



St Paul's C.E. First School Newsletter ~ Friday 31st March 2017

School News

This week is Autism Awareness Week and Tuesday's assembly focussed on this to help raise awareness amongst the children and to help them to develop an understanding of how Autism may affect people.

Tuesday also saw the final Cooking Club so to mark the occasion the children held an Afternoon Tea. Family members were invited into school to share freshly made sandwiches, cakes and drinks all served by the children and presented on china just like a traditional afternoon tea! Special thanks go to Mrs Rowe in the kitchen and to Mrs Langford who have kindly ran the club in the absence of Mrs Smith.



Year 4 invited Father Malcolm into school on Wednesday as part of their Working on Worship work. They had lots of questions to ask him about Lent, Perseverance and worship. This first hand experience has really helped further their understanding.

Year 3 held their Greek Day on Thursday. The children all came to school wearing the colours of the Greek flag and enjoyed a range of activities throughout the day, including food tasting, and creating pots with clay. They welcomed their parents into school at 2:30pm so that they could join in with some of the activities. See further on in the newsletter for some more information and photographs of the day.

Thank you once again to everyone who kindly donated to the Comic Relief Appeal. Mrs Langford has counted up the money made from selling red noses, milkshakes and bakewells and from the giant red nose covered in loose change and the total came to a whopping £269.42 which will be paid directly to the charity.

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

Poppy in Year 2 for consistently writing in her very best handwriting.



House Points



There were no housepoint winners this week but look out for our end of term winners next week.



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 - Ava for trying very hard in all the challenges this for super counting and for excellent speaking and listening - answering lots of questions.

Reception - Maddison for trying really hard in her reading and writing this week.

Year 1 - Isabella J. for fantastic reasoning in maths.

Year 2 - Carson for trying really hard to learn how to tell the time in Maths.

Year 3 - Emily for excellent work in her non-chronological report on space.

Year 4 - Ben for excellent determination and perseverance in his maths work.



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.

My Book Blog

Parents with children in Years 2, 3 and 4 received a letter last week introducing them to a new website that we have subscribed to at school called My Book Blog. It enables the children to blog about books that they have read and complete comprehension exercises as well as other activities linked to each text. On Wednesday 5th April we will be holding a drop in workshop from 2:30 to 3:15 for parents to come and see how it all works and to learn about how they can ensure that their child is maximising this great learning opportunity.

Easter Lunch

The kitchen is providing an Easter Lunch menu on Thursday 6th April. Please see last week's attached menu for further details.

Readathon

Thank you once again to all our families who took part in the Readathon. We have raised £148 which has been sent to the charity which helps children who are in hospital.

Prayer of the Week



Dear God

We thank you that just as the shepherd cared for every one of his sheep so you care for every one of us.

Amen

WORSHIP

God's Persevering Love

Through the Bible story of the lost sheep, the children have learned about the importance to God of every individual.

Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 2 - Sadie, Ella, Poppy Y and Jessica

Year 3 - Nicole, Emily T and Millie

Year 4 - Poppy, Jacob

Weekly Attendance

Monday 27th March to Friday 31st March 2017

Nursery -80% Reception - 89%

Year 1 - 94% Year 2 - 99%

Year 3 - 97% Year 4 -93 %

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2.

Year 3 Greek Day

On Tuesday Year 3 held a *Greek Day* and took part in a range of activities which included food tasting, making clay pots, wreaths, Olympic torches and learning about life in *Greece* and *Greek* traditions. Thank you to Miss Roberts and Mrs Wilson for organising this great learning experience and to the parents and grandparents who came to support help.



Diary Dates

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

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: _____