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Love to Learn; Learn to Love
Kindness, Respect, Love, Thankfulness.



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Silver Eco-Schools Silver Award
Eco-Schools
Bronze Eco-Schools Bronze Award

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SCHOOL GAMES GOLD 2018/19

Dear Parents and Carers,

FOSP (Friends of St Paul's) News: Thank you to everybody who came to yesterday's meeting. It was great to see a couple of new faces and also welcome back the familiar faithful - it was the first meeting in person for some time.

Emma Kell has now stepped down as Chair. I am sure you will all want to join me in thanking her for her hard work, dedication, drive and innovation. Despite the difficult year last year, and us being mindful of not keep asking for money, a huge amount was still raised, which we will use to add to our funds to support further opportunities and resources for your children's learning. This is testimony to the hard work of Emma, the rest of FOSP and everybody who has supported FOSP and our school. Our main priority for this year is a new phonics scheme and reading books, as well as continuing to build IT and resources in other areas of the curriculum.

There will be more news on the Whatsapp groups but Robyn Craddock has now stepped up as Chair, Sarah Hunt remains as Vice Chair, Rachel Hinton has taken over as Secretary and Carlie Dines remains Treasurer. Thank you to our committee and everybody who supports FOSP. There will be a mix of online and face-to-face meetings to enable us to accommodate more families, and we will be looking for class reps for each class.

Jazzy Jars: Thank you to everybody who has donated today. The deadline has now been extended to Monday, so if you have not already done so, please do contribute if you can.

Dulux Day/Rainbow Day: FOSP will also be running a Bottle Tombola. A bottle can be for many things (as well as beverages, there's bubble bath, toiletries etc) and we are asking for bottle donations next Friday in exchange for a Rainbow Day; children can wear non-uniform in colours of the rainbow (linked to the

Diary Dates

New dates highlighted



September

20th Happy Bags

- Jazzy Jars donations
- Harvest celebration

24th - Rainbow Day - dress in colours of the rainbow

- Deadline for application for Parent Governor role

26th - Dulux Day

29th - Full Governing Board

October

7th - Bronze Ambassador Training

8th - World Mental Health Day
HelloYellow Day - children can wear yellow

Y3/4 Cross Country Festival
Y5/6 Cross Country Festival

w/b 18th - Parent Consultations (online)

22nd - INSET day - school closed to children

25th - 29th HALF TERM

31st - Deadline for applying for secondary school places

November

w/b 1st - Parent Consultations (online)

2nd - Individual Photos
U11 Boys' Table Tennis

3rd - U11 Girls' Table Tennis

4th - District Cross Country

26th - INSET day - school closed to children

29th - Occasional Day - school closed

many colours of Dulux paint!).

Happy Bags on Monday: This is always a very good fundraiser for school so please take the opportunity to have a clear out and donate what you can. They will be collected soon after school drop-off.

Happy Bags Items Accepted 	Not accepted 
Reusable clean and dry clothes	Dirty, damaged or wet clothing
Reusable paired shoes and footwear	Single shoes
Handbags, belts and accessories	Mats and carpets
Soft toys (such as teddies)	Duvets, pillows and blankets
Bed linen	Curtains
	Bric-a-brac


Parent Governor: There have been a few parents interested in the role of parent governor (see last week's newsletter and attachment for further information. If you would like to apply, please submit your reasons in writing no later than next Friday (24th). About half a side of A4 is sufficient. Please do get in touch if you'd like to discuss what this entails. If there is more than one application it will go to a parental vote.

Harvest Celebrations: Years 1-6 will be going to church to celebrate Harvest on Monday. Nursery and Reception will celebrate at school. Please remember no harvest gifts this year. Your help is still needed and if you would like to donate please go to the DENS (Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter) website. Thank you. www.dens.org.uk/get-involved/donate


Staffing: Mr Hanley (TA in Y1) will be leaving us at the beginning of October. He is semi-retiring to be able to spend more time with his family. He will be keeping in touch, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank him for all his hard work and care of the children he works with.

Morning Drop-offs: It has been suggested that a few parents would like a return to staggered drop-offs to ease some of the morning congestion. Whilst I understand the advantages to this, it is less efficient for us in terms of learning and staff duty time. However, the morning procedures were planned to enable some 'staggering' at the morning drop-off: 8.30am the gate opens, 8.40am a member of staff is on duty, 8.50am the first whistle goes and children are handed over/start to walk in, and 8.55am the second whistle is blown and the gate is closed. The school originated here when there were much smaller pupil numbers, and the surrounding lanes were not built for this much traffic. Please be mindful when dropping-off and collecting; don't park on the yellow zigzag lines (this is illegal) and consider if you could park a little further and walk part of the way in.

PE Kits: Remember that children can come to school in PE kits if it is their PE day or they are attending a sports club. They should bring a change of clothing and footwear if it is likely to be muddy. The main PE kit is red shorts, with plain black tracksuit bottoms over the top for when the weather is cold. Cropped leggings have started to creep in instead of red shorts, and this is not the uniform. Football skins underneath red shorts are acceptable.

Summer Reading Challenge: As well as those mentioned in last week's newsletter, well done to Rex (Reception), Jamie (Y5) and Jennifer (Y6), who also completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Please let us know if there is anybody else. 

Chipperfield Theatre Group: The theatre group are still looking for people to support them behind the scenes for their forthcoming pantomime, Cinderella. They need a make-up artist, someone to help build a small Cinderella carriage and a wig maker please. Please contact Robyn Craddock if you can help, or if you know of anybody who can.

				
Value Award	Reception: Viktor		Year 1: Archie	Year 2: Avery
	Year 3: Oliver	Year 4: Jonathan	Year 5: Taylor	Year 6: Rebecca
Star of the Week	Reception: Jacob		Year 1: Timothy	Year 2: Sienna
	Year 3: Isla M	Year 4: Nat	Year 5: Florrie	Year 6: Joseph and Holly
Headteacher's Trophy	Lottie has made an excellent start in Year 6. The work that she produces is always her best and she clearly focuses well to put everything that she has learnt into her writing. She concentrates well on her own learning, whilst supporting others to be the best they can be too. Lottie is helpful - whilst also giving space - and funny and respectful. She always has a smile for everyone and she is helping Mrs Smith to learn Makaton as she is an expert! Lottie is so inclusive, patient and kind, putting the needs of others before her own. She is going to be a great leader and is an asset to the class.			

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Caroline Moore
Headteacher

