



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 3rd November 2017
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School News

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term. It certainly looks like an exciting few weeks as we start our preparations for Christmas plays and concerts. More details about our Christmas events will follow over the next few weeks. This week the children have started their new topics and it has been wonderful to talk to them about their learning as I have visited the different classrooms around school.

Photo Gallery on the Web Site

Please keep checking the web site regularly for updates.

Children in Need

St Paul's will be raising money for Children in Need on Friday 17th November and will be asking the children to come to school dressed in their pyjamas that day for a donation of £1 towards Children in Need.

The school council are also busy organising some other events for this day so please look out for more details over the next week.

ParentPay Issues

Unfortunately we have been experiencing some problems with ParentPay which we are trying to resolve. This means that we have been unable to add our new Nursery and Reception parents onto the site and issue them with a password.

Please bear with us as we sort out this issue.

Parents in Nursery and Reception who are waiting to pay for the Birches Valley trip can pay by cash or cheque on this occasion.

Cheques made payable to St Paul's First School.

WORSHIP

In Worship this week the children have been looking at our new worship value Humility and have been thinking about how to serve others.

Prayer of the Week

Lord Jesus,

Please help us to look out for the needs of one another.

Help us to be humble enough to serve each other.

Amen

Safeguarding Children

A reminder to parents that we are holding two online safety workshops in school on Wednesday 22nd November in the school hall at 4:00pm and 5:30pm.

If you have not yet returned the letter, please return this to the office as soon as possible.

Poppy Appeal

Children, parents and visitors will be able to buy poppies in school next week for a small donation.

The school council will visit each classroom during morning break time each day next week.

Please send money into school from Monday in a named envelope and hand to the class teacher.

Remembrance Service

Members of the school council and house captains will join Miss Roberts in representing the school at the Remembrance Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday 12th November at 9:30am, followed by a service at the Memorial Hall at 11am.

If any other children or families would like to join us, they would be more than welcome.

Reading Challenge

Well done to all of the children who have completed the first stage of their reading challenge.

We will be having a special assembly on Monday where these children will be presented with their prize and certificate.

Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Dylan for challenging himself with all activities.

Afternoon Nursery - Billie-Leigh for having a great 'I can do' attitude.

Reception - Macy for performing a super song and dance on our outdoor stage.

Year 1 - Lexijo for having a great 'can do' attitude.

Year 2 - Katie for settling in really well.

Year 3 - Blake for having an excellent attitude to learning and challenging himself.

Year 4 - Martha for showing great resilience and challenging herself in Maths.

Odd Socks Day

As part of our work during Anti-Bullying Week, we have asked the children to come to school in odd socks on Monday 13th November.

They should wear the rest of their school uniform as usual and no donations are required.

Playground Supervision

Could we kindly ask parents to ensure that their children are not left unsupervised on the playground in the mornings before the classroom doors are opened?

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

Weekly Attendance

Tuesday 31st October to Friday 3rd November

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 94%

Year 3 - 96%

Year 2 - 97%

Year 4 - 97%

The classes with the highest attendance are Year 2 and Year 4. Well done!

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.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Daisy

Year 2 - Kyle

Year 3 - Sadie

Year 4 - Molly

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.

Climbing Frame

Reminder: children should not play on the climbing frame on the Key Stage 2 playground before or after school.

Sessions on this climbing frame during playtimes are always supervised as accidents can easily happen.

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 rules and laws that are in place. 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

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

January

Wednesday 3rd January - Children return to school

Tuesday 9th January - Year 4 at Young Voices

February

Friday 2nd February - Final payments for Year 4 trip to Laches Wood due