



St Paul's C.E. First School
Newsletter ~ Friday 20th January 2017
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School News

This half term the children in Key Stage 1 are enjoying cricket skills lessons every Monday with South Staffordshire Cricket Schools Scheme whilst the children in Key Stage 2 are now developing their football skills with Tom Beecham a qualified coach for the F.A. All of these sports coaches are coming into school to both develop the children's skills in these areas and to further train the staff and help them develop additional strategies to employ when teaching each of these skills. We are extremely lucky to have these specialist sports coaches working with our children.

On Thursday this week we welcomed Helen Lisseman from Pobble back into school to lead some writing workshops with different groups of children across school during the morning and with Year 3 for the afternoon. The children produced some great writing which can be found on the safe and secure website so please look out for any published pieces on www.pobble.com. Please note that if you have not completed the consent form then no name is attached to the work and it remains anonymous.

Building Work

As advised in last week's newsletter the building work to replace the school roof has begun. This work has created issues on the school car park which are unfortunately unavoidable. The gate will now remain shut all the time and only members of the teaching staff have access to park whilst other members of staff have kindly agreed to park on the Memorial Hall Carpark. This is due to the reduction in available car parking space and to ensure the safety of all when parking and whilst the men are working on the site.

We understand that some parents may feel frustrated at no longer being able to drive onto the car park to drop children off for Before and After School Clubs but hope that parents understand that this is being managed in the best way possible.

We only received notification from the County Council last week that the work would go ahead so quickly so the school have had to act quickly to put measures in place to manage the work.

Little Treasures

You should have received a letter this week giving you further information about Little Treasures Nursery which is opening at St. Paul's after February Half Term. There will be an Open Day on Tuesday 7th February for parents to visit the setting and meet the Little Treasures staff. There will also be two 'Stay and Play' sessions for nursery aged children (2, 3 and 4 year olds), 10-12 and 1-3. Also on this day for the before and after-school/holiday club there will be two talks at 3:30pm and 5pm.

The school office has registration forms for Little Treasures Nursery which can be collected and returned from here. Information packs, price information and booking forms for the before and after school and holiday clubs will be handed out on the open day by Little Treasures. If you are unable to attend the open day please let the office know and they will send the relevant forms to you after the 7th February.

In the meantime any queries or booking questions should be directed to Little Treasures on 07840 203084.

Afterschool Clubs

After Half Term we will be running fencing and gymnastics clubs again as they have proved to be extremely popular this half term. Fencing will run on Thursday evenings from 3:15 to 4:15 for Years 3 and 4 and those children who missed out on a place this half term will be guaranteed a place this time and there are still places available so please contact the school office if your child would like to join. Gymnastics will be Tuesday evenings 3:15 to 4:15 for Years 1 and 2 and again those children who missed out this half term are automatically given a place. If your child would like to

As a school we endeavour to act on concerns and comments shared by our parents so from now on places for clubs will be allocated differently rather than on a first come first served basis. Parents will be able to complete a slip expressing an interest in the club and then, following the specified closing date, names will be then drawn. We hope that by using this method it will give all children an equal chance at gaining a place and will therefore be a fairer system.

Readathon

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. We are also going to be taking part in a Readathon which is a national sponsored reading event - to encourage students to read for pleasure whilst helping children in hospital at the same time. Further information about this will be sent out shortly in both paper form and by email.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - Orphan - a fantastic attitude to learning in all areas this week and for his super enthusiasm when reading his new book.

Reception - Jack for having a great attitude towards learning in maths.

Year 1 - Kyle for persevering with his writing.

Year 2 - Poppy for fantastic reasoning in maths.

Year 3 - Molly for a fantastic attitude to learning and wanting to challenge herself in all lessons.

Year 4 - Alfie for excellent maths work and reasoning skills.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 24th January 2017 - Young Voices Year 4

Friday 27th January 2017 - 9.00am Parent Forum

Monday 6th February - Year 4 Victorian Day

Tuesday 7th February - Little Treasures Open Day

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 - 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

Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day - children are invited to dress up as their favourite character

Tuesday 7th March - Parent Evening (details to follow)

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

Wednesday 5th April - Grandparent Lunches (details to follow)

Friday 7th April - School finishes for Easter

Prayer of the Week



Dear God
We thank you, Lord, for daily
bread, our bodies and our
sould to feed.
We ask for strength to do
your will and pray for those in
special need.
Amen

Worship

Thankfulness

In worship this week the children learned why Christians believe that it is important to say grace at the start of mealtimes, thanking God for his provision and reminding us of the importance of sharing food with others.

Pobble Writers

Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 1 - Beatrice, Ruby, Kyle, Amber

Year 2 - Blake, Shea, Eden, Matthew

Year 3 - Roddy, Nicole, Olivia

Year 4 - Aoife, Allistair, Tia, Ethan, Casey, Tyler, Poppy, Jasmine, Jacob

House Points - Well done to our winning team Hazel.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 94 house points!

Weekly Attendance

Monday 16th January - Friday 20th January 2017

Nursery - 87%

Reception - 96%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 95%

Year 3 - 95%

Year 4 - 95%

The class with the highest attendance is Reception.

Well done!

Reading in school

Are you able to help in school with reading once a week? We are looking for willing parents/grandparents who are able to commit to coming into school each week for an afternoon to hear the children read. You would be allocated a year group to work with but please note we would be unable to put you in your child's class. If you are able to help then please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office.

I would like to come into school to hear children read. I am able to come into school on _____ and understand that I will not be working in my child's class.

Signed: _____

Parent/grandparent of : _____