



St Paul's C.E. First School Newsletter ~ Friday 17th March 2017

School News

This week in school Nursery have taught the rest of the school all about St. Patrick's day with their assembly on Tuesday. We learned all about this well known saint - including why he is so famous, when St. Patrick's Day is and how it is celebrated. Nursery also taught the whole school a song to sing.



There has been a real air of mystery in Key Stage 2 as well as lots of history! Whilst Year 4 have been learning all about Roman numerals and cracking secret codes, Year 3 have been creating collages of the Greek flag during their topic work as well as writing some fantastic Mystery stories.

On Thursday some of our Year 4 children went to Brewood Middle for a gifted and talented maths session. They came back with lots to share with their class and Miss Thomas.

Finally this week we have welcomed Mrs Wilson to school who will join Mrs Haywood, whom we welcomed last week, teaching in Year 3 until Mrs Smith returns to school. Year 3 parents should have received a separate letter detailing these changes made to Year 3.

Before School and After School Provision

Your child should have brought a letter home outlining changes in our Before School and After School Provision. On Wednesday there will be a drop in session between 3:15 and 4:45pm for any parents who would like to speak with Miss Roberts or Mrs Richards about the changes which will start from Monday 20th March.

Recorder Club

Due to low numbers, we are opening Recorder Club up to Year 2 children until the end of this term. The club runs from 3:15 to 4:15pm on a Tuesday and is led by Mrs Richards. Any interested children should let the school office know on Monday and then will be welcome to start on Tuesday 21st March. Please note there is no need to purchase a recorder because we have plenty in school which are sterilised after each session.

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.

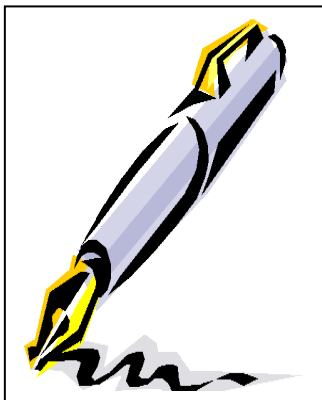
Both mums and grandmothers are invited to attend.

Easter Raffle

This year we will be holding an Easter Egg Raffle again in school. Tickets will be priced at 50p and the raffle will be drawn on the last day of this half term. Tickets can be purchased from the school office and more information will follow next week.

Easter Colouring Competition

The School Association will be holding their annual design an Easter Egg Competition again this year. Look out for entry forms and further details coming home soon.



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 Willow

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 118 house points!



This week...

Parking

Please can we remind parents that at no time should cars be parked in front of the school driveway. There have been several incidents of cars being left there whilst dropping off or picking up and this poses a real risk in event of an emergency.

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 - Riley for being very kind and helpful to his friends and sharing all the toys in Nursery with the other children.

Reception - Mya for her fantastic writing about a mini beast.

Year 1 - Vienna for a super attitude in all subjects.

Year 2 - Finley for always persevering with everything he does.

Year 3 - Jessica for brilliant ideas and for interesting vocabulary in her literacy.

Year 3 - Thomas for being kind and helpful in the classroom.

Year 4 - Sally Rose for persevering in maths and challenging herself.



Healthy Lunches

We have noticed that there are an increasing amount of children bringing in chocolate bars and sweets into school in their lunch boxes. As a Healthy School this is something which we would discourage as these foods are identified as treats rather than part of a balanced diet. Thank you in advance of your support with this.

Christmas Stamp Competition

Mrs Jones would like thank all of the children that sent in their designs for the Christmas Stamp Competition run by Royal Mail. These have now been sent off and we look forward to hearing back from them in due course.

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 worship the children have been reflecting on the need to persevere despite ridicule and criticism by hearing the story of Nehemiah and the King.

Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 1 - Lucy, Beatrice, Bella, Ryan, Gino

Year 2 - Ethan, Alex, Lily, Casey, Spencer

Year 4 - Aoife, Sam C

Please note Y3 Pobble writers will be backdated and added next week.

Weekly Attendance

Monday 13th March to Friday 17th March 2017

Nursery - 86% Reception - 96%

Year 1 - 98% Year 2 - 100%

Year 3 - 98% Year 4 - 93%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2 .

Well done!

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

May

Monday 1st May - May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 16th May - Year 4 go to Brewood Middle School for Sports Morning

Friday 26th May - School finishes for Half Term

June

Wednesday 7th June - Parents Evening Brewood Middle School for Year 4 parents (details to follow)

Saturday 10th June - Rocket Day for Year 4 at Brewood Middle School (details to follow)

Tuesday 13th June - Mr Swift/Mrs Priestley - visit St Paul's to meet Year 4 parents

Monday 26th June - Choral Day - Stafford Grammar (details to follow)

July

Thursday 6th July - Sports Day

Thursday 13th July - Transition Day

Thursday 20th July - Leavers Show Year 4

Friday 21st July - School finishes for Summer

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.

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. We are also asking children to bring in as much loose change as they can to fill our red nose which will be on the school playground.

