



St Paul's C.E. First School Newsletter ~ Friday 24th March 2017

School News

This week the children across school have been thinking about those less fortunate than themselves and working together to raise money for Comic Relief. Mrs Langford and the School Council came up with ideas of how to promote this cause during their meetings. They have sold red noses at playtimes and then on Friday held a 'red nose cake' and strawberry milkshake sale. Also on Friday Mrs Langford created a giant red nose with some help from Mrs Leadbeatter and the children were invited to fill it with loose change. As you can see from the photograph, in the spirit of Red Nose Day, much fun was had whilst raising money for a great cause. Thank you to all of our families who have donated, we will update you with the total raised in next week's newsletter.



We also welcomed our mums and Father Malcolm into school on Friday for our Mother's Day Services. During both services the children shared their thoughts about their mums and thanked them for all they do. We hope all of our mums enjoyed the service and have a lovely day on Sunday.



Before School and After School Provision

This week saw the opening of our new Before and After School Club and we were pleased to welcome both Luke from Inspired Coaching and Mrs Payton back to school as well as Mrs Roden who are leading the club. The club is available from 7:45am each day and then again after school until 5:15pm. Each week there is a timetable of activities which are designed to provide a range of activities to interest and engage all of the children. If parents require further information then please see the School Office for an information pack.

Summer Fayre

This year the Summer Fayre will be on Saturday 24th June. Further details of this great fundraising event will be sent out nearer the time but the School Association are keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to help out on the day.

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 from Thursday 30th March.

Easter Colouring Competition

The School Association will be holding their annual design an Easter Egg Competition again this year. Please send these into school as soon as possible so that the draw can take place in the final week of this term.



Handwriting Pen Licences

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

Y4 - Casey



House Points



Well done to our winning team Hazel

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 130 house points!



This week...

Please ensure that children do not play on the climbing frame before and after school as the equipment can be dangerous if children are not properly supervised.

Star of Week

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

Nursery - All of the new children in Nursery who have settled in really well and have been fabulous this week.

Reception - Layton and William for challenging themselves to build cameras to view minibeast within the construction area.

Year 1 - Ellis for persevering with his handwriting and taking pride in his work.

Year 2 - Imogen for persevering with her writing and trying hard to apply all she has learned.

Year 3 - Olivia for a fantastic attitude to learning and completing tasks to a high standard.

Year 4 - Harry for continually working hard and challenging himself.



After School Clubs

Information about changes to clubs after Easter will be sent out next week.

P.E.

The children will be going outside for P.E. lessons when the weather permits so please ensure that your child has a full outdoor P.E. kit in school.

Easter Lunch

The kitchen are providing an Easter Lunch menu on Thursday 6th April. Please see the attached menu for further details.

Prayer of the Week



Dear God

We thank you for people who inspire us by their courage, perseverance and concern for others. Particularly in our prayers today we remember anyone we know who is ill or in pain. Give them courage and comfort when they struggle to keep going.

Amen

WORSHIP

This week in worship the children have been reflecting on the need to persevere to the end. They learned about the remarkable achievements of Jane Tomlinson and reflected on how she was an inspiration to so many people.

Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 1 - Parisa, Isabella J, Kyle, Amber and James

Year 2 - Gracie-Leigh, Shea and Isabelle

Year 3 - James, Olivia, Lilly, Lillie-Mae, Roddy and Aaliyah

Year 4 - Kerys, Allistair, Alfie

Weekly Attendance

Monday 20th March to Friday 24th 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

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

Saturday 24th June - Summer Fayre

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.



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: _____