



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Friday 12th January 2018  
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**School News**—This week has seen Year 4 performing wonderfully at the *Genting Arena* for their Young Voices concert as well as PE lessons restarting across the school. I have observed excellent learning behaviour and enthusiasm across the school as the children continue with their new topics. Parents have now received their half-termly class newsletters by email. Please let class teachers know if you haven't received them.

**Worship  
Compassion**

This week in Worship we have been learning about how God is always near to us and ready to listen to us.

**Prayer of the Week**

Dear Lord, Help us to understand that God is always there loving us and guiding us, even when we feel weighed down and weary.  
Amen

**Healthy Schools—'A Mile a Day'**

As part of our ongoing action plan to make the school as healthy as possible, this week we have begun the start of our 'Mile a Day' campaign. Gradually over the next few weeks, we will build up to going outside every day to walk a mile, by walking around the playground. We have started this week by going out for one afternoon walk, and we will increase this each week up to half term until it becomes a daily event. Parents are advised that we will do this everyday, unless it is raining heavily or the playground is icy and dangerous, so children will need to have their coats in school. The expectation is that all children and staff will take part in this, unless they are medically exempt for any reason.

**Maths Parent Workshops**

Following the success of our reading and handwriting workshops, we will be holding some Maths parent workshops in school on the following date and times:

Wednesday 17th January

9:00 am / 4:00 pm for Year 2/ Year 3/ Year 4

9:30 am / 4:30 pm for Nur/Rec/Year 1

Please note that the morning workshop is repeated in the afternoon so parents do not need to attend both.

**Newsletters**

Just a quick reminder to parents that newsletters come out every Friday and will be emailed to parents, normally on a Friday, but by Monday at the latest. Paper copies are available on request from the school office and all newsletters are saved on the school web site: [www.stpaulscoven.co.uk](http://www.stpaulscoven.co.uk)

Please see the office staff if you have not been receiving your copy so that we can check that we have the correct email address for you on file.

**Water**



A reminder to parents that children should only have water in their water bottles that they bring to school.

**Juice is not allowed in water bottles for general drinking throughout the day.**

The latest government advice confirms that children should only drink water between meals.

Naturally parents are welcome to make exceptions to this advice at home, however, in school we ask parents to respect the school policy. We will be doing some work over the course of the half term to encourage the children to drink more water in school.

## Star of Week

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



Nursery - Heidi, Oliver and Lily-Rose for settling in to Nursery very well.

Reception - Abigail for fantastic sentence writing about a princess castle.

Year 1 - Teddy for coming into class and getting on straight away with his handwriting each morning.

Year 2 - Parisa for always contributing fully to all of our class discussions with well-thought out ideas.

Year 3 - Isabelle for persevering in maths. She has produced some excellent work this week.

Spencer for having an enthusiastic attitude to learning .  
He always tries his best.

Year 4 - Noah for making a super effort to improve his presentation and sharing his ideas more often in class.

Bailey Ray for showing great curiosity in his learning and using this to improve his understanding.

## Weekly Attendance

Monday 8th January to Friday 12th January.

Reception -97 %

Year 1 - 93%

Year 2 - 98%

Year 3 - 98%

Year 4 - 94%

## Booking Places for Before & After-School Club

Can I please remind parents that sessions for before and after school club need to be booked in advance?

We have an increasing number of children whose names are not on our registers but are turning up to sessions, mainly after school.

On some evenings, we are close to our full capacity and may have to start phoning parents and asking them to collect their children if their names are not on the register.

Whilst we do not want to have to do this, we may have to start doing this if parents are not booking sessions in the proper way.

Parents who use the ad-hoc system and change their hours on a weekly basis, are advised to let the office know each Friday for the following week where possible. This way we can ensure that we staff our sessions accordingly.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

## Young Voices

Year 4 had a wonderful time at Young Voices on Tuesday. They did the school proud with their wonderful singing and sensible, mature attitudes.

A huge thank you to Mrs Clews and Miss Barrett for practising the songs with the children, and to Mrs Guest and Mrs Langford who also accompanied the children on the day. Once again, thank you to the Year 4 parents for their continued support.

Photos from the day can be found on the web site.

