

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

*Love to Learn; Learn to Love*



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy, busy final week at school. I am sure that those of you who came to any (or several!) of our performances of 'Hoodwinked' will agree that the children performed brilliantly. The whole of KS2 worked wonderfully together and there were some outstanding speaking and solo parts. Thank you to everybody who has helped in putting this together.

## Leavers

This week is always one of very mixed emotions as we say goodbye to our leavers. We are so very proud of our Y6 leavers and everything they have contributed during their time at St Paul's, but they are now equipped and ready to leave and go on to the next stage of their education. They have been the most superb leaders this year, really demonstrating the Christian values of St Paul's, and been great role models for the school community. They have consistently and willingly given up their own time to support other children. We are so very proud of them and wish them every success and happiness as they move on to the next stage of their education.

We also wish other children leaving our school today good luck and happiness as they move on.

## Thank You and Goodbye

Today we also say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Ridout and Mrs Baker. Mrs Ridout has worked at St Paul's for over 13 years, starting as a Y1 teacher and then moving to Nursery. She has also led and taught French, been to Kingswood and at one point introduced knitting club! Mrs Baker started off as a parent here and was Chair of the PTA. She has then been employed here for 17 years. She has always been one of the most flexible members of staff, using her skills wherever they are needed, going to Kingswood and Osmington Bay and also making me a cup of tea most mornings! Mrs Baker has offered to come back when the need arises so we will still be seeing her from time to time at school. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Ridout and Mrs Baker for

## Diary Dates

(new events highlighted)



### July

21<sup>st</sup> - Leavers' service  
Nursery home visits  
End of term 2pm

### August

Summer tuition for Years 4&5

### September

4<sup>th</sup> - INSET - school closed to children  
5<sup>th</sup> - Term begins for children  
7<sup>th</sup> - Welcome service  
8<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Meet the teacher  
11<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Great Fire of London workshop  
Y5 Meet the teacher  
12<sup>th</sup> - Y2 Meet the teacher  
Full Governing Body  
13<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Meet the teacher  
14<sup>th</sup> - Parent volunteer meetings  
15<sup>th</sup> - Reception Welcome  
Assembly 1

their many years of hard work and commitment to the school and wish them well as they move on to the next stage of life's journey.

### **Parent View**

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about our school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. Go to the following website:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Click 'Give your views' to register and complete the survey.

### **The Big Read**

The Summer Reading Challenge 2017 is called Animal Agents

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

*What is the Summer Reading Challenge?*

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays. You can sign up at your local library, then read six library books of your choice to complete the Challenge.

There are exclusive rewards to collect along the way, and it's FREE to take part!

The Summer Reading Challenge website helps you keep track of your reading all year round: find new books to read, take part in competitions (when you could WIN a brilliant bundle of books from the Animal Agents collection if you design a new animal agent or you could WIN a signed copy of Never Say Die if you draw yourself as a top secret agent, ready to join Alex on his next adventure) and play games.

### *Enrolling your child*

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children aged four to eleven. It is run in almost all libraries in the UK and it is completely free. Go to your local library during the summer holidays - the sooner you go the longer your child will have to read six books. Staff will enrol your child and give them some fun materials to get them started on the Challenge.

- Most libraries in England and Wales started the Challenge on Saturday 15 July 2017.
- Regional variations will apply, and your local library will be able to confirm when the Challenge will begin in your area.
- There is not an official end date for the Challenge. Each library authority will set their own finish date. Please check with your local library to find out when the Challenge will finish in your area.

Please note: as the Summer Reading Challenge is a library-based scheme, children must enrol in the Challenge at a UK library to be eligible for any rewards.

All children from St Paul's who complete this challenge will also be entered into a separate school draw where they could win a £20 Amazon voucher. Reading really is the key to academic success - both now and in the future - so please do encourage your child/ren to take part and read as much as they can over the holidays.

### **Reports**

Thanks to those parents who have returned the parent/pupil comment slip. There are still quite a few missing. If you have not already done so, please remember to return this to school - it is informative for us and will form part of your child's learning record. Thank you.

Whole Year Attendance Figures for each class

Yr 5	Yr 4	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 6	Yr 3	Rec
98%	97.9%	97.5%	97.4%	97.3%	96.5%	96.1%

**Overall School Attendance for the year: 97.3%**

**Rock Challenge**

We are very proud and excited to have just found out that we have won two national awards (so we have beaten every other primary school in the country in these categories): one is for 'Entertainment' and the other for 'Stage Crew' (again!). Well done to the entire team!

**Round-Up Information**

Attached with this newsletter, you should receive a round-up of data and other information for the end of the year. The information about secondary schools was requested by parents last year. The data is provisional but any possible changes should be minimal.

**Award Winners**

	
<b>Bronze Award</b>	
<b>Silver Award</b>	Y2 - Joseph Y6 - Farley
<b>Gold Award</b>	Y3 - Honey and Summer Y4 - Abbie Y5 - Tillie
<b>Headteacher's Award</b>	Y5 - Lucie Y4 - Freddie

**Coming up in the first week of the new school year:**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET - school closed to children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Term begins for children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                      2pm	Welcome service in church
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September                          2.45pm	Y6 Meet the teacher session

I would like to say a huge thank you to our staff, who consistently work so hard to do the best for the children in our school. I hope that they get to have a fantastic well-deserved break so that they are recharged and raring to go again in September! I would also like to thank you as parents for your continued support of the school; I always pass on your comments to the rest of the staff and it makes such a difference to have that support.

On behalf of the staff and governors I would like to wish you all a lovely summer break. Best wishes to all of our leavers and we look forward to seeing the rest of you back in school in September.

Best wishes,

*Caroline Moore*

Headteacher