



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 22nd September 2017
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School News

The children across school have been busy continuing and enhancing their learning about their class topics. Year 3 have been learning all about healthy eating and this week designed a healthy school lunch box which was then judged by Sam in the kitchen. Isla was the winner ensuring that her lunchbox contained a completely balanced diet. Well done Isla!



Year 2 have been off to Warwick Castle - see further on in the newsletter for more about this. Both Year 1 and Year 4 have further excitement planned for next week with a school trip for Year 1 and Viking visitors coming into school for Year 4. In Early Years both Reception and Nursery have continued to embed their new school routines.

Online Safety

The use of technology is growing and the internet offers a fantastic range of resources and opportunities to enhance children's learning and personal development. Access to the internet is becoming easier and children increasingly have access to devices such as tablets, laptops, smart phones and games consoles.

It is important to remember to supervise children's use of the internet to ensure that they access age appropriate information or resources. Unfortunately those using the internet can be at risk of being subjected to indecent or obscene material, viruses and online abuse.

We are continuously working with staff, pupils and parents/carers to create a school community which values the use of new technologies in enhancing learning and encourages responsible use of ICT to minimise potential e-safety risks.

WORSHIP

HOPE

This week in worship Father Malcolm came into school and shared the story of Noah's Ark. The children heard about how this story teaches us about hope.

Prayer of the Week



Dear God
Hope overcomes, Hope heals
Hope restores, Hope inspires
Hope conquers Hope frees

Hope is your gift
To the world

Amen

NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents

NSPCC

You will have received a letter already about the free NSPCC workshops that will be held in school on Wednesday 22nd November.

There is a choice of two timeslots as the workshop will run firstly at 4pm and will be repeated again at 5:30pm.

The hour-long workshop will help parents and carers understand their child's online world and build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online.

Medication and Guidance

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.

Lunchtime Menus

A reminder from last week's newsletter that the kitchen are providing two special lunch menus:

- Thursday 28th September - Harvest Festival Lunch
- Thursday 5th October - British Lunch Menu

Star of Week

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

Morning Nursery -

Afternoon Nursery - Joel for being kind to others and making all the children in Nursery feel really happy.

Reception - Heidi for always seeking a challenge.

Year 1 - Gracie-Mae for fantastic writing in English this week.

Year 2 - All of Year 2 for super behaviour on our school trip.

Year 3 - Poppy C for showing others how to be the best learners they can be.

Year 4 - Molly Calder for showing super reasoning skills in Maths.

Pobble

Well done to this week's published authors.

Year 1 - Gracie-Mae, Lexijo, Bella

Year 2 - Beatrice, Isabella J, Amber, Lucy

Year 3- Lily

Year 4-

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.

Year 4 Residential Trip Deposits

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

School Photographs

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

Staffing News

After 15 years at our school, Mrs Baker will be leaving St Paul's on Thursday 12th October. Sue started off working as an office assistant before becoming our Office Manager and she will be missed by all of the staff, children and families.

I'm sure you will all join with us in wishing Mrs Baker all the best for the future.

Year 2 Trip to Warwick Castle

On Monday Year 2 went to Warwick Castle to enhance their learning of 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. The children and staff had a lovely time touring the castle and the grounds, watching the fabulous bird show, seeing the bowman and getting lost in the maze!



Harvest 2017

As parents are aware, Father Malcolm is sadly leaving St Paul's Church on 29th September therefore we have decided that this year's Harvest festival will be held in school as a special assembly. Unfortunately on this occasion, we are unable to invite parents.

We would however like to request that each child brings an item of non-perishable food into school on the morning of Thursday 28th September. This food will be donated to the Little House of the Good Shepherd homeless charity in Wolverhampton.

Year 1 Trip Reminder

Parents of Year 1 children are reminded that their school trip is on Friday 29th September. Further details of this have been sent out earlier in the term.

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.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 18th September to Friday 22nd September 2017

Nursery - 82% Reception - 90%

Year 1 - 86% Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 97% Year 4 - 93%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2.

Well done!

Facebook Update

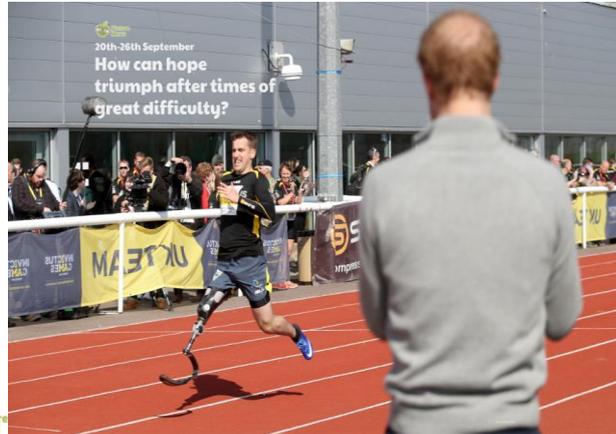
At the very start of the year, please may I remind all our families to observe respect for school staff, other children and their families whilst participating in social media. Unfortunately, there are comments made and images shared in the public domain, from time to time, that can bring our school and our families into disrepute. I very kindly ask that should you have a situation that you feel needs additional support or management from the school, that you discuss this with us, in person, rather than present a viewpoint on social media that may well not be reflective of the full facts. Many thanks for your understanding with this sensitive issue. Many schools up and down the country are struggling with a lot of issues relating to social media and I really hope that we will not be one of them. All our staff are approachable and I for one would most certainly welcome a private conversation rather than see a public on line discussion. Many thanks in anticipation of your understanding with this request.

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.



All of our lives and journeys are different. Some people have made huge sacrifices for others. Some, may have injuries we can see, others may be struggling in other ways.



Diary Dates

September

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

Friday 29th September - Y1 Trip

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

October

Friday 6th October - Year 3 Trip

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