



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017  
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### School News

Walking around school this week, it has been lovely to see classrooms displaying the fabulous work and ideas that the children are producing and sharing in each of their lessons. It is clear that the topics in each year group have generated much interest and excitement and the children are keen to share their learning. The children in Reception have been particularly busy. At the end of last week they celebrated the Chinese New Year by preparing some Chinese food to taste and then having lots of fun making and playing with a Chinese dragon as well as other Chinese based activities during continuous provision. This week they have been thinking about snowy weather and the Arctic. They have even made some of their own snow in the outdoor area!

Next week the children in Year 4 will be having their Victorian Day so we look forward to hearing all about it and sharing their photos of the day too.



### Mother's Day Services

We will be holding Mother's Day services on the 24<sup>th</sup> 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...

Here at St. Paul's we have an open door policy for all parents. If you have any concerns then please see your child's class teacher in the first instance who will endeavour to resolve any issues promptly.

### Parents Evening

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



### Handwriting Pen Licences

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

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 - Jack for challenging himself by completing all the activities with enthusiasm.

Reception - Tobias for a fantastic attitude to learning at school and at home!

Year 1 - Evie for being a kind and helpful member of Year 1.

Year 2 - Spencer for trying really hard with his handwriting in every lesson.

Year 3 - Joab for always listening carefully in lessons, working hard and supporting others.

Year 4 - Casey for her enthusiasm and determination in maths.



## Diary Dates

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February - Year 4 Victorian Day

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Little Treasures Open Day

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - SAT's information meeting 9:00 in the school hall (Year 2 parents)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Treasure Hunt for Year 2 End of Topic 2:45 in the hall - Parents welcome (details to follow)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February - School finishes for Half Term

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February - School re-opens

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

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

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

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Grandparent Lunches for Year 1

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Mothers' Day Services in school 9:15 - 10:00 Nursery, Reception and Y1  
10:30 - 11:00 Y2, Y3 and Y4

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Laches Wood Trip

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Grandparent Lunches for Reception

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service in Church at 2pm for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April - School finishes for Easter

### Prayer of the Week



Dear God

Help us to show our thankfulness to you in all that we do today.

Amen

### Worship

#### Extravagant Thanks

"In this worship children learn about the overwhelming feelings of gratitude expressed by the woman who anointed Jesus with expensive perfume. Children reflect on occasions when we might want to express our love and gratitude to God."

Miss Roberts also talked to the children about one of our other core values 'Respect' reminding the children that we should all show respect to those around us by using our manners, thinking about how we behave and considering the feelings of others.

### Pobble Writers



Congratulations to our published authors this week:

Year 1 - Apurva, Ella and Joshua

Year 2 - Ella, Imogen and Alex

Year 3 - Emily and Lucy

Year 4 - Kerys and Ava

### House Points



Well done to our winning team Willow.

They were the top-scoring team this week, earning themselves 138 house points!

### Weekly Attendance

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2017

Nursery - 85%

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 94%

Year 4 - 95%

The class with the highest attendance is Year 2.

Well done!

### Grandparents Lunch

It was lovely to see so many grandparents in school for lunch with our Year 2 children on Wednesday and we look forward to welcoming those with children in other year groups over the next few weeks. Please see the diary dates below or ask at the school office if you require further information.

### Little Treasures Open Day - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Just a quick reminder that Little Treasures will be holding an Open Day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> February to find out more information. Places are guaranteed for children who already attend the school provision.

### Parent Forum

Last week there was another meeting of the Parent Forum which provided an opportunity for parent representatives from each year group to share ideas and comments with Miss Roberts. The minutes from these half termly meetings can be found on the school website and the year group representatives are:

Sonia Cheal - Nursery, Amy Morgan - Reception, Yvonne Kinson - Year 1, Mary Edge - Year 2, Tracey Baldwin - Year 3 and Cath Vickers - Year 4.

### Easter Service

On 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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### **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS - STARTING WEEK BEGINNING 27<sup>TH</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> February by text if my child has been allocated a place.

Signature of parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Friendship Day Lunch

There will be a special lunch menu for Friendship Day on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**. Please see the attached menu for further details.

### Pancake Day Lunch

There will also be a special lunch menu to celebrate Pancake Day on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. Please see the attached menu for further details.

### Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament

On Thursday Miss Jones and Mrs Langford took 15 children to Wolgarston High School for a football festival. They had a great time and won many of the games they played.

