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Dear Parents and Carers,

Foundation Stage have had another wonderful week with visits from the police, fire service and a doctor as part of their topic on people who help us. The mayor and his entourage came to visit on Tuesday; thank you to our Year 6 ambassadors who did a fantastic job of guiding our visitors around school. As usual, I was very proud to show visitors our wonderful school in action. They were very impressed and said our school was 'unique'!

Staffing News

Mrs Hill is retiring at the end of this term after having been at St Paul's for more than 20 years. She has taught just about every pupil in the school, has been on numerous schools trips, including residential in the past, has been involved in the training of many teachers, supported PTA/FOSP activities and run gym club (and there are many other things too!). I'm sure you will all want to join us in thanking Mrs Hill for her hard work, dedication and commitment and wish her every happiness in her forthcoming retirement.

We are very fortunate in that we have Mrs Ballard and Mrs Hodgson who will be teaching Reception class for the summer term. This will mean that Mrs Dunne will be teaching Y3 for four days a week and Mrs Rees will be teaching Y4 for one day next term. We feel very fortunate to have been able to fill the various roles with high quality provision, particularly in this time when there is a national shortage of teachers.

Mental Health Week 2017

Diary Dates

(new events highlighted)



February

10th – FOSP Pancake flip
Netball v Bovingdon (A)

13th – 17th – HALF TERM

21st – Rock Challenge
23rd – Y6 screening
Y6 Athletics at Ashlyns
Full governors' meeting
24th – Rock Challenge assembly

March

1st – Open morning: maths
2nd – World Book Day
3rd – Y2 value assembly: Service
FOSP School disco
6th – Gym club assembly
10th – Y4 sharing assembly
14th – Y3 visit to Lincolnsfield
Centre

15th – FOSP meeting at
Blackwells

17th – Y5 sharing assembly
21st & 23rd – parent
consultations
23rd – Y3 sharing assembly
24th – Reception sharing
assembly: Mothers' Day
30th – Y6 sharing assembly
31st – End of term

This week has been national Children's Mental Health week. In addition to all the pastoral work that usually goes on in schools, we have had a particular focus on keeping our minds healthy. In assembly on Monday we looked at what we need to keep healthy, focusing on the body and then moving on to the mind. For a while now we have been focusing on acknowledging different moods and feelings and how they might affect the way that we and those around us might behave. There are so many challenges facing today's children; it is important that we support children's emotional and social and development as well as the academic. Also, a child who is happy and supported is more likely to flourish in general. The theme this week has been to encourage everyone - adults and children alike - to **spread a little kindness**. Small acts of kindness can make all the difference!

Breakfast Club

Chipperfield pre-school are contemplating offering a breakfast club before school. Before undertaking this, they need to ensure that they have enough children to make this viable. If you would be interested in your child/ren attending this, please contact Juliette on 01923 262830 or at chipperfieldpreschool@hotmail.com

Parking and driving outside of school

The police community support officer has dropped by to do some monitoring and will be back to do more. He has already had to speak to parents waiting on the zigzag lines. He has the authority to impose a £60 fine and 3 penalty points for those caught driving, stopping and parking unlawfully outside school. If somebody else is bringing your child to and from school, and perhaps they don't get to read this newsletter, please ensure that they get this message too. Thank you to the majority of our parents who do observe the law support us in keeping our children safe.

FOSP Activities

Thank you to all those who have supported the pancake flip today. The children have had lots of fun! Below is a list of some future diary dates:

Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day - families are invited to donate a book to the school - class reps will have lists or you may wish to donate a book of your choice. <i>Please note that this is an optional donation.</i>
Friday 3 rd March	Disco: <i>Children will be invited to come to the disco dressed as a book character (instead of during the school day); once again, this is optional.</i>
Wednesday 15 th March	Next FOSP meeting at Blackwells
Saturday 22 nd April	Photographer to come to the school gym to take individual or family portraits (more details nearer the time from Annabel Heathcote)
Monday 24 th April	Happy bag collection: <i>reusable clean clothes (dry!), paired shoes, handbags, belts, accessories, soft toys, bed linen (but not duvets)</i>

Please also remember you can use Easy Fundraising when you buy online to raise a free donation for Friends of St Pauls School. Head to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstpaulsschoolchipperfield> and sign up for free. All donations help towards providing those extra experiences for our children.

We are also continuing to collect postage stamps and foreign coins as part of our fundraising.

Sports News and Other Activities

	
Bronze Award	Y6 - Maddie, Molly, JJ and Rufus
Silver Award	Y2 - Gracie, George and James Y3 - Daisy, Elizabeth and Summer Y4 - Arthur Y5 - Olivia, Katie, Spike and Liam Y6 - Alfie
Gold Award	Y5 - Farrah and Thomas
Headteacher Trophy	Ellie (Y2) - for being very kind-hearted and wise. She is somebody who is inclusive and never leaves anybody out; she is a great listener to children who are feeling sad. In addition, she works hard and does everything that is asked of her.

This Week's Attendance Figures:



Yr 2	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 4	Yr 3	Yr 1	Rec
97.4%	96.3%	96%	96%	93.7%	93.3%	91%

Overall school attendance: 94.8%

Coming up in the week after half term:

Tuesday 21 st February	JRock (Rock Challenge) competition
Thursday 23 rd February	Checking of height and weight of Y6 pupils Y6 Athletics festival at Ashlyns 7.30pm Full governing board meeting
Friday 24 th February	2.45pm JRock assembly

Have a lovely half term break. We look forward to seeing you back in the second half of term when our value will be 'Service' and our theme is 'It's Amazing!' After many months of hard work, we wish all of our Rock Challenge team the very best of luck and hope our supporters enjoy the performance in the first week back.

Best wishes,

Caroline Moore Headteacher