



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017  
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### School News

This week in school the children have been very focussed on Harvest. Each class has been practising songs to sing and stories to perform in class worship and then on Thursday the whole school met together in the hall for our own Harvest Festival. It was wonderful to see and hear the children share their songs and stories with each other. Each class was also invited to bring in their Harvest gifts and these made a fantastic display ready to be collected and given to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Mrs Jones and Year 1 finished a busy week with their trip to Birches Valley today to support their learning about Into the Woods.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a parent governor. If you are interested please speak to Miss Roberts or Mrs Richards for more information.

In the event of more than two people putting themselves forward, there would be a parent vote.

### Viking Invasion

Today Miss Barrett and Year 4 welcomed Erik the Viking into school. The children had a great day and enjoyed seeing, touching, handling, smelling and wearing period artefacts, both real and reproduction, which covered all aspects of Viking daily life, as well as the weapons and armour used in battle and warfare. A special thanks to parents who provided such wonderful costumes!

### Father Malcolm

Tonight, we hope that many of our families will join us at St Paul's Church at 7pm to share Father Malcolm's last service. At school we are very sad to be saying goodbye to him and will miss him dearly. On behalf of the staff and governing body at St Paul's, we would like to thank Father Malcolm for all he has done for the school and the community.

## WORSHIP

This week our worship has been linked to Harvest where the children have been thinking about all the food that we have each day and saying thank you to all the hardworking farmers around the world. It was also a time to reflect on how lucky we are and to think about those less fortunate.

### Prayer of the Week



Dear God

We trust in you to help us, to make the sun shine,  
to make the rain fall and our crops grow strong.  
We give out thanks to you, Our Father,  
Amen

### E-Safety Booklet

Parents have been emailed a copy of the Entrust E-Safety booklet earlier in the week.

For those parents who have not supplied us with an email address, or would prefer a paper copy, please contact the school office with your request.

### New Year 1 Teacher

We have now appointed a new teacher to take over in Year 1 when Mrs Jones leaves us to have her baby at the end of this half term.

We have appointed Mrs Medley who is an experienced teacher and comes highly recommended. She has already met the children this week and will be coming in each Wednesday between now and half term to familiarise herself with school routines ready to start after half term.

There will be an opportunity for Year 1 parents to meet Mrs Medley on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm in the school hall before you collect your children at home time.

### 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.

### Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Charlie B for being a very helpful member of the class.

Afternoon Nursery - Evie for being kind and helpful, and for working hard in creative learning.

Reception - Zac for challenging himself in all areas of learning.

Year 1 - Teigan for trying hard in all lessons this week.

Year 2 - Joshua for being very focussed on his learning both in Maths and Reading.

Year 3 - Jessica for persevering in Maths and always showing enthusiasm.

Year 4 - Billy for challenging himself in English and Maths.

### Holiday Club

A reminder to parents that Inspired Coaching will be running their holiday club during October half term and on the INSET day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

To book a place, please contact Luke directly on:

[luke.oldham@inspired-coaching.com](mailto:luke.oldham@inspired-coaching.com)

or 07825 885917

### Parents Evening Reminder

Parents Evening is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Nursery - 85%	Reception - 95%
Year 1 - 89%	Year 2 - 97%
Year 3 - 99%	Year 4 - 97%

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

### Non-uniform Day for Junior Diabetes

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 2 who were the class with the most children reading at home last week and to Year 3 for winning this week.



### Pobble

Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Daisy and Layton

Year 2 - Evie

Year 3 - Sadie and Dylan

Year 4 - Olivia

### Last Week's Missing Stars!

Apologies to Polly in Nursery. Her name was missed off last week's newsletter. Polly was chosen last week for settling in so well to Nursery and trying hard with all the activities.

Apologies to Joab in Year 4 who was missed off the Pobble section. He was chosen last week for producing a super piece of writing.

### SEND Family Partnership (formerly Parent Partnership)



SEND is for parents and carers of children and young people aged 0 to 25, with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). They offer information, advice and support about education, health and social care issues.

### Harvest 2017

Thank you for all of your kind donations of Harvest food that will be collected next week by the Little House of The Good Shepherd homeless charity in Wolverhampton.

These very kind donations make such a huge difference to the lives of people who find themselves living in difficult circumstances.

### School Photographs

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

### Year 3 trip reminder

Could all outstanding payments for the Y3 trip next Friday be sent into the office as soon as possible?  
Thank you in advance.

### 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.



### Diary Dates

#### **October**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 Trip

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October - 9am and 2:45pm - Phonics Workshops for Reception parents.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Individual School Photographs

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - 3pm - Opportunity for Year 1 parents to meet Mrs Medley

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Non-uniform Day - £1 donation for JDRF - Junior Diabetes charity

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Finish for Half Term

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October - INSET Day - School closed for staff training

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Children return to school

#### **November**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need - £1 Donation - Pyjama Day

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November - 4pm and 5:30pm - NSPCC Parent Workshop - Online Safety

#### **December**

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

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Production - 9:30am

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

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Production (Y3 & Y4) - 2:00pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Production (Y3 & Y4) - 9:30am

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

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS1 Party morning - Y1 and Y2 to wear party clothes for the day

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - KS2 Party afternoon - Y3 and Y4 to wear party clothes for the day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery & Reception Party Morning - N/R to wear party clothes for the day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Toys & Games Day for Y1-Y4

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - School closes for the Christmas Break