



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

Well the final week of term has finally arrived and what a busy one it has been! Our Year 4 children have been particularly busy starting the week by going up to church for their Leavers' Service. Father Malcolm led the service to celebrate the children's time here at St. Paul's School and to wish them well as they continue their learning journey. Each child was presented with a cross as a keepsake.

Alongside other end of year preparations the Year 4s have also been rehearsing for their leavers performance St. Paul's Has Got Talent which they performed on Thursday morning. What a super performance it was, proving that there are indeed many talented children at St. Paul's. The finale performance by the whole class was lovely and a lasting memory for all involved. Well done to all of Year 4 and Miss Thomas for bringing the whole show together so well.



Year 4 attended their end of school party organised by the School Association on Wednesday and fortunately the weather held so that they could enjoy their barbeque party outside. A great time was had by all and hopefully some more lovely memories were made. Thank you to the School Association for making sure that the Year 4's had a party to remember.

On Thursday the whole school had a real treat when Andy Day from CBeebies visited. He arrived at lunchtime ready for an afternoon of dinosaur fun. The children enjoyed themselves singing and dancing along to many of his dinosaur raps. Mrs Edge, Miss Thomas and Mrs Cheal even got to dance out at the front with Andy! We hope that the parents were able to get some photographs of him when he kindly agreed to meet everyone at the end of the school day but if not then please see further on in the newsletter for lots of photographs taken in school. There should be an article in The Express and Star about this amazing event made possible by Mr Cheal, parent of Casey and Lexie, and Redrow Housing - so thanks go to all that contributed to this fantastic experience.

On Friday we said goodbye to Mrs Haywood and Mrs Benson who have worked in Year 3 since February. Both ladies have worked hard to help ensure that the children in Year 3 had consistency for the rest of the school year and have made their learning engaging and exciting. We will miss them as they move on but are sure that we haven't seen the last of them and look forward to seeing them in the future. They would like us to pass on their thanks to both the children in Year 3 and their parents for their support over the last 6 months and for their kind gifts too.

As school finishes for another year the staff at St. Paul's would like to wish all of our families a happy Summer holiday and we look forward to seeing lots of smiling faces again in September. The Staff would also like to thank our families for their support over this academic year and for the kind wishes and gifts.

Attendance Awards

As parents are aware regular school attendance is vital to ensure that children make the progress throughout each area of the curriculum and do not fall behind with their learning. Our school target is 97% and on Friday those children who have managed to achieve this or above were given their certificates as acknowledgement of this.



Bronze Awards (97% or above):

Nursery - Cameron

Reception - Josh, Harry, Layton, Maddison, Teigan, Bailey, Holly, Lexi, Theo

Year 1 - Apurva, Isabella D

Year 2 - Matthew, Shea, Gracie-Leigh, Casey, Finley

Year 3 - Marha, Olivia, Lilly B, Luke, Billy, Charlie W, Lucy

Year 3 - Aoife, Sam A, Tia, Casey, Lily, Harry F, Aimee, Luke, Beth



Silver Awards (99% or above)

Reception - Teddy

Year 1 - Joshua, Isabella J, Lucy, James

Year 2 - Imogen, Harry

Year 3 - Charley J, Nicole

Year 3 - Tabitha, Jacob



Gold Awards (100% attendance)

Nursery - Sophia

Reception - Phoebe

Year 1 - Beatrice, Ryan, Amber

Year 2 - Sadie, Tom J, Lily

Year 3 - Roddy, Nathaniel, Molly

Year 4 - Evie, Sophie, Tyler

Mrs Picken

We are sorry to announce that Jenny Picken our Chair of Governors has decided to step down after many years in this role. Jenny has supported the school in many ways both during the time that her children attended and in subsequent years. She will be greatly missed.

On Thursday, following the Year 4 Leaver's Show, the children presented her with thank you cards and gifts from all at St. Paul's. We wish her all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing her soon.

Reading Buddies

Thank you to our Year 4 Reading Buddies who gave up their time each week to read with other children. On Friday they received their present to say thank you.



Laches Wood

Parents of children moving into Year 4 in September are reminded that next year's residential trip to Laches Wood is **Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March 2018**. Further details about this will be given to parents on Thursday 21st September at a meeting held in the school hall at 2:30pm. Parentpay has been set up for parents wishing to begin making payments as soon as possible. The deposit of £40 will need to be made by 30th October to secure a place for you child.

Please note that these are the correct dates for the trip.

The letter that was sent out a few weeks ago had the wrong dates on. The trip is always on the last week before we break up for Easter!

Viking Day

We are pleased to announce that a Viking Day has been organised for Year 4 on the 29th September. This is a very interactive day where we welcome a 'Viking' into school to work with Year 4 to enhance their topic on The Vikings. We would like the children to dress up as Vikings for this event and any further details will be sent out when we return to school in September.

