



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
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### **School News**

As the end of this school year rapidly approaches, things are busier than ever here at St. Paul's! On Tuesday Father Malcolm came into school to lead an assembly about our current worship value - Responsibility. The children were horrified as he started by throwing his rubbish all around the hall! They all agreed that it was his responsibility to tidy it all up and to put it in the bin and that it was everyone's responsibility to ensure that our environment is looked after and that no one carelessly throws litter.

Parents were invited to meet their child's new teacher and to find out about any changes for September on Wednesday. We hope that parents found this useful. Next Thursday is Transition Day and the children will all be spending the day with their new teachers.

We held a 'potted sports day' on Thursday for each of the year groups across school. It is unfortunate that we are unable to use our lovely field due to drainage issues but a great event was had by all involved and the children all tried hard and showed good sportsmanship. Thanks to Miss Jones and Mr Swift for all their hard work in organising this event.

Friday was incredibly busy with Reception and Nursery holding their annual Parent Assembly where the parents all heard and saw all the wonderful things that their children have been up to during their first years at school. The photographs and videos were wonderful and are lasting memories of this lovely time.

Also on Friday Year 4 children went with Miss Thomas and Miss Leadbeatter to Wolgarston High School for a Languages Morning. During this event they were split into groups so that they could mix with children from other schools most of whom they will meet again in September at Brewood Middle. They took part in a range of interactive activities including food tasting which helped them to learn about and speak languages such as Chinese, Italian and German.

Year 2 went to Baggeridge Country Park on Friday to look at different habitats and find out about the plants and animals that live in them. Steve the ranger led the day and showed the children how best to find minibeasts and talked to them about how they are adapted to their environment. The children used keys to discover which minibeasts they had found and completed tally charts to see which minibeasts were the most popular and which were quite rare. Pond dipping proved to be extremely popular with the children who added the finding of fish to their day! Photographs of this school visit will be included in next week's newsletter.

### **Before And After School Club**

Letters detailing what is on offer at Before and After School club will soon be sent home so please look out for these in your child's bag. We are able to take bookings for regular sessions or adhoc ones and the forms which need to be completed for either of these options will be included in the information sent home. Please send any completed forms into the school office so that bookings can be secured.

## Staffing News for September

There will be some changes to the teaching staff and class arrangements for September which are outlined below:

School Nursery (mornings):	Mrs M Ashley and Mrs H Beason
Afternoon Nursery (afternoons):	Mrs A Payton and Mrs M Edge
Reception:	Miss A Jones Mrs T Clemson / Mrs H Beason
Year 1:	Mrs R Jones Mrs S Langford/ Miss K Leadbeatter
Year 2:	Mrs C Richards Miss K Leadbeatter
Year 3:	Miss A Thomas Mrs P Hodgkins
Year 4:	Miss K Barrett Mrs P Hodgkins

Mrs Payton will take up the role of Afternoon Nursery Manager in September and any queries regarding bookings for afternoon places should be directed to her in the first instance. Mrs Elphick is your office point of contact for nursery queries.

Miss Kimberley Barrett joins us in Year 4 from Pirehill First School in Stone. She is an excellent teacher who is extremely passionate about teaching and will be a fabulous addition to our teaching team.

Mrs Jones will move up to Year 1 with her current class until she starts her maternity leave in November when a new teacher will take over. This will greatly help our current Reception class with the transition from the Early Years curriculum in Reception to the National Curriculum in Year 1. We are currently going through the recruitment process to find a replacement for Mrs Jones' maternity leave, and there will be plenty of opportunities for parents and children to meet the new teacher before they start in November.

Mrs Richards has been promoted, and in September, she will take up the post of Assistant Headteacher at St Paul's. She will continue to support me on the Senior Leadership Team in moving the school forward and further improving standards. Mrs Richards will continue to deal with any urgent matters in my absence.

We say goodbye to Mrs Smith who has been at St Paul's for just over two years and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

In September, we would kindly ask that the children only bring the following items to school:

- Book bag / Reading Record & Book - daily (these will be provided to all children in September - replacement bags/records will be available from the school office for 50p each)
- Small drawstring PE bag which can be left in school for the half term
- Lunch box if having home sandwiches
- Coat if required
- Swimming kit for Y3/4 Swimming lessons

Thank you in advance for your support with this.



# Pirates!

## Pirate Theme Week

During Week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July we will holding a Pirate Theme Week. The children across school will all be engaged in lots of work and activities linked to this theme and we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a pirate on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July for some Piratery fun!



## Summer Reading Challenge

Children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will be going to Brewood Library on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July to collect their first three books and begin the Summer Reading Challenge. A detailed letter has been sent home to parents of children in these year groups and a request to return the Library enrolment form by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July so that they can be sent to the library in time for Monday. A consent form will be sent out on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July for parents to complete and return.

## Year 4 Trip to Llandudno

Parents of children in Year 4 should have received a letter informing them about a planned trip to Llandudno on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Thank you to all those parents who have returned their consent forms and paid via Parentpay. Please could any outstanding forms and payments be made as soon as possible.

## Year 4 Leaver's Performance

As parents of Year 4 children are aware, this year's Leaver's Performance is *St. Paul's Has Got Talent* which is giving all the children a chance to show off a talent that they are proud of. Rehearsals for this have begun in school and parents are asked to ensure that their child is also practising at home so that they are ready for the performance on 20<sup>th</sup> July. Parents of Year 4 children should have received details about this event this week.

## British Values 5<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July

This week's picture news is below. These images and news are designed to develop children's reflection skills and promote discussion. Please look at the images and news with your child and discuss their thoughts. If children would like to bring a piece of writing, a picture etc. into school to reflect their thoughts, they can add these to our display board. We look forward to hearing their views.

# British Values

Picture News 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July

## Tolerance

We are all different and we all have our own interests and beliefs. We will celebrate our differences and support





### Prayer of the Week



Dear Lord  
Thank you for gifts and talents. Help  
us to use these wisely each day.  
Amen

## WORSHIP

### USING OUR GIFTS RESPONSIBLY

This week in class worship the children reflected on a story told by Jesus about our responsibility to use the gifts and talents we are given wisely.

### Last Day of term - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

On the last day of term the children are invited to come in their own clothes for a donation of £1 towards school fund. The children will also be able to bring in a toy or game to play with their friends. Please can we ask that no expensive or electrical items are brought in to school since it will be the child's sole responsibility to look after their own belongings.

### Diary Dates

#### July

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Themed week - Pirates!

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day - Y4 go to Brewood, other children in their new classes

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July - Year 4 Trip to Llandudno

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 visit to Brewood Library to collect Summer Reading Challenge Books.

Year 2 Sensational Safari in a Shoebox Workshop with parents - 2pm.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Show Year 4

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July - School finishes for Summer

### Weekly Attendance

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Nursery -77%

Reception - 94%

Year 1 - 89%

Year 2 -97%

Year 3 -96%

Year 4 -79%

The class with the highest attendance is  
97% Year 2 . Well done!

Well done!



### This week...

Please ensure that chocolate and sweets are not part of lunchboxes and that your child brings a water bottle into school each day, especially during the current hot weather.

Key Stage 2 snacks should be healthy snacks, e.g. fruit.

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018