



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 18th May 2018
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School News

Well done to our Year 2 children who have worked extremely hard this week on their special assessments. Mrs Richards and I are incredibly proud of all of the children for how well they have coped with these tests; they all tried their very best and we can't ask for more than that!

Year 1 children welcomed their parents into school on Thursday for afternoon tea as part of their current topic.



Finally, thank you to all families who donated cakes and money for the Christian Aid coffee morning. Without your continued support, events like this would be unable to go ahead. We will let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter.

Polite Reminder

We have again this week had some further issues with parents turning up at the school office demanding to speak to Miss Roberts or their child's class teacher.

Once again, we would like to remind parents that appointments need to be made to speak to school staff as you cannot assume that we will be free when you want to talk to us. Naturally, we will always try to see you as soon as is possible, but this may not always be straight away.

We would also like to remind parents that by signing the school's Home School Agreement, you have agreed to raising concerns in an appropriate manner and not in front of your children.

We appreciate that there are times where you may have concerns or questions that you would like to discuss with staff, but we have to politely ask you all to make sure that this is done at a suitable time and in a suitable manner.

Thank you for your support.

Staffing News

I'm pleased to let you know that Mrs R Jones will be returning to St Paul's at the end of the Summer Term, following her maternity leave. She will not return into class for this short time, and Miss Lee/Mrs Gibbon will continue to teach Year 1 for the remainder of the Summer Term.

I'm excited to announce that Mrs R Jones will be re-joining our Early Years team in September as the morning Nursery teacher, with Mrs Payton continuing to manage the Nursery during the afternoon sessions. Both members of staff will be at the Nursery Induction Evening on Tuesday 5th June and both will be present on the Transition Day in July.

After School Club

There will be no after school club on Friday 20th July as the school will close at 3:15pm on that day (3pm for Nursery).

We would be grateful if you could make arrangements to collect your children at home time on that day.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Nursery Places for September

We only have a few spaces left for Nursery in September. Please contact the office as soon as possible, to avoid disappointment, if you haven't yet applied for your child's place.

Rising 3 Places

There are a few afternoon places for Rising 3s in September. If your child turns three between September and Christmas, and you are interested in an afternoon place, please speak to the school office.

British Values

This week's British Values focuses on the Rules of Law. We will be looking at this in school but invite parents to share these images with their child at home. Children are invited to send in any work that they may have done at home to go on our British Values display board.



Weekly Attendance

Monday 14th May to Friday 18th May.

Nursery - 86% Reception - 98%

Year 1 - 84% Year 2 - 92%

Year 3 - 88% Year 4 - 90%

Well done to Reception, the class with the highest attendance this week.

Sunny Weather

A quick reminder to parents to ensure that all children have water bottles, sun hats and sun cream on when they come to school in hot weather.

Sandals may be worn as long as socks are worn underneath them to prevent accidents to toes!

Year 3 Trip/Parent Workshop

Due to problems with our coach service we have had the change our trip date to Tuesday 22nd May. All of the other timings will remain the same. Parents in Year 3 are invited into school on Friday 25th May at 09:15am for a Parent Workshop.

Pobble

Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 2 - James, Parisa and Megan

Year 3 - Poppy

Year 4 - James

Star of Week

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



Nursery - Charlie for great writing skills.

Reception - Jack for having a super attitude towards his learning.

Year 1 - Theo for showing an improved effort towards his maths work.

Year 2 - Gino for trying really hard with his reading, writing and topic work.

Year 3 - Blake for having a mature attitude towards his learning and wanting to succeed.

Year 4 - Millie for working more independently in maths and challenging herself in English.

Nursery Parent Workshop

Reminder: There are two parent workshops in Nursery next week on Friday 25th May at 11am for morning Nursery parents and 2pm for afternoon Nursery parents. Parents of children who do 30 hours may choose which workshop they wish to attend.

Reception Writer of the Week

Well done to Ella who is this week's Writer of the Week.

Old PE Kit If any parents have any old items of PE kit that no longer fit their child, please consider donating them to school so that we can keep some supplies of spare PE kit in each class. Many thanks.

Changes to Nursery Timings in September 2018

For parents whose children will be in Nursery in September, the session times have changed. The morning session will run from 8:45–11:45 am and the afternoon session will run from 12:15–3:15 pm. This will allow the Nursery staff to handover between sessions and to set up the classroom ready for the afternoon session whilst the children are eating their lunch in the hall.

There will be a small charge of £2 per day for children to stay over the lunchtime period from 11:45–12:15 pm. This will cover the additional staffing costs for the children to be supervised during this time, which is not covered by the funding that the government pays to us.

As the current lunchtime takes up a chunk of the afternoon session, this new system will enable us to have two clearly defined nursery sessions which both last for the same amount of time, enabling us to maximise learning opportunities for the children.

Diary Dates

May

Tuesday	22nd	May	Year 3 Trip
Friday	25th	May	Year 3 Parent Workshop—9:15 am
Friday	25th	May	Nursery/Reception Parent Workshops— 2pm for YN/YR (extra session at 11am for YN)

June

Monday	4th	June	Deadline for ordering Father's Day Lunches
Tuesday	5th	June	Year 4 Taster Session at Brewood Middle School
Tuesday	5th	June	New Parent Induction Evenings—5:00 pm for YN / 6:00 pm for YR
Wednesday	6th	June	Year 4 Parent Meeting at Brewood Middle School—Time TBC
Friday	8th	June	Year 2 Parent Assembly at 2:50 pm
Tuesday	12th	June	12pm—Nursery & Reception Father's Day Lunches
Wednesday	13th	June	12pm—Year 1 & Year 2 Father's Day Lunches
Thursday	14th	June	12pm—Year 3 & Year 4 Father's Day Lunches
Friday	15th	June	Father's Day sale in school—£2 per item—details to follow
Thursday	28th	June	Sports Day—time slots will be allocated during the day for each class
Saturday	30th	June	Summer Fayre

July

Thursday	5th	July	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday	10th	July	Meet the New Teacher meetings for pupils moving into Y1/Y2/Y3/Y4 at 5pm and 6pm
Monday	16th	July	Year 4 Leavers' Service at St Paul's Church at 2pm—Y4 parents welcome
Thursday	19th	July	Year 4 Leavers' Production in school—9:30 am start / Parent Lunch for Y4 11:45am / Party in school 5-7pm
Friday	20th	July	Last day—children are welcome to bring toys and games from home. School closes at 3pm for Nursery and 3:15pm for Reception to Y4.

September

Monday	3rd	September	INSET Day—School closed for pupils
Tuesday	4th	September	INSET Day—School closed for pupils
Wednesday	5th	September	School reopens - staggered intake for Nursery and Reception