



St Paul's C.E. First School
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School News

Over this term we are refocussing on our learning buddies in school with every class presenting an assembly about one of them. Miss Thomas and Year 4 this week talked about Leo the Lion who teaches the children to take risks with their learning and to try things that they may not immediately think they can do. In the following weeks we will be learning about Daring Daisy Dragon with Year 3, Mighty Max Mouse and Perseverance with Year 2, Oscar Owl and Reflecting with Year 1, Helpful Harriet Hippo and Collaboration with Reception and then finally Curious Colin Crocodile with Nursery. These learning buddies are used in school during all lessons to encourage the children to focus on their learning and the different aspects/skills that they may be required to use.

Year 1 came into school on Monday to see that an incubator and ten eggs had arrived. Over the course of the week many of the eggs have hatched and the children have been amazed as they watched the eggs crack and a chick climb out. This has provided Miss Jones and the children with some great opportunities to complete diaries, life cycles and many other related activities. Each year group have had an opportunity to pop in to see how the chicks are developing. They will stay in school for another week and then leave us to go back to the farm.



On Wednesday some children from Year 3 and Year 4 went to Cheslyn Hay High School for the tri golf tournament with some other local schools. Thank you to the parents who supported their children with this event. On Thursday Mrs Langford took a different group of Year 3 and Year 4 children to Cannock Chase Leisure Centre for a mini tennis tournament. Great fun was had at both of these events so thanks fo to Miss Jones for organising them and Mrs Langford for her support.



Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War.

This year we will be holding a Christian Aid Coffee Morning on Thursday 18th May. Miss Thomas and Year 4 are organising the event with the help of the Parents Association. Parents and Grandparents are invited into school for cake and a hot drink with their child. Below are the time slots which have been allocated to each year group. If you have children in more than one year group then you are welcome to attend both slots or both children can join you at the preferred slot.

Nursery/Reception 9:15 - 9:45

Year 1/Year 2 10:00 - 10:30

Year 3/Year 4 10:45 - 11:15

Any cake donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring donations to the school office from **Monday 15th May**.

On Friday 19th May there will be a non-uniform day and children are asked to make a donation of £1.

Please see posters about this event further on in the Newsletter.



Sporting Selfie

To promote the wide range of different sports that children take part in and to promote them within school, we would like to invite children to send in a photo of themselves doing their favourite sport. We will then use these photographs to create a display in school entitled 'Sporting Selfies.' They can be brought straight into class or emailed to the school office.

Attendance Reminder

Attendance is key to performance at school and it is a proven fact that poor attendance impacts considerably on learning and progress. There are obviously times when absence is unavoidable but we would like to remind parents that the current advice given by the Government to Headteachers is that holidays are **not** to be authorised. Parents may be aware that there has been high profile case in the news which questions this decision but until new guidelines are issued we will be following current guidelines.

For further information about attendance then please go to www.staffordhsire.gov.uk/LST

School Council Handwashing Posters

Last week the children in each year group carried out an investigation which looked at the effects of not washing your hands properly and then touching food. The results of this are going to be looked at in an assembly on Tuesday. Meanwhile the School Council would like to remind everyone that the Handwashing Posters need to be returned to school by **Monday 22nd May** so that entries can be judged. There will be a prize for the winner in each class and then a prize for the overall winner.

British Inspired Lunch Menu

On 18th May the school kitchen will be serving a lunch inspired by all things British. The menu for this event has been sent as an attachment with last week's newsletter.

Phonics Screen

All parents of children in Year 1 received a letter earlier on this term explaining that their child will sit the Statutory Phonic Screening Check during the week beginning 12th June. Mrs Jones and Mrs Richards will be leading an information session about this on Tuesday 23rd at 4:00pm and then repeated Wednesday 24th May at 9:00am. Year 1 children should have brought a letter home with further information about this meeting and we would ask parents to sign and return to say if they are able to attend one of the sessions.

School Office

We have now recruited a new member of the school office team. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Julie Elphick who will be joining Mrs Baker in the office from Tuesday 23rd May.

Sun Safety

Now the sunny weather finally seems to have arrived, please can we ask parents to ensure that their children have sun hats, water bottles and that sun cream has been applied prior to coming to school. If parents wish to send sun cream into school then please be advised that members of staff are not able to apply this and it would be the responsibility of your child. Any sun cream sent into school must be named and kept inside the child's school bag.

Readathon

Thank you again to all those children who took part in the readathon during March. We have received a letter this week thanking us for raising £180.00 and a school's voucher for £36 to spend at Scholastic Book Club.

St.Paul's Church Diary Dates

During May there will be several events held at St. Paul's Church which Father Malcolm would like to invite all of our families to.

