

St Paul's C of E Infant School The Cardinals Tongham, Farnham Surrey GU10 1EF Tel: 01252 400222 Headteacher: Sue Brown

Headteacher's Newsletter – 22nd February 2022

Friends of St Paul's- Wacky Wednesday and Rowan Class Cake Sale

Thank you for your support. The children seemed to have a great Wacky Wednesday. Rowan Class Cake Sale raised £119, which the class will now be able to spend on new toys and resources.

Google Classroom

This is the way that class teachers send information to parents.

Please check your child's Google Classroom **<u>every</u>** Friday/every weekend for class information and home learning.

Messages outside of this time will be sent via our txtround system.

Book Bags & Books

In line with government guidance we must now teach early reading using a phonics scheme and approach. We use the Monster Phonics scheme.

As I am sure you can appreciate, funding an entirely new scheme is very expensive and despite the fact that The Friend's of St Paul's have generously agreed to donate the Christmas Fair monies, we are still VERY limited with books, especially books to send home. To be very blunt, this does mean that if you do not return the book your child has at home you stop another child from taking a book home to read.

To make this manageable, books are sent home in book bags on a Friday. Books and book bags should then be kept at home until Wednesday, and bought back in on a Wednesday morning. Any lost home reader monster phonics books will be charged at £8 a book.

World Book Day

Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day and we invite all children to dress up with a monster phonics theme – colours or complete dress up. (Please see the end of the newsletter for a reminder of the characters and colours)

We will also be taking each class to Waterstones Book Shop in Farnham where they will be able to exchange their world book day voucher for a book.

Children will travel on our school minibuses. Please complete the permission form here – <u>https://forms.gle/9sGEMd8KDDuhCGoX7</u>

Parent Teacher Meetings

We will continue to use Google Meet for these via your child's @stpaulstongham.com email address. Please request a time slot here - <u>https://forms.gle/QNApHHsW9VwuXqa79</u>

Ash CHIPS playscheme

There is a playscheme running at Walsh memorial Infant School from 4th – 8th April from 9am – 4.30pm, including lunch. Places - £50 for the week. Click here for information – <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/11cC6YKH7Z2DRZxZ-Pua5R20GPMcZjLI0/view?usp=sharing</u>

New Governors Needed

We need two new parent governors to join our governing body and some information about this can be found here - <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TB8-</u> r6KP7iUQzxrNV6M1wYoITgZ-tG0B/view?usp=sharing

The governing body meets 9 times a year on a Thursday evening from 7.30 – 9.15pm and also needs to be able to spare some time to come into school during the working school day.

If you think that you might be interested, please do speak to me or one of the existing governors. There would also be the opportunity to come along to a couple of meetings to find out more before making a decision.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th March – Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings Wednesday 23rd March – Mufti Day in exchange for £1 (so that The Friend's pf St Paul's can buy Easter eggs for the event on 1st April)

Friday 25th March – 2.15 – Mother's Day Event – details to follow

Friday 1st April – Last day of Spring term & Easter Service

Friday 1st April – School finishes at 2pm and will be followed by The Friend's of St Paul's Easter Hour from 2-3pm

