



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Friday 17th February 2017  
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### **School News**

The final week of this half term has seen the children in Year 1 mark the end of their current topics by inviting parents into school for different events. Miss Jones had organised a play and stay workshop to mark the end of the Year 1 topic on Nurturing Nurses. This included making healthy snacks, bandaging 'injured soldiers' (teddy bears), designing herbal remedies and lots of other fun things.

Mrs Richards and Year 2 had invited parents in to share an orienteering experience with them but unfortunately due to the weather conditions this had to be cancelled. Parents in Year 2 are invited to join the children for another attempt on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm.

Little Treasures Nursery will open on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February here at St. Paul's and we look forward to seeing some new little faces around. During the past half term Mrs Payton from Little Treasures has been working alongside Mrs Ashley and Miss Leadbeater who wish to thank her for her contributions.

On Friday we welcomed visitors from the Co-operative into our Celebration Assembly to talk about how they are trying to help people in the community. They were delighted to have 141 items of food brought in for them to add to their foodbank. This food will go to The Well in Wolverhampton so many thanks to all those families who donated to help those less fortunate. Every child has been given a voucher as a thank you from the Co-op. This can be exchanged in Co-op branches in Coven, Brewood or Codsall for either a chocolate bar or a piece of fruit. The Co-op are also going to be giving free fruit away to every child who goes into the store on a Friday if they are wearing their St. Paul's red jumper.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We received a thank you letter this week from Save The Children following the Christmas Jumper Day event that we held in school on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016. Together we raised £75.55 so thank you to all our families who kindly donated.

### **Parents Evening**

Please note, that due to the Year 3/4 Dance Show on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Parents Evening will now be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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

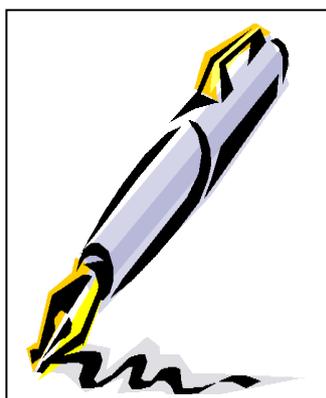
Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 : 10:30 - 11:00.

Both mums and grandmothers are invited to attend.



### This week...

Could we please kindly ask our parents not to park in front of our neighbours' driveways as this can sometimes cause them problems when they are trying to leave their homes.



### Handwriting Pen Licences

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

Lucy - Year 3

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

### Sharing Stories At School

During Book Week which begins on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February, we are inviting parents to come into read with their child during the afternoon. A separate letter should have come home with your child and includes the details of which days parents are invited into school as well as a form to complete confirming attendance.

### Readathon

We hope the Readathon is going well - remember it is running right the way through to 10<sup>th</sup> March so there is plenty of time to collect sponsors and do loads of reading too. Please return any money raised to the school office as soon as you possible after Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

### Healthy School Day

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March we are having a Healthy School Day to promote healthy eating and exercise across the school. Miss Jones has organised a range of activities to make the day a fun learning experience. Children should come to school dressed for sporting activities. Your child should bring a letter home today detailing this further.

## Star of Week

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

Nursery - Lexi for becoming independent in Nursery. She is now challenging herself and has an "I can do it" positive attitude.

Reception - Teigan for always challenging herself in all areas of learning.

Year 1 - Lucy for consistently working hard and putting 100% effort.

Year 2 - Ethan for working consistently hard in all his lessons.

Year 3 - Lillie Mae for always working hard in lessons and being a polite and thoughtful member of the class.

Year 4 - Casey being a kind and considerate friend to others.



## Diary Dates

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens

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

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

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

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March - Year 2 Orienteering activity 2:45pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March School Disco

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Grandparent Lunches for Year 1

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

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Laches Wood Trip

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Grandparent Lunches for Reception

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

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - School finishes for Easter

### Prayer of the Week



Dear God

Sometimes we face difficult times and it is hard to be thankful but help us to remember your promise to be with us in every circumstance.

Amen

### Worship

This week in worship the children have looked at friendship and what makes a good friend. On Wednesday Miss Jones and Year 1 led an assembly all about St. Christopher the patron saint of travellers. It gave the opportunity for the children to learn about this saint and a time to reflect on what we can learn from him.

In Class worship the children have been thinking about being thankful for good news. This act of worship encouraged the school community to be aware of and give thanks for the good things that happen every day.

### Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 2 - Tom and Imogen

Year 3 - Olivia, Nicole and Lilly

Year 4 - Harry and Allistair

### P.E. Kit

The children should have brought their P.E. kits home to be washed over the holidays.

Please can we ask that you check that your child has the correct named kit because there have been some reports of missing items which may have become mixed up.

### Weekly Attendance

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Nursery -81%                  Reception - 91%

Year 1 - 85%                  Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 95%                  Year 4 - 93%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2.

Well done!

### **Additional SAT's Information Evening**

On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February we held a SAT's Meeting where we shared with the Year 2 parents information about the end of Key Stage 1 Statutory Assessments. Some parents had previously expressed a wish to attend but were unable to do so due to other commitments so we have planned to repeat the session on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 5:30pm.

### **School Disco**

There will be another School Disco on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall. Timings for this are:

5:00 - 6:00 pm - Nursery, Reception and Year 1

6:15 - 7:15 pm - Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4

See attached poster for further information.

### **Important Safeguarding Information**

It was been brought to our attention that a free app called [musical.ly](https://musical.ly) contains adult material and could be used to groom children. For this reason, we need to warn parents that what appears to be a harmless, fun application can pose a serious threat to the safety of your child.

[Musical.ly](https://musical.ly) is a social network for sharing user-generated music and videos. Many children enjoy the 'lip-sync' element of the app as well as browsing videos created by others. Videos are generally shared between groups of friends and can be saved as private, but the other content is freely available and is not 'policed'.

The app states that it is not to be used by children 13. The terms and conditions say that it is intended for users over the age of 18.

There are current ongoing investigations with the police and CEOP into claims of grooming via this app. We consider this to be a valid threat to young people using [musical.ly](https://musical.ly) and would urge parents to remove this from their devices.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **Pancake Day Lunch**

There will be a special lunch menu to celebrate Pancake Day on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. The menu is:- Local Sausages, Creamy Mash & Gravy or Staffordshire Oatcakes with Cheese, Fresh carrots, Sweetcorn

for dessert

Pancake topped with Ice Cream and Fresh Fruit Sauce, Cook's homemade traybake

### **Easter Service**

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_