

# ST PAUL'S C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHIPPERFIELD

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Parent Consultations:** Thank you for your positive contributions to these over the past two weeks. As well as useful discussions about children's settling and progress at school, teachers have been so pleased with the support, positivity and appreciation that has been shown.

It has become apparent that quite a few children are not reading at home. Research has shown that the biggest indicator of success at university and beyond tends to be a child's ability to read fluently by the time they leave primary school. Fluency and confidence is massively impacted by regular reading at home as well as at school. All children should be reading at home.

**Anti-bullying/Just Talk Week:** Always a high priority in school, these themes have been given an extra focus this week. The children have had the opportunity to share concerns and strategies, and we've talked about sharing kind words, being a listening ear and the different people we can talk to at different times - either to share something positive or to be able to share something we are worried about.

We will also be participating in the NSPCC's 'Speak Out. Stay Safe,' online programme this half term. Further information will follow.

**Christmas Song, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** As part of Y1's topic on grandparents, we discovered by chance that Avery's grandmother writes and performs her own songs. One was sent in: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vs9DABcYQ1A> The message is so positive and it was lovely to see Avery and his parents feature as part of the video. Avery's grandmother, Maxine Brooks, has written her own Christmas song, 'Spread the Word, Spread the Love.'. Following our positive feedback, she has asked if we would like to sing this and be featured on the video. I have jumped at the chance, mainly because it delivers a message of hope, light, love and togetherness, which encompasses so many of the Christian values of St Paul's. Please see the separate letter attached for further information.

**Christmas Dinner, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December:** Due to the above singing and recording day, Christmas dinner will now take place the day after. Mrs Woodley has sent information about the change of days and how this may affect dinners.

## Diary Dates

(new events highlighted)



### November

24<sup>th</sup> - FOSP/PTA meeting  
(Zoom)

25<sup>th</sup> - Full Governing Board

26<sup>th</sup> - History dress-up day

27<sup>th</sup> - INSET - school closed to children

30<sup>th</sup> - Occasional Day - school closed

### December

11<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Jumper Day

- Last day for Christmas  
Post Box

14<sup>th</sup> - Flu vaccinations

16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Song

17<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Accessory Day  
- Christmas Dinner

Change of date

18<sup>th</sup> - End of term - 1.30pm

**Christmas Post Box:** The Post Box will be outside the main entrance from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please make sure the child's name and class are written clearly on the envelope. **The last delivery will strictly be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December by 9.15am** (finished at the end of morning drop-off) to allow time for quarantining before Y6 sort and give out, and then more quarantining before the children actually get them! Nothing seems straightforward anymore, does it?!

**FOSP/PTA Virtual Fair:** thank you to everybody who has supported this. A total of £727.50 has been raised from a combination of the virtual stall holders and the tombola. A huge thank you to Mrs Hinton, who brought the idea forward and organised the fair, and to Mr and Mrs Hibberd, who not only organised the tombola but also donated many items themselves.

**FOSP/PTA Meeting on Zoom, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm:** please do join us.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86908045282?pwd=Z1gvWXRENko3Z3JMRGFLaFpZc1ozQT09>

Meeting ID: **869 0804 5282**

Passcode: **370764**

### Ongoing Fundraisers

**Co-Op Community Cause:** <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/53111> - see attachment.

**FOSP Apple Juice:** £3 per 750 cl bottle of organic apple juice, made from apples grown in Chipperfield. To reserve a bottle please pay £3, or multiples there of if you would like to order more. Payment is now available via school gateway. [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com)

				
<b>Value Award:</b>	Reception: Isobel	Y1 - Avery	Y2 - Owen	
<b>Responsibility</b>	Y3 - Toby	Y4 - Cameron	Y5 - Ozzy	Y6 - Ethan
<b>Bronze</b>	Y2 - Lucy, Isla S, Aiden, Florence, Sophie, Alfie, Eloise, Harrison, Esme Y3 - Tommy, Amelia, Ollie, Olive-Rose, Evalyn Y4 - Connor, Matteo, Cameron, Barney Y5 - Sam			
<b>Silver</b>	Y5 - Jennifer			
<b>Headteacher's Trophy</b>	Romano (Y2) is a child who loves school, is always kind to others and has a big heart. He is always thinking of others and is a positive role model of our Christian values. He doesn't always find things easy but perseveres and joins in. This week in particular we have seen a breakthrough in his independent writing and maths. Romano is a joy to have in class and his smile lights up every room			

### Coming up next week:

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	8pm	PTA/FOSP meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30pm	Full Governing Board
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> November		History dress-up day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November		INSET day - school closed to children
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November		Occasional Day - school closed

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes and take care,

*Caroline Moore*

Headteacher