



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 26th May 2017
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School News

This week we have held meetings about both the Year 1 Phonics Screen and Nursery changes for September. We hope that the parents who came found these useful and informative. Those that were unable to attend should have received information packs which have been passed onto children or sent out separately.

It has been a lively week in school with the children in Reception presenting their assembly to the children in Year 1 on Wednesday, they were so good that Year 1 were keen to join in too and so Reception taught them their song all about Noah's Ark. This was linked to their work in RE where the children had been learning about what an assembly is and then they chose to present one.

In Year 2 this week the children had a day of designing and making with Mrs Gibbon on Wednesday. They produced some super vehicles, working all by themselves where possible, to create their product from their own design. Their money skills were also tested when they had to work out the price of each item needed and then the overall cost!

Year 3 have been busy this week being artists, creating their own interpretations of what Boudicca looked like as part of their Roman topic! Much fun was had by all.

Year 4 have also been very creative this week making their own telephones using plastic cups and string. This was part of their current Science topic on sound. Again, they had a lot of fun testing out their phones and commenting on whether the sound quality was better with longer or shorter pieces of string.

On Thursday we welcomed Father Malcolm into school for a Pentecost service and we observed a minute's silence in memory of the people who lost their lives in the horrendous incident in Manchester earlier this week.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th June.



Baby News!

We are delighted to inform parents that Mrs Jones in Reception is expecting her first baby in November. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating her and her husband and wish them all the best at this exciting time.



Changes to Payments for Before and After-School Club from September 2017

In September we will be changing the way that we invoice you for before and after-school club sessions.

From September, you will be charged in advance at the beginning of the month for all sessions that you book for that month (using the half-termly booking form).

Cancellations will still be accepted in the usual way and credits will be applied to the next month's invoice as appropriate.

Adhoc sessions will need to be paid for on the day, before bookings can be received.

Thank you for your continued support.

ParentPay and School Meals

Please ensure that your ParentPay account is kept in credit and that there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of school meals. Failure to do so may result in your child being refused a school meal and parents being asked to send their child with sandwiches from home.

If debts from non-payment of dinner money are incurred, then the school budget has to pay for them. This means that money which should be spent on the children's education is used to pay for debts incurred by parents. Parents will agree that this is unacceptable.

If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office.

Playground Competition Winners

Thank you to Mrs Kinson and Mrs Edge for coming into school this morning to present the winning children their prizes. Earlier this half term the children were asked to design the front cover for the invitation to the grand opening of the park in July.

The committee received loads of entries and choosing a winner was very difficult.

Congratulations to the following children:



Reception - Mya

Year 1 - Rosie

Year 2 - Sadie

Year 3 - Lillie-Mae

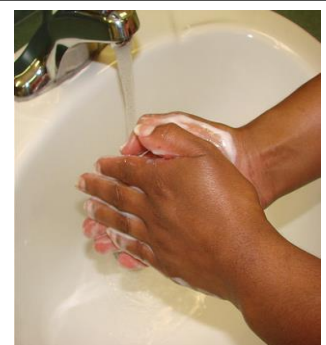
Year 4 - Ben

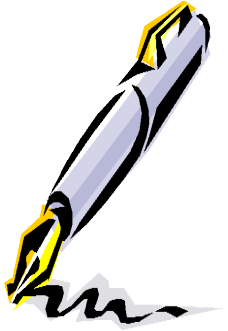
The overall winner was Lille-Mae in Year 3 and her design has been chosen to appear on the front cover of the invitation. Thank you to all who entered. All designs will be on display at the grand opening.

Handwashing Competition

The closing date for the handwashing posters has been extended to Tuesday 6th June. Winners will be announced in assembly on Friday 9th June.

Please encourage your child to get involved and design a poster over the half term holiday!





Handwriting Pen Licence

Well done to Charlie in Year 3 for being awarded with his handwriting pen licence this week.



Year 4 World War 2 Art and Craft Session

Parents of children in Year 4 are invited into school for a World War 2 Art and Craft Session on Wednesday 7th June at 2:15. The session will last until approximately 3:15 so the children will go home at the usual time.



JOIN OUR CUPCAKE DAY FOR ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY



St. Paul's will be supporting this event by inviting the children to come to school in their own clothes and during the day each child will have an opportunity to decorate a cupcake for a £1 donation.

Junk Modelling

If any of our families have any unwanted boxes or containers please send them into Early Years who are running short of items to use when they are making their junk models. Items could include: cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes, washed yoghurt pots etc.

St. Paul's Church Diary Dates

There will be a 'Big Breakfast' for Christian Aid at St. Paul's Church on Saturday 27th May starting at 9:30 am. All are welcome.

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.

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.

We would be grateful for donations from parents as follows:

Friday 9th June - unused gift sets and unwanted toys

Friday 16th June - bottle donations

Friday 23rd June - cake donations / sweets or chocolate for the tombolas

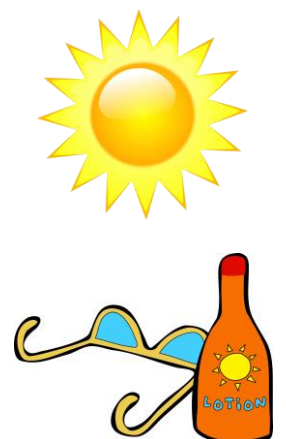
On these three days the children will be able to wear non-uniform in exchange for donations.

Sun Safety

A reminder to parents to ensure that their child has a sun hat and sun cream in school during this period of hot weather. Sun cream can either be applied at home before the children come to school or brought in to be applied by the children at lunchtime.

The children also need a named water bottle in school during the summer months as we encourage the children to drink plenty of water to keep themselves hydrated.

Thank you for your continued support.



House Points



Well done to our winning team Oak.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 116 house points!



This week...

Please can we ask parents and carers not to allow their children to play on the climbing frame before or after school. This equipment is only used during the school day when there is adequate supervision in place to ensure safety.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - John Levi for trying so hard in RWInc this week!! Well done!

Reception - Tobais for being so kind and helpful everyday.

Year 1 - Thomas for persevering with his reading and and writing.

Year 2 - Casey for always trying hard to act on advice and do his very best.

Year 3 - Nicole for her fantastic painting of Boudicca based on an historian's description of her.

Year 3 - Luke for super problem solving skills.

Year 3 - Junior for a super attitude, putting in excellent effort and presentation.

Year 4 - Ashleigh for always working hard and applying everything she has learnt.



Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 2 - Finley, Matthew and Tom J

Year 3 - Lillie-Mae and Molly

Year 4 - Evie

Prayer of the Week



Loving God,
Help us to work for peace,
And to pray for peace,
Believing that all people are your
children.
Amen

WORSHIP

BEING A PEACEMAKER

This act of worship focused on the Christian calling to be a peacemaker in the world. The children reflected upon practical examples of people who are recognised as peacemakers, and what this means.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May 2017

Nursery - 81% Reception - 97%

Year 1 - 92% Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 90% Year 4 - 95%

The class with the highest attendance is Reception. Well done!

Diary Dates

May

Friday 26th May - School finishes for Half Term

June

Wednesday 7th June - Year 4 World War 2 Arts and Craft Session - parents invited 2:15 - 3:15.

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

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