



St Paul's C/E Infant School
Tongham
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Headteacher's Newsletter – 7th January 2020

Happy New Year!

Christmas Play Donations

Thank you very much for your kind donations. We were able to send £289.90 to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Friends of St Paul's

The Friends of St Paul's are continuing to work hard to raise funds for the additional new playground equipment for children, which they will be able to use all year round.

Events planned for this term are as follows:-

- Thursday 16th January – 9-10am – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome
- Friday 24th January – Rowan Class Cake Sale
- Thursday 6th February (8pm) – Annual General Meeting and follow up planning meeting (All invited and welcome to come along and find out about funds raised and future plans)
- Thursday 13th February – 9-10am – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome
- Thursday 12th March - 9-10am – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome
- Friday 27th March – Whole School Mufti Day in exchange for £1 (for Easter Eggs for the Egg Tombola)
- Friday 3rd April – 2-3pm – Easter Hour (Easter Fair)

New Governor Needed

We are looking to recruit a new governor. More information on the role can be found at <https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>. If this is something you might be interested in please let me know. Current governors include the following parents so they would be able to let you know what it involves - Mr Steven Stewart-Farmer, Dad to Chloe in Rowan, Miss Louise Kennedy, Mum to Charlie Oliver in Elm Class and Jack Oliver in Beech Class and Mrs Claire Yeates, Mum to Finlay in Beech Class.

Acts of Kindness

Thanks to all who completed this with your child(ren)

We will be have awarding certificates and book rewards for those that have been returned them at our assembly on Friday, so please hand in any completed by the end of Thursday.

InSeT Day

The next In Service Training Day is as follows:-

- Monday 24th February

School will be closed for the children on these days.

Attendance

In common with most schools, we monitor the attendance of individual children not only because it is our statutory duty but also because we know that good attendance correlates to good outcomes. We are also monitored by the local authority with regular visits from the Educational Welfare Officer.

Our attendance policies can be found via our website or paper copies can be requested from the office.

Parents should be aware that "leave in exceptional circumstances" can be requested and authorised absence may be agreed, but family holidays would not be deemed as exceptional circumstances and would be deemed as unauthorised absence, meaning that a fixed penalty fine of £60 per child per parent may be issued.

Reminders – PE Kits and Water Bottles

Please help us to make best use of time and make sure that your child has

- A clear sports cap water bottle – filled with fresh plain drinking water

- A PE kit in a named drawstring bag (Beech Class need blue or black shorts and a red t-shirt, Rowan and Elm Classes need blue or black shorts and a red t-shirt PLUS jogging bottoms and plimsoles/ trainers for games)

As we have changed one of our PE providers, all children now have PE on Monday, Thursday and Friday afternoons.

School Funding – Pupil Premium (sometimes known as free School Meals)

As you know all children now receive free meals in school but there is additional funding available to us as a school called pupil premium. Please see the information included with this letter and complete the form if you think that you may be eligible.

We use the additional funding to employ additional staff to support the children in school plus if you/ your child is eligible, trips will only be ½ price and uniform can also be funded.

After School Dance Club – For Elm and Rowan Classes

As we have changed our provider, after school dance club for Rowan and Elm Classes will now be on a Monday until 4pm.

If you would like your child to attend the After School Monday dance club please either email me (head@stpaulstongham.com) or let me know on the door in the morning by 9am on Friday 10th January so that places can be allocated.

School Place Applications for September 2020

If you have a child in Elm Class who is due to start Junior School in September or a pre-school child who is due to start in Year R in September, please remember that you must apply for a place by next Wednesday, 15th January.

Please ask at the office if you need any help with this.

Dates for you diaries

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Monday 17th – Friday 21st February – Half Term

Monday 24th February – InSeT Day – School closed for the children

Monday 2nd March – St Paul's Lent Buzz Club in the School Hall (No Dance Club)

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day – Our focus will be Bedtime stories so children can come to come school in pyjamas and we also hope to be able to arrange a visit to Waterstones Book Shop in Farnham

Thursday 12th March - 9-10am – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome

Friday 20th March – 9am – Mother's Day Assembly – All welcome

Friday 27th March – Whole School Mufti Day in exchange for £1 (for Easter Eggs for the Egg Tombola)

Friday 3rd April – 9.30am – Easter Service in church

Friday 3rd April – Last day of term. School closes at 2pm

Friday 3rd April – 2-3pm – Easter Hour

Monday 20th April – First day of the Spring term

Friday 8th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Thursday 14th May – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Monday 8th June – St Paul's Pentecost Buzz Club in the School Hall (No Dance Club)

Thursday 11th June – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome

Wednesday 17th June – Elm Class visit to Witley Common

Friday 26th June – Elm Class to Waverley Abbey School Sports Morning

Thursday 9th July - 9-10am – Friend's of St Paul's Coffee morning – All welcome

Thursday 16th July – 9.30am – Sport's Day

Wednesday 22nd July – 9.30am – End of term service at church – all welcome

Wednesday 22nd July - Last Day of Term. School closes at 2pm

Wednesday 2nd September – First Day of Term for Rowan and Beech Classes