



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

24th June 2016

Year 6

Year 6 have been on their residential journey this week, camping near East Grinstead in beautiful West Sussex. The local countryside is peaceful and such a contrast to London - not that they have had much time to admire the views. The programme is exciting and action packed. When I went to join them on Tuesday, they were doing various activities such as the zipwire, and climbing up very high poles using harnesses and ropes. We also went for a very muddy walk – the weather has been less than ideal this year, and their parents will be challenged by the washing task when they get home. They have behaved very well, and participated whole-heartedly.

School Website

We are putting a lot more resources into the school website this year, to ensure it is up to date and has all the latest news from your child's class. We also invested in making it mobile-friendly so do look us up – just Google St. Paul's Walworth and you will find us. You will also find information about school policies, the school governors and a whole variety of other issues that affect the school.

Transition

It is a difficult time of year at St. Paul's, when we have to sort out the new classes for next year. I know that some children are disappointed with the classes they have been put in, but we cannot please everyone sadly. Usually, by next term, children are happy with their new class. There are a lot of factors we have to take into consideration, and try to keep positive friendship groups together where possible.

Staff Leaving

Now we have announced the new classes, children have found out some of our treasured staff are leaving. Miss Clyne is leaving after many years at St. Paul's. She has deservedly gained promotion to assistant headteacher at another Southwark school, and Mr O'Donoghue is also becoming an assistant headteacher in another borough. It is a tribute to St. Paul's that our staff are able to move on to such senior positions. Also Mr Trickett is leaving us, as he is leaving London. All of these teachers have contributed more to St. Paul's than words can express, and we will miss them greatly. Mr Filipe will also be leaving us – anyone who attended the school concert this year will know the contribution he has made to developing music at St. Paul's this year.

Jonathan Ilore – Olympic athlete?

You will recall that Jonathan Ilore, an ex St. Paul's pupil and world class athlete, came to visit us last autumn. He has emailed me to say that he is in an event on Saturday that will be a decider as to whether he will represent us in the Olympics in Brazil. Let's all root for Jonathan – and support him through our prayers, good will and St. Paul's loyalty!

Years 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 have two events this week. One is an opportunity to see the play "Daughter of the Forest" at the Blue Elephant Theatre on Tuesday or Thursday (depending on which class they are in. On Thursday afternoon they will be performing in the ukulele concert in the school hall at 2.15 p.m. – parents are welcome!