



St Paul's C.E. First School
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School News

On Tuesday the Year 4 children went to the Genting Arena to perform in the Young Voices Concert alongside many other schools from across the region. It was a long day beginning with the children leaving school at 11am and not arriving back until 10:30pm. The afternoon was spent practising with each of the other schools and the other professional performers. As always it was a fantastic and memorable evening for all involved and the children were keen to share their news when they returned to school on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Clews, Miss Thomas, Mrs Langford and Mrs Guest who accompanied the children to the concert and to Mrs Clews, Miss Thomas and Miss Leadbeater who have worked with the children to prepare them for this special event.

Our dancers will be the next performers when they perform at the Wolgarston Dance Festival on Tuesday 6th March. Miss Jones and the dance group are busy practising their show stopper during dance club each week.



Little Treasures Open Day - Tuesday 7th February

Just a quick reminder that Little Treasures will be holding an Open Day on Tuesday 7th February. For parents interested in the nursery provision, there will be two 'Stay and Play' sessions from 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm.

Little Treasures will be taking over the before and after-school provision after February half term and there will be two meetings at 3:30pm and 5pm on the Open Day for parents to come along and find out more information.

As parents are aware, the school had to act quickly to put temporary provision in place in September following the closure of Kids' Club, and the school will be handing over the provision to Little Treasures who will also be offering parents a Holiday Club facility.

Please come along and join us on Tuesday 7th February to find out more information. Places are guaranteed for children who already attend the school provision.

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.

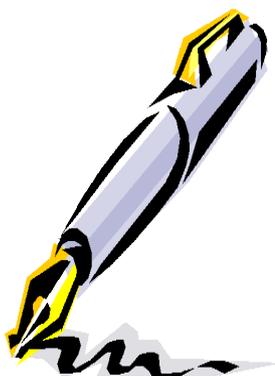


This week...

A reminder to parents that all of our newsletters, school letters and policies can be accessed on the web site in the 'Parent' section..

Parents Evening

Please note, that due to the Year 3/4 Dance Show on Tuesday 7th March, Parents Evening will now be held on Monday 6th March instead. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. Appointment letters will be sent out nearer the time.



Handwriting Pen Licences

Well done to Georgia and Jessica in Year 3 who have both earned their pen licences this week.



Afterschool Clubs

We will be offering a range of after school clubs when the children return to school after half term and information about these can be found at the back of this newsletter. These clubs are being provided by both external agencies and by the teaching staff and our aim is to ensure all year groups from Year 1 to Year 4 have the option of attending one. Unfortunately numbers have to be limited and those wishing to request a place will be required to return the consent form. To ensure that places are allocated fairly then once the closing date has been reached names will be drawn and places given.

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. Please note that due to other commitments in school, the dress up day will now be on **Friday 3rd March**. 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 - Sophia for super number work this week!

Reception - Gracie-Mae for trying so hard with her writing.

Year 1 - James for challenging to join his handwriting.

Year 2 - Shea for super Maths work on shape.

Year 3 - Georgia for super writing in History on Theseus and the Minotaur.

Year 4 - all of Y4 for a mature and responsible attitude at the Young Voices concert.



Diary Dates

Wednesday 1st February - Grandparent Lunches for Year 2

Thursday 2nd February - Year 3/4 Football Tournament at Wolgarston

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

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

Mondy 6th March - Parent Evening (details to follow) *Note change of date due to Dance Show

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

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

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

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

Prayer of the Week



Dear God

Thank you for St. Paul who lived in extreme danger in order to tell people about Jesus. Help us to appreciate people in any walk of life who are brave and courageous and prepared to stand fast for what they believe, whatever the consequences.

Amen

Worship

St. Paul's Conversion

This week in worship we have thought about St. Paul. January 25th marks the date of his conversion and when he became a follower of Jesus whilst on the road to Damascus.



Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 1 - Beatrice, Loui, Ginoivor, Ethan

Year 2 - Isla, Gracie-Leigh, Ethan

Year 3 - Joab, James, Georgia, Lillie-Mae, Lucas, Aaliyah, Molly

Year 4 - Luke, Casey, Ben, Jacob

House Points



Well done to our winning team Hazel.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 60 house points!

Weekly Attendance

Monday 23rd January - Friday 27th January 2017

Nursery - 83%

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 92%

Year 2 - 98%

Year 3 - 97%

Year 4 - 96%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2.

Well done!

Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following children who were awarded with my special Headteacher's Award certificate. These children have been chosen by their teachers for showing excellent attitudes to learning and for being role models to other children in the class. I am very proud of them and I'm sure that their parents are very proud of them too!

Nursery - Cameron for a great attitude to learning and for super progress in all areas. He can recognise his numbers and read all the children's names in Nursery!

Reception - Amara for a fantastic attitude to learning, always smiling, always trying her best and always being kind and helpful to others.

Year 1 - Ginoivor for having a super attitude to learning. Gino is always ready to learn and gives every task 100% effort.

Year 2 - Sadie for always working consistently hard in all she does. Her attitude to all aspects of learning and school life is fantastic.

Year 3 - Jessica for always giving 100% in all lessons. She is extremely polite, kind and caring towards other children and staff. She is a pleasure to have in class.

Year 4 - Evie for her fantastic attitude to learning. She always tries hard and perseveres in all lessons. She is a lovely member of the Year 4.



Easter Service

On 6th April children in Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4 will be 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: _____

After-school Clubs

There are a range of after-school clubs to choose from after half-term. Some of these clubs will be free of charge and some will require a small fee. All clubs will run for 5 weeks after half term and there will be no clubs during the last week before Easter.

Day	Time	Year Group	Club	Cost
Tuesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Y1 / Y2 16 places	Gymastics Mr Fussell	£2.50 per week
Tuesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Y3 / Y4 12 places	Cooking Mrs Smith Sam - the cook	£1.00 per week
Tuesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Y3 / Y4 16 places	Singing Miss Thomas	Free
Tuesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Y3/ Y4 16 places	Recorders Mrs Richards	Free
Wednesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Reception 12 places	Art Mrs Jones	Free
Wednesday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Y3 / Y4 Dance Show Children	Dance Miss Jones	Free
Thursday	3:15 - 4:15pm	Y3 / Y4 16 places	Fencing Mr Swift	£2.50

Please note that the Cooking, Singing, Recorders and Dance clubs will run again after Easter for children in Y1/2.

Unfortunately numbers have to be limited and those wishing to request a place will be required to return the consent form below and return it to school by Monday 6th February. To ensure that places are allocated fairly, once the closing date has been reached, names will be drawn and places given. If your child has been successful in gaining a place, you will receive a text on Wednesday 8th February and then any payments will be requested.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND IN ANY MONEY UNTIL YOU KNOW THAT YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN ALLOCATED A PLACE.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS - STARTING WEEK BEGINNING 27TH FEBRUARY

My child would like to attend the following club(s):

Please tick

- Tuesday - Y1/Y2 Gymnastics - £12.50 for 5 weeks
- Tuesday - Y3/Y4 Cooking - £5.00 for 5 weeks
- Tuesday - Y3/Y4 Singing - Free of charge
- Tuesday - Y3/4 Recorders - Free of charge
- Wednesday - Reception Art Club - Free of charge
- Thursday Y3/Y4 Fencing - £12.50 for 5 weeks

Please note: Places for the Wednesday night Dance Show club have already been allocated.

- I understand that my child is not guaranteed a place at this club and I will be informed on Wednesday 8th February by text if my child has been allocated a place.

Signature of parent: _____ Date: _____