Roald Dahl Week

We will be having another Roald Dahl themed week from Monday 11th September to commemorate his 101st birthday on the 13th September and to launch our new whole school Reading Challenge which is based around the theme of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will be invited to dress up for this on Friday 15th September. They will be able to choose any character from any of his books.

Holiday Club and INSET Day

Inspired Coaching are offering a holiday club and an INSET day session this year at St. Paul's which parents should have received a flyer about. If anyone requires further information or wishes to book a place then please contact Inspired Coaching on 07825 885917 or email luke.oldham@inspired-coaching.com.

Father Malcolm

As many of our families may know Father Malcolm is retiring and moving away from Coven to go back up to the North East. He has worked closely with the school for many years and has helped to develop our close links as a church school so we will greatly miss him both around school and as a member of our community. On Friday 29th September at 7:30pm there will be a service at St. Paul's Church which will be his last and we would like to invite our families to attend to say thank you and goodbye to such an important member of our community.

School Photographs

This year individual photographs will be taken of the children on Monday 9th October.

Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle

Year 2 will start the year learning all about Towers, Turrets and Tunnels so Mrs Richards has organised a visit to Warwick Castle on Monday 18th September. Further information will be sent out about this week during the first week of term but Parentpay is open for any parents wishing to pay before we return to school in September.



Congratulations to this week's published authors.

Year 3 - Emily G, Emily T, Martha, Millie, James, Nicole and Aaliyah



Prayer of the Week



We thank you, God, for all the changes in our lives.

May we become better people as a result of them.

Be with us as we grow and change, today and every day.

WORSHIP

CHANGE

This week in worship we have been looking at changes as the children prepare to move on with their learning journeys either through St. Paul's or onto Brewood Middle School.

Diary Dates

September

Monday 4th September - INSET Day

Tuesday 5th September - School reopens for the Autumn Term.

Monday 11th September - Roald Dahl Week with a dressing up as a character day on Friday 15th September.

Monday 18th September - Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle

Friday 29th September - Y4 Viking Day

October

Monday 9th October - Individual School Photographs

Coven Playing Field Committee

It was lovely to see so many people at the opening of the Coven Playing Field last Saturday. The children's faces as the ribbon was cut was such a wonderful sight as they were finally allowed to go and play!

The committee have organised an event this Friday which is detailed below. Please go along and support this if you can. Thank you in advance.



Tickets £5 each

Cob & crisps included

Adults only

Bar open

Guitar pop/indie/rock music

**The New Statics
Live Band Night**

**Friday
28th July
7pm – till late**

Tickets available
www.facebook.com/Coven-Playing-Field-Committee
covenplayground1@gmail.com

ORGANISED BY Coven Playing Fields Committee

Coven Memorial Hall
Brewood Road
Coven

Andy Day's Visit

Andy performed some of his dinosaur raps and answered the children's many questions about both dinosaurs and his job at CBeebies in two sessions. The children were very enthralled and all had a fabulous afternoon!





With the summer holidays fast approaching we thought we would give you a brief reminder on Online Safety and the age restrictions on Social Media to keep your children safe. Please talk to your children about the on-line world and Social Media.

Talk about their online world

We talk to children about crossing the road, bullying and speaking to strangers. But what about staying safe in the digital world?

Having regular conversations, about what your child is doing online - just like you would about their day at school—is the best way of keeping them safe.



You'll be able to spot any problems, encourage them to come to you if they're worried and make sure they know what's OK to share online - and what's not.

3 TIPS TO HELP START THE CONVERSATION

1. Explore sites and apps together and talk about any concerns.
2. Ask your child if they know how to stay safe online.
3. Talk about personal information and what to share online.



CHILD EXPLOITATION AND ONLINE PROTECTION

Has something happened online that has made you feel worried or unsafe?

Visit:

<https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

REPORTING...

All apps/websites and social media platforms, all have reporting features in their settings.

We recommend that you know the apps/websites your children are using and always check the privacy setting.

Social Media Age Restrictions

(Ages researched in 2017)



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(13 with Parental Permission)

Term Dates and INSET Days for September 2017 to July 2018

Autumn Term 2017

Term starts: Tuesday 5 September

Half Term: Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October

Term ends: Tuesday 19 December

Holiday: Wednesday 20 December - Tuesday 2 January

Spring Term 2018

Term starts: Wednesday 3 January

Half Term: Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February

Term ends: Thursday 29 March

Holiday: Friday 30 March - Wednesday 11 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 1 April

Summer Term 2018

Term starts: Thursday 12 April

May Day: Monday 7 May

Half Term: Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June

Term ends: Friday 20 July

Holiday: Monday 23 July - Friday 31 August

INSET Days 2017-18

Monday 4th September 2017

Monday 30th October 2017

Friday 16th February 2018

Thursday 12th April 2018

Friday 13th April 2018