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A message from Mrs Cresswell

It was so very special to be able to celebrate our Harvest Festival as a whole school and community at St Paul's church last week. The children sang beautifully and it was wonderful to have so many parents/carers join us to be part of the service. We look forward to many more church services in the future where we will be able to worship together again.

Thank you for all of your donations to the North London Food Bank. I am sure you will agree it is a very worthy cause, and so important for the children to have awareness of current local issues. It is also an opportunity to promote the Christian ethos and values of our school, as well as preparing the children to be positive members of the community.

This week has been another busy week in school. We started our celebration of Black History Month and, as ever, it is important to be clear that our intention is that the focus of Black History Month will not be confined to October. As a school we have worked hard to ensure that our curriculum is broad and diverse, and this is an area we continue to refine. It has also been Science week, the children really enjoyed having the opportunity to take part in a space workshop amongst other activities, which I know they all enjoyed.

Next week we have a phonics information session for Reception parents, and Year 5 and 6 will be visiting St Paul's church for Holy Communion.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Clare Cresswell.

Change of School Start Time

After the half term break, the school day will start 5 minutes earlier at **8:55am** instead of the current time of 9:00am. Please make sure your child arrives at school between 8:45-8:55am. After this time the gates will be shut. If your child is late please make sure you accompany them to the school office where they will need to be signed in.

Thank you FOSPS

Thank you to the FOSPS for organising our first event of the year - and what a fantastic way to start! I can't quite believe the amount of people that attended; it is really encouraging, but no surprise, that our school community want to come together to enjoy themselves.

Thanks to everyone who helped on the night and those who helped to promote the event.

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Black History Month

Black History month takes place in October every year and is an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of black men and women in the past and today. The theme for this year is "Proud to be" with the aim to inspire and share the pride people have in their heritage and culture. On Monday, there were assemblies for both Key Stages looking at the UK's diverse history and communities. Over the course of this month our children will be learning more about the presence and influence of black people throughout British history - from the Roman legionaries of North African descent on Hadrian's wall, Henry VIII's trumpeter John Blanke and Ignatius Sancho the first black person to vote in England, right up to inspirational figures of today like Betty Campbell and Marcus Rashford.

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Macmillan Tea Party

Thank you for the delicious cakes and biscuits donated for our Macmillan event. It was great to be able to invite parents and carers into school again to join us in supporting Macmillan. We were able to raise \pm 1,715.00 which is our best year yet! An excellent achievement. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the event so successful.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Our Garden

The school garden continues to thrive, we have been lucky enough to be able to harvest a range of fruit and vegetables during this half term. Thank you to all our volunteers who helped last Friday to prune and tidy the wild area of the garden. As you can see from the photos everyone worked very hard!

Father Daniel Visits Year 5

Father Daniel visited both Year 5 classes to lead a session in our RE topic on Holy Communion. This will help prepare us for our first Eucharist service at St Paul's on the 14th October.



Race for Life – Pretty Muddy Kids

On Saturday 2nd October two of our Year 6 girls, Cicely and Isla took part in a race, 'Pretty Muddy Kids'. They ran 5km and raised £195.00 for Cancer Research. Together with the Barnet Nightingales football team they raised over £500.00. In total the event raised over £40,000!

Congratulations to Cicely and Isla for their outstanding effort!



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This week your child brought home our updated Home - School agreement. Please can you read this document through with your child. We ask KS1 parents to sign on behalf of their child. KS2 children and parents should both sign the agreement. Once signed please can this document be returned to school by Friday 22 October.

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House Points

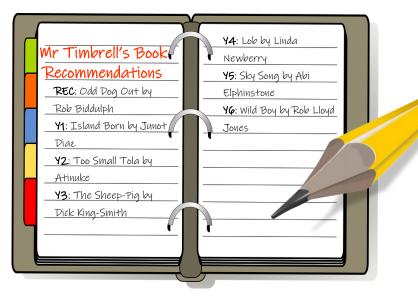
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Radcliffe	230	Compton	137
Ringwood	223	Radcliffe	110

Year 1 Visit to Woodcroft

Over the last 2 weeks, both Year 1 classes have visited Woodcroft Wildspace.

"We walked carefully in 2s and spent the morning taking part in minibeast hunting, learning about different trees and berries, and pond dipping. Luckily the weather was dry and we enjoyed finding and learning about some of the wonderful creatures that live under logs or in ponds. The volunteers there looked after us really well. They were able to take part in lots of different activities including pond dipping and they even managed to spot a newt!"





World SpaceWeek

This week we celebrated World Space Week. On Wednesday, the children attended a whole school assembly and learnt many planet facts. The children acted as planets and had to do an action that represented that particular planet. Following on from the assembly, each year group took part in a space workshop, 'Journey into Space'. The workshops entailed a range of activities which were very interactive as this is key in helping children to learn and retain new information. The children learnt about how planets are formed through role-play, the lifecycle of the sun, they practised orbiting the planets in the solar system, they made space-themed body sculptures, performed a drama play based around travelling to a planet and took part in a Q and A session. The leader of our workshops was very positive in his comments towards the children and he said how well behaved, engaged and polite they all were. The children really enjoyed the space workshops and continued to learn about space throughout the week in a variety of subjects.

FOSPS News

Cinema night

The FOSPS Cinema Night took place on Friday 24 September and was a huge success! The rain stayed away and lots of families enjoyed coming together, under a starlit sky, to enjoy the fantastic 'Luca.' It really was a magical night. Thank you to everyone for their support and to Mr Crouch and the team for helping to make this event possible. We're currently finalising figures and will confirm the amount raised very soon.



Second hand uniform and pre-loved costume sale

On Wednesday 6th October we were thrilled to be able to hold our pre-loved uniform and costume sale once again. Lots of fantastic costumes and uniforms found new homes, which helped to make the event a great success. Watch this space for details of the amount raised once it's been finalised.

FOSPS AGM

The FOSPS AGM is taking place on Thursday 14th October at 7:30pm, in St Paul's School hall.

Everyone is very welcome, so please join us to find out more. We would love to see any new Reception parents and all parents across the school years. It would be fantastic to see some new faces.

To join the FOSPS Committee you need to be present at the AGM in order to be part of the Committee - this means that you can vote on any issues raised at a meeting. We welcome anyone to our monthly meeting who has ideas to share or is interested in what we do, but you are only able to vote if you formally sign up. We hope to see some of you next week.

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FOSPS News continued

The Spooky Disco is back!

It's finally time to dust off those cobwebs and grab your spookiest costumes ready for our FOSPS Spooky Disco!

The disco is taking place next Friday 15th October in the school hall, with two sessions:

- KS1 will run from 4:30-6pm
- KS2 will run from 6:30-8pm

Tickets for the disco are £5 per child, while adults accompanying Reception children are free. You can buy tickets via the following link: <u>https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-pauls-school</u>

So dress up as much or as little as you like and come along to have some spine-tingling, spooky fun!

Easy Fundraising

If you're shopping online remember to sign up to Easy Fundraising. It only takes a couple of minutes and there are over 4,300 shops who will donate to us (for free) every time you shop with them!

Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stpaulswinchmorehill/payments/64/

AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping App

We also receive donations from AmazonSmile. Sign up is simple - there are three easy steps to follow to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations:

1. Open the Amazon Shopping app on your device

- 2. Go into the main menu of the Amazon Shopping app and tap into 'Settings'
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Once AmazonSmile has been activated in the app every eligible purchase will automatically generate a donation for the school.

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With thanks and best wishes, FOSPS

