



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

It finally looks like Spring is on its way and the children have enjoyed having fun outside this week both in their PE lessons and in outdoor learning activities. Year 2 had great fun on Thursday afternoon when they took part in an orienteering activity with their parents. The weather was perfect which is more than can be said on the previous attempt before half term! Thanks to all those that came and helped their children find as many countries as they could out of a total of 35. Some photographs of this event can be found further on in the newsletter.

On Tuesday Miss Jones' dance group performed at the Wolgarston Dance Festival with lots of other first schools. They had been practising hard during dance club and it was a great finale to perform in front of such a large audience and to be able to see other groups perform too. Thanks to Miss Jones and her sister who have worked hard over the last half term to get the children ready for their performance. Miss Jones took lots of photographs which can be found further on.

Nursery have had another busy week planting in the outdoor area and are eagerly waiting to see how their plants grow.

Book Week Competition

This year's competition was to design a scene from a favourite book inside a shoe box. Well done to all that entered. All of the entries are displayed in the entrance area of school and have already attracted lots of interest. They were all great and it was very hard to pick the winners but after much deliberation the winners are as follows:

Nursery - Sophia

(Photo and prize to follow)

Reception - Harry

Year 1- Amber

Year 2 - Poppy C

Year 3 - Charley

Year 4 - Alfie



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.

Readathon

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the Readathon. We hope you have enjoyed reading lots of books over the last month and look forward to seeing how you have got on. Please can all sponsor forms and payments be sent into school as soon as possible so that we can pass these on to Readathon.

Book Fair

Thank you to all our families who bought books from our annual book fair this week. This is a great way for us to buy lots of new books for both our library and classrooms because the school gets a substantial commission from sales.



Handwriting Pen Licences

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

House Points



Well done to our winning team Oak.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 98 house points!



This week...

Parking

We have several complaints from our neighbours in recent weeks about parents parking in front of their houses and blocking their driveways.

Could we please kindly request that parents park considerately when dropping their children off and picking their children up from school. Parents may park on the Memorial Hall car park and walk over to the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - Dylan for his enthusiasm for learning and for trying really hard to learn his numbers to 10.

Reception - William for having a fantastic attitude to Phonics.

Year 1 - Ginoivor for a fantastic piece of independent writing.

Year 2 - Dylan for much improved behaviour and attitude. Well done.

Year 3 - Emily G for a fantastic attitude to learning and persevering in all her lessons.

Year 4 - Lily for persevering in maths and challenging herself.



Diary Dates

March

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

Thursday 30th March - Year 3 Greek Day - parents welcome to join us at 2:30pm

April

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

Monday 3rd April Nursery and Reception will be having a Hungry Caterpillar Wow morning to celebrate the end of their topic. Further details of this to follow as parents are invited to part of the morning.

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



Dear God
Please help us to persevere
even when tasks seem long
and hard. Help us to
encourage our friends to
keep going when they feel
fed up.

Amen

WORSHIP

This week in class worship the children have been introduced to our new value **Perseverance**. They have looked at persevering with the truth where "Through the story of Jeremiah they have reflected on the need to persevere when speaking out for what is right."

Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors
this week:

Year 2 - Imogen, Isla and Ella

Weekly Attendance

Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March 2017

Nursery - 78% Reception - 96%

Year 1 - 92% Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 97% Year 4 - 98%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 4.

Well done!

Wolgarston Dance Show

Well done to Miss Jones, her sister and the dance group who performed at the Wolgarston Dance Festival on Tuesday. The rest of the school really enjoyed seeing your performance too on Friday morning.



Year 2's Orienteering

Thank you to all the parents who came and helped Year 2 complete their orienteering activity on Thursday afternoon. The children had a great time!



Year 3 Greek Day - Thursday 30th March

Miss Roberts is planning a special Greek themed day for Year 3 on Thursday 30th March. Children can come to school that day in clothes that match the colours of the Greek flag - blue and white. There will be a range of activities throughout the day, including food tasting, and parents are invited to come into school at 2:30pm that afternoon to join in with our activities.



Kids Kit & Kaboodle Sale -

Saturday 18th March Codsall Trinity Methodist Church Histons Hill WV8 2ER

10.30 am - 12.30 pm

Sale of quality pre-loved children's clothes, toys, games

Nursery equipment and accessories from pregnancy to 10 yrs

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: _____

REMINDER

Enter Royal Mail's Christmas Stamp Design Competition 2017

The Royal Mail are inviting schools to design a Christmas Stamp. Details about this are below and your child should bring home an entry form today.

Once again, Royal Mail is running this prestigious competition for primary school pupils to design stamps for Christmas 2017. This follows the hugely popular Christmas 2013 competition, where 240,000 entries were received.

The competition theme is **'What does the Christmas season mean to you?'** and so the children can design an image that best describes what the festive period means to them.

Two lucky winners will see their designs made into one of the 1st or 2nd Class Christmas stamps for 2017.

This is a prize that money cannot buy and will be a huge honour for the winners and their schools. The winning designs will be approved by Her Majesty the Queen and used on millions of Christmas cards during the festive season.

It is also a fun and engaging art lesson activity for children aged 4 to 11 years, and great prizes must be won too!

Only three times in Royal Mail's 500 year history, have children's designs been used on UK Christmas Stamps

Mrs Jones has asked that all entries are returned to school by Tuesday 14th March so that she is able to send them off in good time.

Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day and the School Council will be holding a cake sale and selling milkshakes. Throughout the week they will be selling red noses at breaktime. A sponsored event will take place during the day. Further details of this will be sent out shortly.