



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 10th February 2017
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School News

This week started with our Year 4 children stepping back in time to the Victorian days. Their day comprised of baking, a nature walk, handwriting and of course reading writing and arithmetic. The children were on their best behaviour and fortunately there was no need to bring the dreaded cane or dunce's hat back from the past!

In other news around school Reception have been on a bear hunt over the field and through the woods and apparently found one which was fortunately very friendly! They have been continuing with this theme over the course of the week.

Year 1 have held their very own Jewish festival of Shabbat and tasted Jewish bread, drank Jewish wine (blackcurrant squash) and sang Jewish songs. They were very enthusiastic to share their learning when Mrs Richards popped in to see them but she was a bit sad that she had missed the actual celebration.

On Tuesday Little Treasures Nursery staff came into school to host some stay and play taster sessions and to meet with parents. At the meetings Little Treasures shared what they will be providing as both a nursery provision at school and as a before and after school club. Thank you to all who attended, we hope you found the sessions informative.

Foodbank Friday

We have recently been contacted by staff from the Co-operative store in Covenham who are promoting 'Foodbank Friday.' To build community links and to help those less fortunate the Co-op has asked if we could promote Foodbank Friday here at St. Paul's. Next Friday 17th February the children are invited to bring an item of food to school which will then be collected by the Co-op and passed onto those in need. We hope to help them to build the biggest foodbank they can. Items suitable include any tinned or packet foods. Each child who donates will be given a token which they can then take into the Co-op to exchange for a chocolate bar. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Parents Evening

Please note, that due to the Year 3/4 Dance Show on Tuesday 7th March, Parents Evening will now be held on Monday 6th March instead. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Appointment letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Mother's Day Services

We will be holding Mother's Day services on the 24th March in the school hall. Due to the hall capacity there will be two services during the morning.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 : 9:15 - 10:00

Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 : 10:30 - 11:00.

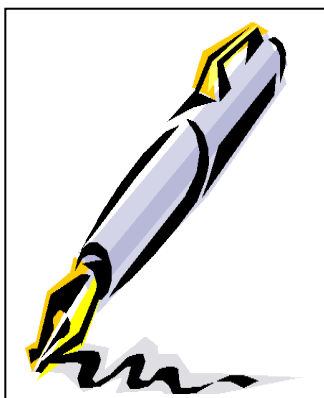
Both mums and grandmothers are invited to attend.



In the
Spotlight

This week...

Here at St. Paul's we have an open door policy for all parents. If you have any concerns then please see your child's class teacher in the first instance who will endeavour to resolve any issues promptly.



Handwriting Pen Licences

Please note handwriting licences are given to those children who consistently use neat cursive writing in all of their writing tasks.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March and, like last year; we have planned a range of book based activities to mark the occasion including the usual dressing up as a favourite character. Please note that due to other commitments in school, the dress up day will now be on **Friday 3rd March**.

Your child should bring a flyer detailing the week's events home on Friday 10th February. One is also attached with this newsletter.

Sharing Stories At School

During Book Week we are inviting parents to come into read with their child during the afternoon. A separate letter will come home with your child next week and will include the details of which days parents are invited into school and a form to complete confirming attendance.

Readathon

This year we have decided to take part in a national Readathon. This is aimed at encouraging children to read for pleasure and also is a way of raising money for seriously ill children across the UK. You should have received an email giving you further details and your child should also have brought a letter home along with a sponsor form and a book mark. We are running the Readathon from Friday 10th February until Friday 10th March which will give everyone plenty of time to read lots and hopefully raise lots of money too. Please return any money raised to the school office as soon as you possible after Friday 10th March. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - John for trying really hard in all the learning activities and challenging himself this week.

Reception - Daisy for her fantastic positive attitude in school, she is a pleasure to have in the class.

Year 1 - Apurva for super problem solving in maths.

Year 2 - Isla for always being studious and for persevering in all she does.

Year 3 - Olivia for fantastic homework. She produced a story board for her own Myth and Legend.

Year 4 - Aoife for excellent writing and always helping others.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th February - SAT's information meeting 9:00 in the school hall (Year 2 parents)

Thursday 16th February - Treasure Hunt for Year 2 End of Topic 2:45 in the hall - Parents welcome (details to follow)

Friday 17th February - School finishes for Half Term

Monday 20th February to Friday 24th February - Half Term

Monday 27th February - School re-opens

Friday 3rd March - Children are invited to dress up as their favourite character * **Note change of date**

Monday 6th March - Parent Evening (details to follow) ***Note change of date due to Dance Show**

Tuesday 7th March - Year 3/4 Dance Show at Wolgarston

Wednesday 22nd March Grandparent Lunches for Year 1

Friday 24th March - Mothers' Day Services in school 9:15 - 10:00 Nursery, Reception and Y1
10:30 - 11:00 Y2, Y3 and Y4

Monday 3rd April to Wednesday 5th April - Year 4 Laches Wood Trip

Wednesday 5th April - Grandparent Lunches for Reception

Thursday 6th April - Easter Service in Church at 2pm for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.

Friday 7th April - School finishes for Easter

Prayer of the Week



Creator God

When we hear, smell and see
the wonders of your
creation, give us thankful
hearts.

Amen

Worship

Creation Praise

"In this worship our children reflected upon the beauty of the created world and express their thanks for this."

We looked at Psalm 148 which shares with us Christians' belief that God is the creator of the natural world and each part of creation praises him in its own way.

Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors
this week:

Year 2 - Sadie and Jessica

Year 4 - Aoife, Sam, Luke and Sally

House Points



Well done to our winning team Willow.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 165 house points!

Weekly Attendance

Monday 6th February - Friday 10th February 2017

Nursery -72%

Reception - 89%

Year 1 - 90%

Year 2 - 90%

Year 3 - 89%

Year 4 - 81%

The classes with the highest attendance are Years 1 and 2.

Well done!

Year 2 Orienteering

Year 2 children should have brought home a letter this week inviting parents to help them with some orienteering around school on Thursday 16th February. Please see the letter for further information.

Year 4 Victorian Day

On Monday, the Y4 children had a fantastic time during their Victorian Day. The children enjoyed having new names for the day which they said made the day feel much more realistic! Activities included; handwriting practice, prayer reading, making scones, going on an adventure walk and enjoying a traditional afternoon tea. A fantastic day was had by all!



Friendship Day Lunch

There will be a special lunch menu for Friendship Day on **Tuesday 14th February**. The menu was attached to the newsletter dated Friday 3rd February.

Pancake Day Lunch

There will also be a special lunch menu to celebrate Pancake Day on **Tuesday 28th February**. The menu was attached to the newsletter dated Friday 3rd February.

Easter Service

On 6th April children in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 will going to Church for an Easter Service with Father Malcolm. The service is due to start at 2:00pm and parents are welcome to join us. If any parents are able to help with supervision during our walk up to church then please let the office know. We will be leaving school at around 1:30pm.

Following the service children will be dismissed to any parents who wish to take their child home but we ask that you complete the slip below so that we know in advance.

Easter Service

I will be picking my child _____ up from St. Paul's Church after the Easter Service on 6th April 2017.

Signed: _____ Name: _____