



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 24th November 2017
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School News

What a busy week it has been in school! It has been lovely spending time outside with our Early Years children looking at how they challenge themselves. They really are a curious group of children and it is wonderful to see them working together to investigate their surroundings. A special thank you to the Early Years team and for all of the Nursery and Reception parents who made it into school today for the workshops. The staff really do go to a lot of effort to organise events like these, so thanks to all involved!

Photo Gallery on the Web Site

Please keep checking the web site regularly for updates.

Worship

This week the children have reflected on the first part of the story of Joseph and his brothers. They considered how boastful and arrogant people can make others feel.

Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord,
Let us reflect on times that we have been boastful or shown off. If we are tempted to do it again, let us consider how our words and actions might make others feel.
Amen

Open Day

For parents interested in applying for Nursery and Reception places for September 2018 we are holding an open day on Saturday 9th December 2017 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Before and After school club information and application packs for nursery will be available on the day.

Online Gaming

Online games can be great fun for children, but there are several risks involved, which you can reduce with the correct approach.

A survey* commissioned by Get Safe Online revealed the following statistics:

- 51% worry about their kids' safety
- 37% feel they have no control over their kids' online gaming
- 24% are unaware of the security risks to their kids from online gaming
- 25% know their kids have disclosed personal information while online gaming
- 34% say their kids have spoken to someone they don't know while online gaming
- 16% say their child has been bullied or verbally abused

Keep your child's online gaming safe

- Have open and honest conversations with your children about their online gaming and the risks involved.
- Educate your children about the dangers of revealing private information such as their email address, home address, family members or financial details.
- Explain that not everybody is who they seem or claim to be, and their motives may be dishonourable.
- Tell your children not to respond to bullying or other abuse, and to report it to you straight away.
- Join your children in online gaming from time to time and randomly. This will give you an idea of the games they're playing and who they connect with.
- Set and monitor limits for the amount of daily or weekly time your children spend online gaming.
- Check age ratings of games to ensure your children aren't accessing inappropriate content. It's 18 for a reason!
- Never give your child your payment card details as extras can be very costly.

For more information and to read the full report, follow this link:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/safeguarding-children/gaming/>

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 - Darcie for trying hard and gaining confidence.

Afternoon Nursery - India for her super listening skills.

Reception - Heidi for being super creative.

Year 1 - Josh for trying harder with his work.

Year 2 - Rosie for always trying her best in everything she does.

Year 3 - Spencer for trying hard in all that he does. He is a credit to Year 3.

Year 4 - Lucas for taking risks and challenging himself in maths.

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 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.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 20th November to Friday 24th November

Reception - 91%

Year 1 - 97% Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 97% Year 4 - 99%

The classes with the highest attendance are Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3! Well done!

Nursery Parents Evening

The nursery parents evening is on 27th November 3:30pm - 6:00pm.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Holly

Year 2 - Evie, Apurva, Amber and Rose

Year 3 - Isla

Year 4 - Luke and Emily

Birches Valley Trip

Packed lunch orders for the Santa Trip (Nursery and Reception classes) need to be in by 1st December.

Children are to wear their school jumper, sensible trousers and wellies.

Dance Club

Parents of dancers are welcome to attend assembly on 11th December at 2:45pm to see their child perform their dance routines from the after school club.

Grandparents' Lunches

6th December 2017 - Nursery/Reception

24th January 2018 - Year 1

14th March 2018 - Year 2

Years 3 and 4 dates to follow.

Mother's Day Lunches

6th March 2018 - Nursery/Reception

7th March 2018 - Years 1 and 2

8th March 2018 - Years 3 and 4

Letters/details to follow.

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 individual liberty. 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 27th November 3:30pm - 6:00pm - Nursery Parents Evening

December

Friday 1st December Non-uniform day—Chocolate & cakes for Christmas Fayre

Friday 1st December Christmas Fayre and Nursery Toy Sale 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Wednesday 6th December Grandparents Lunches - Nursery/Reception 12:00pm - 12:45pm

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

Friday 8th December School Disco - Nursery, Reception and Year 1—5pm - 6pm

Friday 8th December School Disco—Years 2, 3 and 4—6:15pm - 7:15pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 24th January Grandparents Lunches - Year 1—12:00pm - 12:45pm



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