



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 10th November 2017
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School News

This week the children have reflected on the meaning of Remembrance Day with a special assembly on Monday. We thought about why we remember events from history and how we can learn from the past. Preparations for Christmas productions have started and parents should look out for costume letters and words that their children need to learn in children's bookbags over the next few weeks. It's going to be an exciting few weeks!

Photo Gallery on the Web Site

Please keep checking the web site regularly for updates.

Children in Need

St Paul's will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November and will be asking the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas that day for a donation of £1 towards Children in Need.

The school council are also busy organising some other events for this day so we ask children to also bring some change in 20 pence pieces into school next Friday to take part in some of these exciting games and challenges.

Remembrance Service

Members of the school council and house captains will join Miss Roberts in representing the school at the Remembrance Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday 12th November at 9:30am, followed by a service at the Memorial Hall at 11am.

If any other children or families would like to join us, they would be more than welcome.

Worship

This week in Worship the children reflected on how we all need humility to ask for help and a willingness to accept help from others.

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Help us to be humble enough to ask for help when we need it and show us how we can be a help to others.

Amen

Safeguarding Children

A reminder to parents that we are holding two online safety workshops in school on Wednesday 22nd November in the school hall at 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

If you have not yet returned the letter, please return this to the office as soon as possible.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 1st December at 3:30pm in the school hall.

As always we would like to ask parents to help by donating items in the weeks building up to the Fayre in exchange for the children coming to school in non-uniform.

Friday 24th November - bottle donations for the tombola.

Friday 1st December - cakes or sweets/chocolate for refreshment stalls.

The Christmas Fayre will run from 3:30pm-6:00pm. Please come along and join us for tombolas, class stalls and games, other stalls and much more.

Christmas Productions

The Early Years Nativity play will be on Wednesday 13th December at 9:30am in the hall.

The Key Stage 1 production will be on Thursday 14th December at 9:30am and repeated on Friday 15th December at 2:00pm.

The Key Stage 2 Carol Concert will be on Thursday 14th December at 2:00pm and repeated on Friday 15th December at 9:30am.

Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Billy for being focused and having great concentration in his learning.

Afternoon Nursery - Frankie for paying attention to detail in his challenges.

Reception - Jessica for fantastic blending in phonics.

Year 1 - Jack for super behaviour and super phonics.

Year 2 - Amber for her enthusiastic approach to all aspects of school life.

Year 3 - Tom for always having an enthusiastic approach to learning.

Year 4 - Luke for making an effort to be studious and challenge himself in maths.

Odd Socks Day

As part of our work during Anti-Bullying Week, we have asked the children to come to school in odd socks on **Monday 13th November**.

They should wear the rest of their school uniform as usual and no donations are required.

Playground Supervision

Could we kindly ask parents to ensure that their children are not left unsupervised on the playground in the mornings before the classroom doors are opened?

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 6th November to Friday 10th November

Reception - 94.5%

Year 1 - 96%

Year 2 - 98%

Year 3 - 98 %

Year 4 - 98%

The classes with the highest attendance are Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. Well done!

Bikes and Scooters

A reminder to parents that bikes and scooters are not permitted on the school playground for safety reasons and can be left at the 'Park Station' on the far end of the car park by the main pedestrian gate.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Phoebe

Year 2 - Ethan

Year 3 - Harry

Year 4 - Lillie Mae

Topic Workshops

The seasonal Topic Workshop for Reception parents is on Friday 24th November at 10:30 - 11:30 and repeated at 2:00 - 3:00.

The Potions Topic Workshop for Year 4 is on Wednesday 29th November at 1:30pm.

We look forward to seeing as many parents there as possible.

Handwriting Certificates

Well done to Alex in Year 3 for being awarded with his pen licence.

Special Artist Award

For Ella in Year 3 for some super art work!

School Office Update

Mrs Jeanette Pace will be in the school office on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Mrs Julie Elphick will be in the school office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The office staff can be contacted on the following email address: office@st-pauls-coven.staffs.sch.uk

British Values

This week's British Values focuses on mutual respect. We will be looking at this in school but invite parents to share these images with their child at home. Children are invited to send in any work that they may have done at home to go on our British Values display board.



Diary Dates

November

Monday 13th November - Odd Socks Day

Friday 17th November - Children in Need - £1 Donation - Pyjama Day

Wednesday 22nd November - 4pm and 5:30pm - NSPCC Parent Workshop - Online Safety

December

Thursday 7th December - Children to visit St Paul's church to decorate the Christmas tree

Friday 8th December - Nursery and Reception Trip to Birches Valley to visit Father Christmas

Wednesday 13th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Production - 9:30am

Thursday 14th December - KS1 Production (Y1 & Y2) - 9:30am

Thursday 14th December - KS2 Production (Y3 & Y4) - 2:00pm

Friday 15th December - KS2 Production (Y3 & Y4) - 9:30am

Friday 15th December - KS1 Production (Y1 & Y2) - 2:00pm

Monday 18th December - KS1 Party morning - Y1 and Y2 to wear party clothes for the day

Monday 18th December - KS2 Party afternoon - Y3 and Y4 to wear party clothes for the day

Tuesday 19th December - Nursery & Reception Party Morning - N/R to wear party clothes for the day

Tuesday 19th December - Toys & Games Day for Y1-Y4

Tuesday 19th December - School closes for the Christmas Break

January

Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school

Tuesday 9th January - Year 4 at Young Voices

February

Friday 2nd February - Final payments for Year 4 trip to Laches Wood due