



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 6th October 2017
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School News

Year 3 have had an exciting end to the week after their trip to the Tesco store in Hednesford this morning. The trip supported their learning about food nutrition and the children really enjoyed sampling a range of foods. It's a shame that they didn't bring any back to share with the rest of us!

Reading Books

As parents are aware, Reading Books will now be changed on set days each week. This will give children the chance to explore each book in more depth and develop a greater understanding of the text they are reading. Please be assured that the number of books that children have access to across the week will not change, as where appropriate, we will simply put in two books rather than one.

Next week all children in Years 1-4 will bring home a bookmark with question prompts that parents can use when reading with their child at home. We hope that you and your child find these useful.

Debt from Dinner Money

Unfortunately we have had six more of our old Year 4 families who have left us without paying their outstanding dinner money, resulting in a debt of £63.15 which has to be covered by the school budget. The previous year we had three families who left St Paul's without paying their dinner money, leaving a debt of £80.45.

As a result, from Monday, our debt recovery policy will change and once total debt reaches £5, children will not be allowed to request a hot meal from the school kitchen until the debt has been cleared and the account is in credit. Parents will be asked to send their child in to school with a sandwich from home until the account is in credit. It is very sad that we are having to make this change, but unfortunately the school does not have the funds to keep clearing unpaid debts, especially when it has to use money that could benefit all of the children.

WORSHIP

In Worship this week the children have learnt that God can be trusted to use our small deeds of kindness to make a big difference.



Prayer of the Week

Thank you, Father God,
that from small
beginnings, many good
things can grow.
Amen

War Memorial

Sadly there has been some significant vandalism to the slate war memorial in the village. Amongst other things a name has been scratched onto the slate. The graffiti has now been polished out as much as possible but the trustees of the Memorial Hall would like to ask everyone to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to the police.

School Office

From Friday 13th October, the school office will close at 3:30pm. Parents calling school after this time may leave a message on the answer phone which will be dealt with the next school day.

A reminder that the before and after school mobile phone number is only to be used by parents whose children attend the club and should not be used by other parents who wish to pass messages onto other members of staff.

Appointments

Recently we have had a lot of parents turning up at the school office to collect their children early from school saying that their child has an appointment.

Could we kindly ask parents to give us advance notice of such appointments so that teachers can ensure that children are ready to go home early, especially on P.E. days.

Could we also kindly remind parents that non-urgent appointments should take place out of school hours and that we need to see appointment cards for appointments taking place during the school day.

Parent Forum

We will be holding our first Parent Forum meeting for the year in November.

If any new parents would like to put themselves forward as class representatives, please speak to Miss Roberts or Mrs Richards.

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. Children may wear their own clothes to school and bring a donation of £1 or more.

Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Aleah for super number work.

Afternoon Nursery - Eray for settling into nursery and making new friends.

Reception - Ella for challenging herself in Phonics.

Year 1 - Elijah for a super attitude to learning.

Year 2 - Jaydon for showing lots of interest and enthusiasm during all of our topic work.

Year 3 - Isla for trying hard in Maths and never giving up.

Year 4 - Lucy for good independent and group work this week.

Reading Challenge Weekly Winners

Well done to Year 3 for winning the reading challenge this week.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 2 - Apurva and Summer

Year 3- Poppy C.

Year 4- Aaliyah

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 30th October.

To book a place, please contact Luke directly on:

luke.oldham@inspired-coaching.com

or 07825 885917

Photo Gallery

Photos and news from school trips, visitors to school and sports events will now be shared on the school web site in the 'Parent Section' rather than in the newsletter. Please keep checking the web site for updates to the Gallery.

Parents Evening Reminder

Parents Evening is on Tuesday 17th 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 2nd October to Friday 6th October

Nursery - 92% Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 93% Year 2 - 97%

Year 3 - 98% Year 4 - 94%

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

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.

Donations of Old P.E. Kit

If any parents have any old P.E. kit that no longer fits their child, could we please ask for this to be sent into school so that we can use it for spare kit?

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.

Year 2 Parent Assembly

Year 2 parents are invited to an end of topic assembly on Thursday 19th October at 2:50pm to celebrate the children's learning this half term. We look forward to seeing you all there.

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

Monday 9th October - Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 17th October - Parents Evening
Tuesday 17th October - Billy Bob Buttons - Children's Author Visit
Wednesday 18th October - 3pm - Opportunity for Year 1 parents to meet Mrs Medley
Thursday 19th October - 2:50pm - Year 2 Parent Assembly
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
Wednesday 22nd November - 4pm and 5:30pm - NSPCC Parent Workshop - Online Safety

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