



St Paul's C.E. First School
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School News

This week at school we have been focussing on the author Roald Dahl with lessons across school based around his amazing stories. The children have produced some super artwork and written their own marvellous medicine recipes as well as using his story ideas to write some wonderful stories of their own. On Friday it was fantastic to see the school full of characters from his many stories and to hear the children talk so enthusiastically both about their costumes but also the character that they had chosen to come to school as. Thank you to the parents and carers who helped make this a memorable day by providing such an array of character costumes.

The author focus has linked really well with the beginning of this year's whole school Reading Challenge launched in Key Stage 1 and 2 last week. Mrs Richards and Mrs Langford have been really pleased with how much reading the children are doing at home. As well as the children being individually rewarded for reading at home regularly, each week Mrs Langford works out which class had the most readers. On Thursday in worship Mrs Richards announced that Year 2 were the winning class last week and they were invited to put a 'gob stopper' in their jar on the display board in the hall. We are giving Reception time to settle into their new school routines before beginning the challenge with them but they will still have an opportunity to complete the first part of the challenge before half term. Well done everyone and keep up the great work!

Medication and Guidance

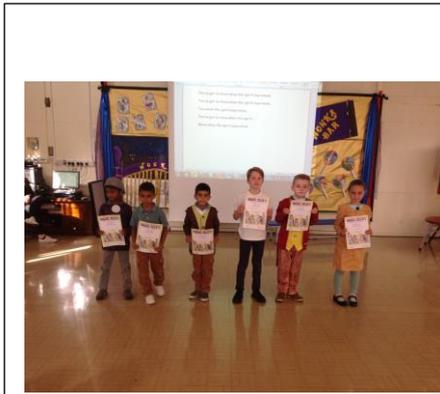
Just a quick reminder that if your child has a medical care plan or requires medication in school, that you pop into the office to update and inform us of any changes to your child's needs.

Similarly, can we also remind families that any children with sickness or diarrhoea are kept away from school until they are clear of symptoms for 48 hours.

New changes to practice and provision and the Medication Guidance for Schools now means that **we are no longer able to administer NON-PRESCRIPTION medicines**. We have done our very best in the past to help families who may be concerned about their children struggling during the school day, but, unfortunately, unless medication has a prescription label we can no longer give this to your child.

We do apologise for any inconvenience and appreciate your understanding with this change.

Summer Reading Challenge



Well done to all of the children that took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge organised by Brewood Library. Those children who finished their challenge last week have brought their certificates in this week so that we could celebrate their success in our Celebrate and Praise assembly on Friday. Once again well done to everyone that took part.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - All of the children for settling into life in Nursery so well.

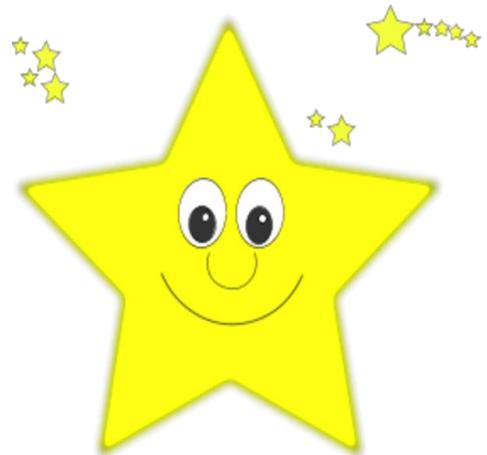
Reception - All of Reception for settling into their new school routines so well.

Year 1 - Mathew for trying really hard in his writing this week.

Year 2 - Beatrice for writing a fantastic story based on *George's Marvellous Medicine*.

Year 3 - Eden for having a brilliant attitude towards learning and getting full marks on his spelling test.

Year 4 - Leila for working hard in class and settling into her new class.



Earrings

Please be aware that all earrings must be removed before P.E. lessons as a safety requirement. It is preferable that the earrings are not worn on P.E. days and you should have received a class timetable and class newsletter for your child advising you of these days. If your child needs to keep the earrings in for most of the day then they must be able to remove them by themselves for P.E. since staff are not able to do this for them.

Our Earring Policy is available in the Policy section on the school web site.

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.

Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle

On Monday 18th November Year 2 are going to Warwick Castle to enhance their learning about Towers, Tunnels and Turrets. Thank you to those parents who have paid via ParentPay and please can we ask any payments that remain outstanding are paid before Monday. Parents are also reminded that we will be leaving school earlier than normal so all children should be at school by **8:30** ready to depart as soon as possible. It is hoped that we will be back at school for the normal pick up time of 3:15 but if there are delays caused by traffic, then we will notify parents by text of the expected arrival time.

Year 3 trip to Tesco

Miss Thomas will be taking Year 3 to Tesco in Stafford on Friday 6th October as part of their topic on Nutrition and Healthy Eating. Parents should have received a letter with further details about this trip.

Laches Wood

Parents of children in Year 4 are reminded that next year's residential trip to Laches Wood is **Monday 26th March to Wednesday 28th March 2018**. Further details about this will be given to parents on Thursday 21st September at a meeting held in the school hall at 2:30pm. ParentPay has been set up for parents wishing to begin making payments as soon as possible. The deposit of £40 will need to be made by 30th October to secure a place for you child.

