



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 20th October 2017
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School News

It has been another busy week at St Paul's. On Tuesday we welcomed the author, Billy Bob Buttons, into school to work with the children in Years 1-4. This was a fabulous afternoon which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

On Tuesday we welcomed parents into school for Parents' Evening which was a wonderful opportunity for parents to have a look at their children's books and meet their new teachers.

On Thursday Year 2 held a special assembly for their parents where they shared all of their learning from their current topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. This was a lovely afternoon which we hope Year 2 parents enjoyed.

We hope that all of our children have a lovely (and safe) half-term holiday, and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 31st October for the second half of the Autumn term.

Photo Gallery on the Web Site

The following photos have been added to the school web site:

- Author Visit
- Year 2 Parent Assembly

Please keep checking the web site regularly for updates.

INSET Day and Childcare

A reminder to all parents that Monday 30th October is an INSET Day and school will be closed to children.

Inspired Coaching will be running a club in school that day for parents who wish to use the service.

Prices are:

8:00am - 5:00pm - £20

9:00am - 4:00pm - £15

To book your place, contact Luke directly on:

07825 885917

luke.oldham@inspired-coaching.com

WORSHIP

In Worship this week the children have been looking at different Christian symbols and what they represent.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,
Thank you for giving us lots of symbols that help to remind us of Jesus, and how he wants us to live. Please help us to live, work and play in harmony with everyone around us.

Amen

Safeguarding Children Minecraft: the risks and staying safe

Following a study that the NSPCC did with school children across the country, children told the NSPCC that their top concerns when playing Minecraft are:

- bullying
- talking to strangers
- hacking
- downloading viruses.

They may also come across inappropriate content like violent or sexual language and images.

To help keep children safe on Minecraft, make sure:

- you know where they're playing
- they're using appropriate safety settings
- you talk to them about what to do if they see anything upsetting.

A Parent Guide to Minecraft can be found at:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/>

Mrs Jones

We say goodbye to Mrs Jones (for now) as she finishes school today to start her maternity leave. We will update you all as soon as we have news of Baby Girl Jones and we look forward to having Mrs Jones back in school later in the year. We're sure that she will pop in for some visits as well in between.



Parent Governor

Mr Chris Evans, dad to Sophia in Reception, has been appointed as our new parent governor. On behalf of the governing body, we would like to thank him for his application and look forward to him joining us at our next meeting on 13th November.

Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Charlie for excellent speaking and listening skills in Nursery.

Afternoon Nursery - Frankie for trying hard with all of his challenges.

Reception - Cameron for having a great attitude and challenging himself.

Year 1 - Annabella for her fantastic attitude to learning in all lessons.

Year 2 - All of Y2 for their fantastic assembly.

Year 3 - Chardonay for being a polite member of the class and continually trying hard.

Year 4 - Lillie-Mae for always persevering when she finds things difficult and giving all of her work 100% effort.

Bonfire Night Menu and New Menu

On 2nd November the kitchen are providing a Bonfire Night Menu. For further details please see attached menu. Parents should have received a new menu which will begin after half term.

Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all parents who attended Parents' Evening this week. The partnership between home and school really is extremely important and has a tremendous impact on your child's progress.

All meetings were really well attended and we hope that you found the evening both useful and informative with time to ask any questions you may have had.

For parents who were unable to attend you should have now received a copy of the Year Group Booklet and Targets, if not please pop a note in your child's reading record and we will ensure that you receive a copy.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 16th October to Friday 20th October

Nursery - 92%	Reception - 95%
Year 1 - 90%	Year 2 - 96%
Year 3 - 98%	Year 4 - 98%

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

Non-uniform Day for Junior Diabetes

Following our non-uniform day today, the school has raised a total of £142.20 for Junior Diabetes.

Thank you to all of our families for their kind donations.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Noah

Year 2 - Beatrice, Amber, Summer

Year 3 - Blake

Year 4 - Nicole, Lucy

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.

We are always looking for new members to join us and we look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Year 1 Projects

Mrs Jones would like to say well done to the Year 1 children and parents for their fantastic hard work on their home projects this half term. The fairy houses and bug houses that they have made at home are fantastic they have worked so hard on them, and the children have loved sharing them with the rest of the class.

School Office Update

Mrs Jeanette Pace will be in the school office on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. She can be contacted on: office@st-pauls-coven.staffs.sch.uk

Mrs Julie Elphick will be in the school office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She can be contacted on: office1@st-pauls-coven.statffs.sch.uk

Childhoods in a Digital World (Barnardos)

The charity Barnardos have published a report outlining the impact of digital technology on children. It makes some interesting comparisons between children now, and those in 1987. Apparently children today get less sleep and play out less.

You can find the report here:

http://www.barnardos.org.uk/onlineshop/pdf/Childhoods_in%20Digital_leaflet_v3_Online.pdf

NSPCC E-Safety Workshops

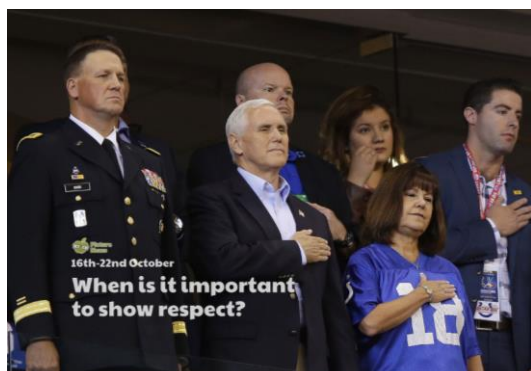
A reminder to parents that we are holding two E-Safety workshops in school on Wednesday 22nd November at 4pm and 5:30pm. These will be delivered by the NSPCC.

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.

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

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

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