



St Paul's C.E. First School Newsletter ~ Friday 28th April 2017

School News

Welcome back to all of our families, we hope you have all had a lovely Easter break and are looking forward to the Summer Term.

New topics in each year group have all begun this week and you should have received a curriculum newsletter and the topic Big Picture outlining all that the children will be doing this half term.

The children in Year 1 began their new topic Into The Woods with a fantastic teddy bear's picnic on Wednesday. The children all made fresh sandwiches for the occasion and parents were invited into school to share the experience with their child. Then on Friday the children went off to Birches Valley to take part in a 'Ranger in a Bag' day. They did a minibeast hunt, made nature strips and made models out of clay. Miss Jones is now looking forward to seeing how these two experiences enhance the learning during this new topic.



Christian Aid Week

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

Let's join others across the country to act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Look out for further information over the next few weeks about fundraising that we will be doing in school during that week.



School Bags

Last year the school invested a lot of money in lockers to provide children in Years 2, 3 and 4 with a safe place to leave their belongings during the school day. These were a huge improvement from the system of coat pegs because items quite often ended up on the floor and got either damaged or presented a trip hazard. Unfortunately we are finding that some children are now bringing in bags which are too big for their lockers and the doors are either unable to shut or are becoming damaged when forced shut. Whilst we understand that PE kits can take up a lot of space there is no need for children to bring in big bags with their other belongings in so we would kindly ask that a simple book bag is used rather than big rucksack type bags. Thank you for your support with this.

Ground force Helpers Wanted!

We are looking for any parents/grandparents or friends of the school who would be willing to come into school to help with the upkeep of our garden and hedges. The hedges around the Reception and Nursery areas are currently in need of trimming so any available help with this would be greatly appreciated.

My Book Blog

Please find below the login details for the My Book Blog which is the online book review and blogging site that we subscribe to for the children in Year 2, Year 3, and Year 4. It is important to enter the website using this address because this is unique to our school. Every child in Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 has been given their password but if they are unsure they can ask their teacher for this information.

School Login: <https://mybookblog.org/plogin/st-pauls-cofe-c-firs/>



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.

Before and After School Club

The staff in Before and After School Club now have a mobile phone for parents to be able to contact them on directly, should they need to during the sessions, if the school office is closed. The school office is open from 8:30 to 4:30 each day and this should be the first point of contact unless before or after these hours.

The mobile phone will only be switched on between 7:30am and 9am and between 3pm and 5:30pm. The number is: 07934 961598.

School Meals Price Increase

A reminder to Year 3/4 parents that due to market pressures, the cost of school meals has increased to £2.25 per day from 1st April 2017.

Our catering staff are continuing to provide an excellent service by offering well balanced nutritional hot meals that are good value for money.

Please note the current menu will continue until 5th June and then a new menu will be introduced.

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.



Handwriting Pen Licences

Lily

Poppy



House Points



Well done to our winning team Hazel

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 53 house points!



This week...

The Key Stage 2 door and the classroom doors will close promptly at 8:55am. Children arriving after this time need to enter school through the school office. Thank you for your continued support.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - Heidi for settling into Nursery so well and being brave when she bumped her head.

Reception - Layton for trying really hard in his phonics work.

Year 1 - Ryan for super speedy reading in phonics.

Year 2 - Isabelle for trying hard in English with her writing.

Year 3 - Nathaniel for brilliant well-considered verbal contribution in all his lessons.

Year 4 - Casey for trying really hard in maths and for wanting to improve her learning.



Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 2 - Isabelle, Finley

Year 4 - Casey, Beth, Jacob

Prayer of the Week



Dear God,

Help us to find places where we can be quiet and feel close to you.

Amen

WORSHIP

Finding Peace

This act of worship focuses on the need we all have to find times to be quiet and reflective.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 24th April to Friday 28th April 2017

Nursery -87% Reception - 97%

Year 1 - 98% Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 98% Year 4 - 98%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

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

Friday 26th May - School finishes for Half Term

June

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

Saturday 10th June - Rocket Day for Year 4 at Brewood Middle School (details to follow)

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

Saturday 24th June- Summer Fayre

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

Thursday 13th July - Transition Day

Thursday 20th July - Leavers Show Year 4

Friday 21st July - School finishes for Summer