Friday 19th May - Church Quiz Night with a fish and chip supper starting at 7:30pm and all are welcome.

Thursday 25th May - Whole School at Church for Ascension Day Worship at 9:30 am. Please can parents let the school office know if they are able to help walk the children up to church.

Saturday 27th May - Big Breakfast for Christian Aid starting at 9:30 am and all are welcome.

Steve Smallman

On Monday 22nd May we have invited the author and illustrator Steve Smallman into school to work with each year group. You should have received a separate letter detailing this visit and giving you more information about Steve. We are asking for a contribution of £2 from each child.

Headteacher's Award

Every half term the teachers choose a child from each class to be given a Headteacher's Award. These are the children who have consistently maintained a positive attitude to their learning and school life. So well done to the following children:

Nursery - Sophia for a fantastic attitude in all areas of learning.

Reception - Daisy for a fantastic attitude to learning and behaviour, she sets a wonderful example to the rest of the class.

Year 1 - Isabella D for demonstrating a hardworking attitude in all areas of learning.

Year 2 - Poppy Y for her enthusiastic approach to all areas of school life. She tries hard in all she does.

Year 3 - Martha for her positive approach to all her lessons and working really hard on every task.

Year 4 - Beth for showing determination and perseverance in all areas of learning. She is always prepared to work hard and offer help to other children.



House Points



Well done to our winning team Willow

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 96 house points!



This week...

A reminder to parents that comments made on Facebook or other forms of social media which are deemed to be defamatory against the school or its staff will be referred to the Local Authority's Legal Services.

Star of Week

Well done to our stars of the week. Their teachers have been really impressed with their work.

Nursery - Lexi for trying really hard with her cutting skills and for persevering with the challenges this week. Well done.

Reception - Holly for really challenging herself in her writing.

Year 1 - Parisa for taking a risk and holding a chick even though she was scared.

Year 2 - Max for trying very hard and persevering with his writing.

Year 3 - Roddy for his enthusiasm in our French sessions (we are learning about colours at the moment)

Year 4 - Jasmine always trying hard to improve her own learning.



Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 2 - Max, Gracie-Leigh, Isabelle, Ethan, Spencer, Ella, Poppy C.

Year 3 - Georgia, Emily G.

Year 4 - Tyler, Tabitha

Summer Fayre

This year the Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 24th June. Further details of this great fundraising event will be sent out nearer the time but the School Association are keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to help out on the day.

Prayer of the Week



Jesus says:
'Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
Neither let them be afraid.'
The peace of the Lord be always with
you
And also with you.

WORSHIP

Prince of Peace

This week in worship we looked at how Jesus teaches us the importance of reconciliation and how this can help avoid escalating arguments.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May 2017

Nursery - 72% Reception - 91%

Year 1 - 94% Year 2 - 93%

Year 3 - 96% Year 4 - 97%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 4 .

Diary Dates

May

Tuesday 16th May - Year 4 go to Brewood Middle School for Sports Morning

Thursday 18th May - Coffee Morning for Christian Aid

Monday 22nd May - Steve Smallman illustrator and author is in school (See separate letter for further details.)

Tuesday 23rd May - Year 1 Phonics Screen meeting 4pm

Wednesday 24th May - Repeat of the Year 1 Phonics Screen meeting at 9 am

Friday 19th May - Non-uniform day. Donations of a £1 towards Christian Aid

Friday 26th May - School finishes for Half Term

June

Wednesday 7th June - Parents Evening Brewood Middle School for Year 4 parents (details to follow)

Tuesday 13th June - Mr Swift/Mrs Priestley - visit St Paul's to meet Year 4 parents

Saturday 24th June- Summer Fayre

Saturday 24th June Rocket Day for Year 4 at Brewood Middle School (change of Date from 10th June)

Monday 26th June - Choral Day - Stafford Grammar (details to follow)

July

Thursday 6th July - Sports Day

Friday 7th July - Year 2 trip to Baggeridge Park

Monday 10th July - Themed week (details to follow)

Thursday 13th July - Transition Day

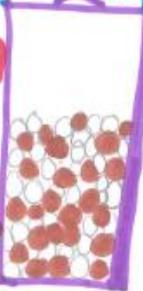
Thursday 20th July - Leavers Show Year 4

Friday 21st July - School finishes for Summer

Coffee Morning !!!

we need more money for charity

can you help us?




Sophie
By Season

Christian Aid



Just one hot drink could help someone's unfortunate future get better.



Scared
Lonely
Sad
cold
unlucky

Help Christian Aid to provide shelter and food. +

Donate and HELP make children's life better.

HELP!
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There is more than 100 million orphans world wide. Half of them are being children. Donate to Christian Aid to help.

Happy
Excited
Loved
Perfect

