uk or give me a call on 07779 364864.

News from the Office

Reception Application Deadline – Mrs. L. Busuttill

We would like to remind parents with pre-school siblings that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2018 entry is **15 January 2018**. In addition to completing our 2018-19 Supplementary Form (available to download from the school website) you must also apply online through Surrey County Council (www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions). You can also request a paper application form or seek impartial help in completing an application via the Surrey Schools & Childcare Service (0300 200 1004). Applications received after the closing date without good reason will be treated as late and will not be considered until all on time applications have been processed. Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting your preferred school.

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](http://www.csh.surrey.nhs.uk)

Attendance for December:

0B	98.2%	3P	91%
0M	89.9%	4B	97.4%
1E	95.3%	4J	96.3%
1L	96.1%	5T	95.1%
2M	94.6%	5A	93.2%
2F	95.5%	6A	96.8%
3J	91.2%	6M	95.3%

Tissues

-Mrs. S. Thuilliez

We would be very grateful for any donations of boxes of tissues for the children. These will help us control the spread of infections within the school.

Thank you

Pupil Absence for Sickness -Mrs. L. Pryor

If your child is unwell and will not be in school, please remember to telephone the school office and leave a message on the office answerphone before 9.00am on the first day of illness and any subsequent day(s). This should then be followed up with an email to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk on the day that your child returns to school to explain the absence. Thank You.

Attendance- Mrs. L. Pryor

Congratulations to all pupils who achieved certificates for 100% attendance at the end of the Autumn term and to the whole school, as we managed 97%. St Bernadette achieved the best class attendance with 98% and will now be looking after the St Paul's mascot.

Please be reminded that the school target is 97%. We would like to ask for your full support in achieving this as we have noticed that attendance dropped considerably in December down to 94.6%.

Clubs- Mrs. L. Pryor

Booking forms are now available on the website and must be returned by Wednesday 10th January to the office via the book bag. Please be reminded that places are allocated on first come first serve basis and pupils are expected to attend every week. In the event that your child is not able to attend a session, please notify the office by sending an email to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk

SPPA

St Paul's Parents' Association (SPPA)

We love to hear of new ideas for fundraising opportunities. If you have any great ideas, or would like to organise and lead a one off event without joining the committee, please do let us know. New members are also 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. Our next SPPA meeting is on 30th January 2018 at 7pm

Upcoming SPPA events for your diary:

Friday 12th January – SPPA Mufti Day – Collection of Bottles for the Summer Fair Bottle Tombola

Tuesday 30th January 7pm – SPPA Meeting in School Staff Room - All Welcome!

Friday 2nd February - Children's Valentines Disco – Infants, Juniors & Year 6 sessions

Friday 23rd February – SPPA Quiz Night

RideLondon 2018 - Ballot now open

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.

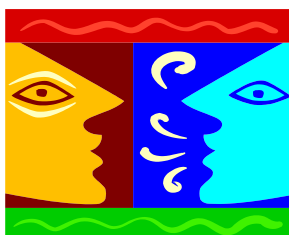
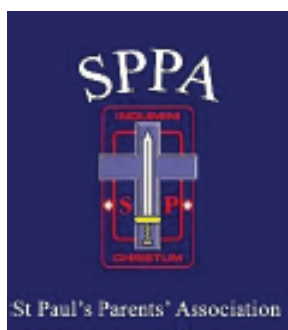
Parent to Parent

St Paul's Ladies Fitercise

Start your new year with St. Paul's Ladies Fitercise. Starts on Wednesday 10th January from 7.45pm at Esher High Sports Hall running every Wednesday (term-time only). Please join us for fitness, fun and some football. Everyone welcome. For more information please email elaineheywood99@hotmail.com or Tara.sparrow@hotmail.co.uk.

Saturday Morning Football

Join us for football fun every Saturday morning during term time!
Open to all St Paul's children



Parent to Parent

The last day for submission to the February newsletter is Wednesday 17th January. Please forward all wording as a Word attachment to info@stpauls-thamesditton.surrey.sch.uk



0930-1030: Reception, Y1, Y2
 1030-1130: Y3-Y6
 Saturday 6th Jan @ St Paul's
 Saturday 13th Jan – 3rd Feb, 24 Feb @ Goals Tolworth KT5 9NT
 Contact Roman Parker romanparker@hotmail.com for more information.

Dates for your Diary

January	Spring Term
Thursday 4 th	School re-opens for pupils This term's Lenten appeal charity is Missio
Monday 8 th	Baptism of the Lord
Wednesday 10 th	9.30am Reception Screening by school nurse
Thursday 11 th	6.00pm E.P.R. Meeting for Year 5 and 6 Parents
Friday 12 th	SPPA Mufti Day
Monday 15 th	All clubs commence this week
Wednesday 17 th	Last day for submissions to the February Newsletter
Wednesday 24 th	Fire of London Workshop for Year 2
Thursday 25 th	10.30am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Conversion of St. Paul
Friday 26 th	9.00am Parents' Forum Meeting
Monday 29 th	Creation Myth Puppet Company to work with Year 3 + 5
Tuesday 30 th	Creation Myth Puppet Company to work with Year 3 + 5 7.00pm SPPA Meeting in staff room
Wednesday 31 st	Creation Myth Puppet Company to work with Year 3 + 5
February	
Thursday 1 st	6.30pm Creation Myth Puppet Company show to parents
Friday 2 nd	Presentation of the Lord 5.00pm Children Disco in the school