Please note that these are the correct dates for the trip.

Laches Wood Deposits

Reminder to Year 4 parents that deposits of £40 for Laches Wood need to be paid by Monday 30th October.

Viking Day

We are pleased to announce that a Viking Day has been organised for Year 4 on the 29th September. This is a very interactive day where we welcome a 'Viking' into school to work with Year 4 to enhance their topic on The Vikings. We would like the children to dress up as Vikings for this event and parents should have received a letter with further details about this event this week.

There is no swimming on Friday 29th September for Year 4.

Father Malcolm

Father Malcolm's last service is at 7pm on Friday 29th September (not 7:30pm as we wrote last week). We hope to see as many of our families there as possible to join with us in saying goodbye to such a special member of our community.

Phonics Workshop for Reception parents

We will be holding a meeting for Reception parents about the Read Write Inc. Phonics Programme we use here at St. Paul's. This will be on Friday 6th October with a choice of two time slots at 9.00am or 2.45pm in the school hall. This will be an opportunity for you to find out about the programme and also find out how you can help your child in their reading at home. You will be able to have a look at the resources we use in school and there will be an opportunity to answer any questions or queries you may have in regards to Phonics.

School Photographs

This year individual photographs will be taken of the children on Monday 9th October.

Lunchtime skills

Children who have school dinners are all provided with knives and forks but unfortunately some children across school are finding using them correctly a bit of a challenge. The lunchtime staff are trying to encourage and demonstrate to the children how to correctly use a knife and fork but this is not always possible so we would like to ask parents to help their child to also develop this life skill at home.

Parking around school

Please can we ask parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and picking up their children from school. Unfortunately we have received complaints from our neighbours to say that drives are being blocked and cars parked dangerously. The Memorial Hall Car Park is a safe and available space for parents and carers to use if safe parking around school is unavailable. If problems persist then the police will have to be informed. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Lunchtime Menus

On Thursday 28th September the kitchen are organising a Harvest Festival Lunch and the menu for this can be found at the end of this newsletter.

On Thursday 5th October the lunchtime theme will be Britain and again further information about this menu can also be found at the end of the newsletter.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 11th September to Friday 15th September 2017

Nursery - 100% Reception - 97%

Year 1 - 93% Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 99% Year 4 - 93%

The class with the highest attendance is Nursery.

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.



British Values

13th-19th September

The Rule of Law

In the earliest times, the Royal Family were key figures in the enforcement of law, known as the 'Fount of Justice'. Today, the Royal Family still retains an important role, helping to strengthen national unity and stability.



Prayer of the Week



Creator God

We thank you that you always
promise us a new start and a
hopeful future.

Amen

WORSHIP

HOPE

This week in worship the children have been learning about the rainbow as a symbol of hope to Noah and his family and how this same symbol came to be used by the people of South Africa.

Diary Dates

September

Monday 18th September - Year 2 trip to Warwick Castle

Thursday 21st September - Y4 Parents meeting for Laches Wood Visit in the school hall at 2:30pm

Friday 29th September - Y4 Viking Day - all day - **No swimming for Year 4**

Friday 29th September - Y1 Trip to Birches Valley

Friday 29th September - Father Malcolm's last service at St Paul's Church - 7pm

October

Friday 6th October - Year 3 Trip to Tesco

Monday 9th October - Individual School Photographs

Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening

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

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

Lunchtime Competition

Miss Roberts and Mrs Rowe, our school cook, led an assembly last week to ask the children to come up with a name for our new school lunchtime restaurant and a logo to accompany the name.

All children in the school are invited to enter. All entries should be handed into the school office by Monday 2nd October.

Name of restaurant:

Logo:

Child's Name: _____ Year Group: _____

Sadie takes a trip around

05 October 2017



BRITAIN

Choose a main meal...

Traditional Roast Beef with Roast Gravy

or

Veggie Toad in The Hole ✓

on the side...

Creamy Mashed Potatoes

Roasted Parsnips

Carrots & Peas

for dessert...

Jam Roly Poly and Custard

or

Cooks Homemade Crunchy Biscuit



Come & enjoy our British-inspired day

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Sadie takes a trip to the farm

28TH SEPTEMBER

Celebrate Harvest Festival

Choose a Meal

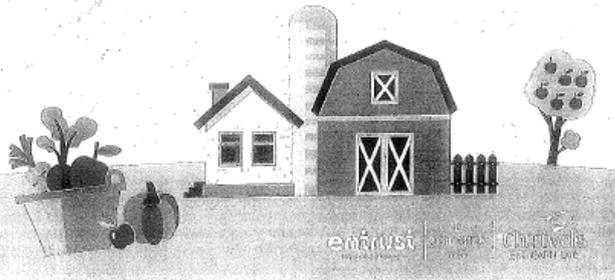
Mince Beef & Onion Pie
Country Vegetable Pie

On the Side

Mashed Potatoes
Cabbage & Carrots

For Dessert:

Apple Cake & Custard
Cooks Homemade Crunchy Biscuit,
Yoghurt or Autumn Fruit Platter



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