## Pobble

Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 2 - Isabella J, Beatrice, Loui, Amber and Ruby

Year 3 - Lily

Year 4 - Emily T

### Year 3 Trip

Miss Thomas has organised an exciting trip for Year 3 in the Summer Term. Letters should have come home to parents today and the trip will be set up on ParentPay shortly so that parents can start making payments towards the total.

Please see Miss Thomas if you haven't had a letter.

### NSPCC Online Workshop

The cancelled NSPCC Online Safety workshop has been rearranged for Tuesday 13th February at 5pm.

There is no need to book a place.

Please come along and join us in finding out how to keep your children safe online.

### Milk Payments / Dinner Money

Would parents who have ordered milk for their child, please ensure that payments are made and kept up-to-date?

Parents are advised that ParentPay balances should be kept in credit when their children are ordering school lunches.

Many thanks for your cooperation with this.

### Reading Challenge Winners

Well done to Year 3 who won the Reading Challenge last term. They have been rewarded with an afternoon treat today.

They have chosen to have a Just Dance battle and party food!

Well done to Year 3 for being such diligent readers!

### PE Kit Reminder

Children in Years 1—4 need a warm black or navy blue tracksuit in school to wear for their outdoor PE lessons.

Years 1 and 2 have outdoor PE on Tuesdays.

Years 3 and 4 have outdoor PE on Wednesdays.

The children will go outside unless it is raining heavily or the playground is icy.

Could parents please ensure that children have trainers, rather than pumps, for outdoor PE, as pumps do not provide adequate grip.

### Gold Attendance Award

Well done to Ryan in Year 2 for having 100% attendance in the Autumn Term.

Apologies that you were missed off the list before Christmas, Ryan.



### Gate

We will be keeping the gate locked in the mornings until 8:40/8:45am whilst the weather is a little cold and frosty, just to ensure that there are no accidents on the playground.

This won't be a permanent measure and we hope that parents understand why we are doing this at this time of the year.

### British Values

This week's British Values focuses on the Rule of Law. 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.



## Year 1 Grandparents Lunch

The Year 1 Grandparents' Lunch is on Wednesday 24th January at 12pm.

The deadline for ordering lunches with the kitchen is Monday 15th January. Orders placed after the deadline will not be accepted by the kitchen.

## Diary Dates

### January

<b>Monday</b>	<b>15th</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>Deadline for ordering Year 1 Grandparent Lunches on 24th January</b>
Wednesday	17th	January	Maths Parent Workshops for Year 2/Year3/Year 4 at 9:00am / 4:00pm
Wednesday	17th	January	Maths Parent Workshops for Nursery/Reception/Year 1 at 9:30am / 4:30pm
Wednesday	24th	January	Grandparents Lunches - Year 1 at 12:00pm - 12:45pm

### February

<b>Friday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Final Payments for Laches Wood due—Year 4 parents</b>
Friday	16th	February	INSET Day for Staff—School closed for children
Monday	26th	February	School reopens to children
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Deadline for ordering Mother's Day Lunches—letters to follow</b>

### March

Thursday	1st	March	World Book Day—children to dress up as book characters
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Deadline for Year 2 Grandparents to order lunches for 14th March</b>
Tuesday	6th	March	Mother's Day Lunches for Nursery & Reception
Tuesday	6th	March	Parents' Evening—letters to follow
Wednesday	7th	March	Dance Show rehearsal at Wolgarston—Years 3 and 4—details to follow
Wednesday	7th	March	Mother's Day Lunches for Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday	8th	March	Mother's Day Lunches for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday	9th	March	Mother's Day Services in school—details to follow
Friday	9th	March	School disco—5:00pm for Nur/Rec/Y1 and 6:15pm for Y2/3/4
Wednesday	14th	March	Dance Show at Wolgarston—morning and evening performance—Y3/4
Wednesday	14th	March	Year 2 Grandparents Lunches—12:00pm
Monday 26th March	to	Wed 28th March	Year 4 Residential Trip to Laches Wood
Thursday	29th	March	Easter Service at St Paul's Church—2:00pm
Thursday	29th	March	School closes for Easter Holidays

### April

Thursday	12th	April	INSET Day—School closed to children
Friday	13th	April	INSET Day—School closed to children
Monday	16th	April	School reopens for the Summer Term
Friday	20th	April	Year 4 Class Assembly for parents about Laches Wood Trip—2:30pm

## 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/>)