



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 13th October 2017
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School News

As the topics for this half term draw to a close many classes have been involved in the Innovative Stage which is where they bring all of their learning together. Walking around school it has been great to see how much the children have enjoyed their topics and seeing the wonderful work that they have produced.

Changes to Penalty Notices for Absence from School

Every child was sent home with a letter from Staffordshire County Council last week which referenced the changes to previous guidance which will come into effect on 1st January 2018.

Parents MUST read and be aware of the changes.

Penalty Notice for leave of absence (holiday) in term time

From 1st January 2018 any period of unauthorised leave may result in you as a parent receiving a penalty notice fine. Your headteacher will continue to be the only person able to authorise leave in term time, but this will apply only in exceptional circumstances. Any unauthorised absence will be referred by your headteacher to the local authority.

Penalty Notice for persistent lateness

Previously a pupil had to achieve 20 unauthorised late marks before a penalty notice warning could be issued. This has now changed to 10 marks, and late marks do not have to be one after the other in order for the penalty notice to be issued. You are therefore encouraged where possible to ensure your child attends school on time. However, if your child is late you must inform the school of the reason(s) why, as they may be able to offer you some form of advice or support.

Period of time used to measure persistent absence and lateness

If your child has had 10 days unauthorised absence or is late 10 times over a twelve week period, you may receive a penalty warning notice and also potentially a fine.

WORSHIP

In Worship this week the children have been thinking about how they can show respect to each other and their teachers.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,
Respect is a word we often hear but do not fully understand,
Teach us how to earn the respect of our fellows by doing your will.
Amen

Safeguarding Children

We take our safeguarding responsibilities extremely seriously at St Paul's.

Miss Roberts is our Designated Safeguarding Officer.

Mrs Richards and Mrs Jones are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officers.

Mr Luke Knight is our Link Governor for Safeguarding.

Should anyone have any concerns or queries, please contact either one of us and we will be more than happy to support and assist.



Miss Karen Roberts
Headteacher

Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Claire Richards
Assistant Headteacher

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Rebecca Jones
Early Years Lead

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Parent Forum

We will be holding our first Parent Forum meeting for the year in November.

If any new parents would like to put themselves forward as class representatives, please speak to Miss Roberts or Mrs Richards.

Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Dylan for being so creative this week.

Afternoon Nursery - Emmy for engaging in all of the activities and challenging herself.

Reception - Dean for having a super attitude towards his learning.

Year 1 - Alexis for trying hard in maths this week.

Year 2 - Summer for her enthusiastic attitude to learning.

Year 3 - Lily for continually showing a fantastic attitude towards her learning.

Year 4 - Nicole for always trying her best and taking

Holiday Club

Unfortunately this half term's holiday club at St. Paul's is unable to go ahead due to low numbers. Inspired Coaching have offered parents the option to attend their club at Princefield First School in Penkrige instead. We appreciate that some parents may be disappointed by this news but both school and Inspired Coaching have costs to cover and unfortunately clubs are unable to run if they are not financially viable.

Parents Evening Reminder

Parents Evening is on Tuesday 17th October where 5 minute slots will be available between 3:45 and 6:30pm to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group. If you feel that you need a longer appointment to discuss your child's progress at greater length, then please arrange an alternative time slot with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 6th October to Friday 13th October

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| Nursery - 92% | Reception - 95% |
| Year 1 - 94% | Year 2 - 97% |
| Year 3 - 98% | Year 4 - 95% |

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

Non-uniform Day for Junior Diabetes

On Friday 20th October we will be holding a non-uniform day in school to raise money for JDRF which is a junior diabetes charity. Children may wear their own clothes to school and bring a donation of £1 or more.

Reading Challenge Weekly Winners

Well done to Year 3 for winning the reading challenge this week.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Teddy
Year 2 - Ruby
Year 3 - Isla
Year 4 - Emily G

Photo Gallery

Photos and news from school trips, visitors to school and sports events will now be shared on the school web site in the 'Parent Section' rather than in the newsletter. Please keep checking the web site for updates to the Gallery.

School Association

The School Association AGM is on Friday 10th November at 5pm in school. If anyone is interested in joining then please come along to find out what it is all about.

School Office

From Friday 13th October, the school office will close at 3:30pm. Parents calling school after this time may leave a message on the answer phone which will be dealt with the next school day.

Mrs Jeanette Pace will be covering in the school office temporarily on a Monday and Thursday.

Donations of Old P.E. Kit

If any parents have any old P.E. kit that no longer fits their child, could we please ask for this to be sent into school so that we can use it for spare kit?

Author Visit

Can any parents of children in Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 who have not yet sent in their £2 contribution to this Tuesday's author visit by Billy Bob Buttons please send this in by Monday 16th October. Unfortunately these curriculum enhancing experiences cannot go ahead if there are insufficient contributions.

NSPCC E-Safety Workshops

A reminder to parents that we are holding two E-Safety workshops in school on Wednesday 22nd November at 4pm and 5:30pm. These will be delivered by the NSPCC.

Year 2 Parent Assembly

Year 2 parents are invited to an end of topic assembly on Thursday 19th October at 2:50pm to celebrate the children's learning this half term. We look forward to seeing you all there.

British Values

This week's British Values focuses on the choices and decision that we make. 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

October

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th October - Billy Bob Buttons - Children's Author Visit
Wednesday 18th October - 3pm - Opportunity for Year 1 parents to meet Mrs Medley
Thursday 19th October - 2:50pm - Year 2 Parent Assembly
Friday 20th October - Non-uniform Day - £1 donation for JDRF - Junior Diabetes charity
Friday 20th October - Finish for Half Term
Monday 30th October - INSET Day - School closed for staff training
Tuesday 31st October - Children return to school

November

Friday 17th November - Children in Need - £1 Donation - Pyjama Day
Wednesday 22nd November - 4pm and 5:30pm - NSPCC Parent Workshop - Online Safety

December

Friday 8th December - Children to visit St Paul's church to decorate the Christmas tree
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