



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 8th December 2017
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School News

Many thanks to all of our families who attended the Christmas Fayre on Friday evening. A huge thank you also for all of the kind donations of items that parents sent in, and to the members of the School Association who kindly give up their time to enable us to hold such events. We raised a total of £470.37. This total excludes the raffle ticket sales which are ongoing.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christingle service in church on Sunday evening. A total of £167.30 was raised for the Children's Society with £60.27 of that being raised by children and families at school.

Disco Reminder

Tonight's disco has been cancelled. Apologies for any disappointment this may cause.

Bad Weather

Should we have any further bad weather and have to close the school, we will inform parents by text and put an announcement on the Staffordshire County Council's web site. Please ensure that the office have up-to-date parent contact information.

Next Week's Newsletter

There will be no newsletter on Friday 15th December. Instead we will issue our last Autumn Term newsletter on Tuesday 19th December.

Year 2 Open Classroom

Parents and carers are invited into Year 2 at 3:20 pm on Monday 18th December to see all the topic work that the children have produced during this half term.

Worship

This week in Worship we have been looking at the meaning of Advent and what the Advent candles represent.

Prayer of the Week

Jesus, you are light even in the darkest places.
Help us to trust in you when we are lost or lonely.
Shine hope into our hearts we pray.
Amen.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

This year we will be having our school Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 12th December. We would like the children to wear a Christmas jumper on this day as well with the rest of their normal school uniform.



Party Days

The children will be having their Christmas Parties in school on the following days:

Monday 18th December—Y1 & Y2 (am) / Y3 & Y4 (pm)
Tuesday 19th December—Nursery & Reception (am)

Our afternoon nursery children are welcome to join us on Tuesday 19th December in the morning for the Early Years Christmas Party morning.

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes on these days. Please ensure that they wear sensible footwear and bring a coat as they will still go outside at break time and lunchtime.

Year 3 Singing at Coven Court

Year 3 will be visiting Coven Court on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm to sing to the residents.

If any Year 3 parents would like to join us, they are welcome to meet us on the car park at approximately 1:45pm. Please let Miss Thomas know if you are able to come along and help.

Star of Week

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



Morning Nursery - Daisy for her super efforts when tidying up.

Afternoon Nursery - India for her lovely singing this week.

Reception - Ava for showing a fantastic attitude to learning this week.

Year 1 - Phoebe for super expression during RWI.

Year 2 - Evie for being a super actress in our Christmas Performance.

Year 3 - Max for having a super singing voice.

Year 4 - Emily for making an effort to progress in her writing.

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.

Pobble



Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Teigan

Year 2 - Ryan

Year 3 - Lily

Year 4 - Emily & Lillie Mae

Handwriting

Well done to Leila and John in Year 4 for achieving their pen licences this week.

Last Day—Toys & Games for Years 1 to 4



Children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 are welcome to bring in toys and games from home to play with on the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December.

Children in Nursery and Reception will be having their Christmas Party that morning so they won't need to bring in any toys or games.

We kindly ask that expensive toys and games consoles are left at home on this day please.

Asthma Care Plans and Epi-pens

Following our recent training in asthma and epi-pens we have reviewed our asthma policy and care plans. All children who have a diagnosis of asthma must have a care plan in place and an inhaler kept in school so that it can be used whenever the child might need it. Asthma is a potentially life threatening condition and keeping an inhaler in school may well save their life in the event of a severe attack.

If your child currently has a care plan, you will have received a new plan to update and return to school. If your child has been diagnosed with asthma and they do not have a care plan in school then please contact the school office so that we can put one in place.

Year 2 Local Area Walk

On Thursday 4th January, Year 2 will begin their new topic 'Street Detectives' by having a walk around the local area to look at features.

If any parents are able to join us to walk around Coven at 1:30pm, please let Mrs Richards know.

Thank you in advance.

Carol Service

A reminder to families that there will be a Carol Service at St Paul's Church on Sunday 17th December at 6pm. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be singing as part of the service and children in other year groups are very welcome to come along and join in as well!

Weekly Attendance

Monday 4th December to Friday 8th December.

Reception - 97%

Year 1 - 92% Year 2 - 86%

Year 3 - 95% Year 4 - 95%

The class with the highest attendance is Reception. Well done!

Online Safety

Please see the attachment at the end of this newsletter with information and hyperlinks on how to keep children safe online.

This may be especially useful for parents whose children are having a new device for Christmas.

British Values

This week's British Values focuses on Democracy. 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

December

Saturday	9th	December	Open Day for Nursery and Reception for September 2018—10am to 12pm
Wednesday	13th	December	9:30am - Nursery & Reception Christmas Production
Wednesday	13th	December	Year 3 to sing at Coven Court—2:00 pm
Thursday	14th	December	9:30am - KS1 Production (Y1 & Y2)
Thursday	14th	December	2:00pm - KS2 Production (Y3 & Y4)
Friday	15th	December	9:30am - KS2 Production (Y3 & Y4)
Friday	15th	December	2:00pm - KS1 Production (Y1 & Y2)
Sunday	17th	December	6:00pm—Carol Service at St Paul's Church (Y3 & Y4 to sing)
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
Monday	18th	December	Year 2 Parents invited in to see Topic work—Open Classroom at 3:20pm
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
Thursday	4th	January	Year 2 Local Area Walk at 1:30pm
Tuesday	9th	January	Year 4 at Young Voices
Wednesday	24th	January	Grandparents Lunches - Year 1 at 12:00pm - 12:45pm

Keeping Children Safe Online—New Devices for Christmas



- If your child is getting a new phone or tablet for Xmas, you may wish to consider some monitoring software to keep a parental eye on what they're doing.
- There are plenty available to download, some are free and some you have to pay a small subscription.
- An article explaining some of the more popular monitoring apps can be seen HERE (<https://www.digitaltrends.com/mobile/best-parental-control-apps/>).
- For advice and instructions on setting up the most popular devices (parental controls, internet filters etc.) see the Internet Matters website HERE (<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/interactive-guide/>)
- If you are buying a new game for your child, make sure you are happy with it first. Just because "everybody else has got it" doesn't mean it's appropriate for your child. Check on the Common Sense Media website first - click HERE (<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>)