



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 5th May 2017
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School News

Spring has sprung at school with lots of the children beginning new Science topics which involve looking at plants and animals. Reception have been busy planting seeds and Year 2 have been using magnifying glasses to look closely at plants ready to plant some of their own and observe their growth over the next few weeks. On Monday some eggs are going to be delivered to Miss Jones and Year 1 along with a special incubator so that the children can watch the eggs hatch and the chickens develop and grow. This is an exciting time for all of the children and staff throughout school who all have regular visits to check on the chicks!

On Wednesday Nick from Brewood Cricket Club came into school to talk to the children about joining All Stars Cricket Club which is held at Brewood Cricket Club. We have been very fortunate to have had two members of Staffordshire Cricket coming into school since the beginning of the Spring Term. They have worked with different classes across the school so many of our children have already had some experience of what they might expect if they attend a cricket club. Key Stage 2 children were all given an information card and bracelet to take home for further details. The club is open to children from 5 years onward so if any of our younger children are interested then please visit allstarscricket.co.uk for further details.

The School Council have been thinking about how to promote handwashing across school and this week led an assembly with Mrs Langford about the importance of good personal hygiene. The children have also set up an experiment in each class to see how quickly mould grows on a piece of bread that has been handled by dirty hands in comparison to ones either not held or held by clean hands. It is hoped that this will help the children understand how germs are passed on to food. Also on Friday Yvonne Kinson and Stacey Beason came into school to launch a competition with the children to promote the Coven Playing Field. The winners in each year group will receive a prize and then the overall winner will be invited to the grand opening in July. Your child should bring home their competition entry form which can be returned to school.

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.



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 this 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

As parents know Mrs Carmell who worked in the office left to begin a new job at Easter and we are currently in the process of recruiting someone to take over her duties. At the moment Mrs Baker is having to carry out additional work until the new person starts so please could we ask parents to be patient during this time and only contact the school office between the hours of 9 - 10am and 2 - 3pm in emergencies. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

Year 2 SAT's

As parents in Year 2 are aware, May is the month that all Statutory Assessment Tests need to be completed. To ensure these go as well as possible, please ensure that your child arrives at school promptly each day having had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast so that they are refreshed and raring to go! Your support in this and with the completion of related homework activities is, as always, very much appreciated.

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

For consistently neat and joined up handwriting in all lessons.

Well done!

Billy



House Points



Well done to our winning team Oak

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 37 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.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - Cameron for trying hard in RWI.

Reception - Noah for a fantastic attitude to all areas of learning.

Year 1 - Summer for fantastic reasoning in maths.

Year 2 - Eden for trying hard to include all he learns to his own writing.

Year 3 - Lucas for beginning to set his maths out beautifully for column subtraction. Well done Lucas!

Year 4 - Sophie for continually working hard in all areas of learning.



Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 2 - Lily, Casey, Isla, Imogen, Eden, Alex, Dylan, Poppy

Year 4 - Ava, Tabitha, Allistair

Prayer of the Week



Dear God,
Help us in our friendships. Help us
to always try to find ways to make
peace with one another when we
disagree.
Amen

WORSHIP

Making Peace

This collective worship focused on how and why
arguments occur and ways in which they might
be resolved.

Weekly Attendance

Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 5th May 2017

Nursery -84% Reception - 89%

Year 1 - 90% Year 2 - 87%

Year 3 - 95% Year 4 - 92%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 3.

Diary Dates

May

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

Thursday 18th May - Coffee Morning for Christian Aid

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

Thursday 13th July - Transition Day

Thursday 20th July - Leavers Show Year 4

Friday 21st July - School finishes for Summer