



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
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### **School News**

Year 2 delivered their assembly on Perseverance promoting the Learning Buddy Mighty Max Mouse. The children talked to the other year groups about always trying hard even when faced with challenges and used a song by Bruno Mars and the cast of Sesame Street to get their message across.

We also welcomed two members of the NSPCC team on Wednesday to deliver the Speak Out. Stay Safe assemblies to both Key stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children. This light hearted assembly was used to deliver a very important message about keeping children safe and we hope that the children now have a clear understanding of how they can seek help if they feel it is needed.

Year 4 have again been up to the Middle School this week as part of the transition process. They had music and Science taster sessions and all returned with renewed excitement for their move in September. On Thursday Mrs Kimber came into school to work with the children again on Science. Parents of Year 4 children are reminded that there is a meeting next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June here at St. Paul's with Mrs Swift and Mrs Priestly at 9:00am.

As if their week wasn't exciting enough, Year 4 also had a World War 2 Art session on Wednesday afternoon. Parents were invited in to work with their children and Miss Thomas ensured that lots of photographs were taken which can be found further on in the newsletter.

Finally, as part of our work on British Values, children across school have been learning all about the General Election and the democratic process. This included finding out about political parties in KS2, holding their own mini elections and looking at how and why people vote.

### **Supporting children following acts of terror**

Following the dreadful events in Manchester and London over the last few weeks, it is understandable that our children will have questions about such attacks.

There are a few websites offering support for parents when speaking to our children.

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/supporting-school-children-terrorist-incidents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/supporting-children-worried-about-terrorism/>

### **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.

### Bikes and Scooters

It has been brought to our attention that there have been several incidents involving the use of scooters and bikes on the playground during drop off and pick up times. Please can we ask parents and carers to ensure that bikes and scooters are not brought onto the playground and are left in the bike/scooter station which is located by the playground gates. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this.

### P.E. Kit

There have been occasions over the course of the school year that children have been unable to take part in P.E. lessons because they have not brought a kit into school.

P.E. forms part of the National Curriculum and therefore it is a legal requirement that all children take part. If your child does not have a P.E. kit in school then we will require them to use a school one in the future until their own is sent in. If any parents have any items of P.E. kit that they no longer require please consider donating them to school so that they can be reused. Thank you again in advance of your support.

### Themed 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.

### British Values

Each week we will be displaying a new photograph from 'Picture News' on the display board in the school hall. The picture is displayed alongside a prompt for children to consider British Values. The images are designed to develop children's reflection skills and promote discussion. This week's photograph is included below alongside the British Value. Please look at the image 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.



### 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.



## 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.

### Summer Fair

As families will be aware this year's Summer Fair is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June starting at 1pm. Thank you to everyone who sent in gift items this week. Next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June we are asking the children to come to school in non-uniform again and to bring in bottles to go on a bottle tombola. Your child should bring home a book of raffle tickets to sell. Prizes include a Ninetendo Switch and a 32inch Samsung television. If there are any unsold tickets then please return them to the school office so that they can be sold on the day. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

## House Points



Well done to our winning team Willow.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 100 house points!



## This week...

We are introducing a new weekly award next week which will celebrate the children's artistic achievements. These children will receive a certificate in assembly and will feature in the newsletter.

## Star of Week

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

Nursery -Dylan for trying really hard in RWInc and giving superb answers to questions this week.

Reception - Brayden for trying really hard in his work this week and having some lovely ideas for games with his friends.

Year 1 - Ryan for having a superb attitude in Maths and English.

Year 2 - Poppy C for working consistently hard in all that she does.

Year 3 - Aaliyah for creating an excellent storyboard on Boudicca's revolt.

Year 4 - Lily for persevering in spelling and beating her mark in a test.



## Handwashing Competition

Thank you to all the children that took part in the competition to design a handwashing poster. Mrs Langford presented the winners with their prizes in Friday's celebration. The winners were:

Reception - Lexi

Year 1 - Amber

Year 2 - Jessica

Year 3 - Roddy

Year 4 - Beth

The overall winner was Roddy. Look out for the posters around school.





### Prayer of the Week



Dear God  
Bless us in our school today  
Help us grow in love and kindness  
More like Jesus everyday  
Amen

## WORSHIP

## RESPONSIBILITY

This half term we will be focussing on the value of responsibility and developing this theme throughout our class worship sessions.

### Weekly Attendance

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Nursery - 84%                      Reception - 88%

Year 1 - 84%                      Year 2 - 85%

Year 3 - 96%                      Year 4 - 93%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 3. Well done!

### Diary Dates

#### June

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Mr Swift/Mrs Priestley - visit St Paul's to meet Year 4 parents at 9 am in the school hall.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June- Summer Fayre 1pm - 4pm

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June Rocket Day for Year 4 at Brewood Middle School (change of Date from 10<sup>th</sup> June)

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Choral Day - Stafford Grammar

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 3 Trip to Wroxeter

#### July

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July - Sports Day

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July - Year 2 trip to Baggeridge Park

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

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Transition Day

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

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July - 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

## Year 4 World War 2 Art Workshop

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Thomas and Year 4 invited their parents in to school to take part in a World War Art session. The children made poppies, drew pictures and made cards. It was a very memorable afternoon and one that the children really enjoyed sharing with their parents and grandparents. Thank you to Miss Thomas for organising this event.



## **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