



St Paul's C.E. First School  
Newsletter ~ Thursday 15th February 2018  
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### Water Competition Winners

Well done to the following children whose posters have been selected by Miss Jones as the winning designs! The children were presented with their prizes in assembly and their posters will be displayed around school to remind all children about the benefits of drinking water. Well done to everyone who entered.

### Winners

Early Years—Sophia  
Key Stage 1—Daisy  
Key Stage 2—Sadie



### Runners-Up

Early Years— Abigail  
Key Stage 1—Beatrice  
Key Stage 2—Imogen

### Year 1 Dinosaur Topic Workshop

Year 1 parents are invited into school on Thursday 1st March at 1:15pm as a celebration of the end of the Dinosaur topic.

The workshop will start at 2:15pm and will last until about roughly 3pm. We will then ask the parents to leave so that we can get the children ready for home time and dismiss the children as normal at 3:15pm. We hope that you can all join us then.

### Worship Compassion

This week in Worship we looked at the Bible story of The Centurion's Servant. The children reflected on how Jesus showed compassion and helped to cure the centurion's servant even when the centurion and his men had not been very kind to others. The children considered how this story could help them in school to be more compassionate towards each other.

### Playground

We have had a few reports from parents that some parents are using bad language whilst waiting to drop off and collect their child(ren) before and after school. Can we please ask that you are careful about the language that you use on and around the school grounds, taking into account that young children are present. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

### Appointments to see Senior Staff

From after half-term, a new system will be implemented for parents wishing to speak to Miss Roberts and/or Mrs Richards. Due to an increasing number of parents telephoning or turning up at school without appointments, it is becoming increasingly more difficult for senior staff to speak to parents immediately due to other commitments in school such as staff meetings, training sessions, monitoring activities or meetings with other visitors in school.

Therefore, after careful consideration, parents wishing to speak to Miss Roberts or Mrs Richards will be asked to make an appointment with the office staff. Parents are advised that the office staff will ask parents for details of their concerns and all information shared with any member of school staff will be treated confidentially. Parents will have the option of a telephone appointment or a face-to-face meeting **which will be at the earliest available opportunity**. Parents are reminded that it may not always be possible for Miss Roberts or Mrs Richards to see them or talk to them straight away, but they will always endeavour to respond to concerns as quickly as possible, taking into account other commitments that they may already have in school that day. For concerns raised at the end of the school day, parents are advised that it may be the next school day before their appointment can be offered or their call returned. We hope that parents understand the reasons for implementing these changes. As a school we want to respond to concerns as quickly as possible, but also ensure that we have adequate time to deal with parental concerns and to give them our full attention, which is not always possible if parents call or arrive at school when senior staff are working on something else.

### Eco Warriors—Wanted!

Can you help the Eco Warriors? They urgently need donations of compost as they hope to plant potatoes after the holidays. Thank you.

### Star of Week

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



Nursery - Billy M for challenging himself in Phonics this week.

Reception - Lance for having a super first week in Reception.

Year 1 - Alexis for working independently.

Joel for praising others for their success.

Year 2 - Apurva for his conscientious attitude in all lessons and for producing work of a high standard.

Year 3 - Max for having a focused learning attitude and facing tricky Maths problems.

Year 4 - Georgia for having super ideas in her writing this week.

### Year 2 SATs Information Sessions for Parents

Mrs Richards will be holding some information sessions for parents about the Year 2 SATs. These sessions will be on Tuesday 27th February at 9:00am and 4:30pm. The morning session is repeated in the afternoon so parents do not need to attend both.

### Mother's Day Lunches

All parents should have now received letters about Mother's Day lunches in school. Parents are reminded that the deadline for ordering lunches is Tuesday 27th February. Orders placed after the deadline will not be accepted by the kitchen staff.

### Handwriting Pens

Well done to Chardonnay, Joab, James and Lucas for being awarded with their pen licences this week.

### Reception Writers of the Week

Well done to Annabel in Reception who is this week's Writer of the Week.

### Pobble

Well done to this week's published authors:

Year 1 - Lexi

Year 2 - Ruby and Apurva

Year 3 - Gracie-Leigh

Year 4 - Georgia

### Weekly Attendance

Monday 12th February to Thursday 15th February.

Reception - 95%

Year 1 - 95%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 97%

Year 4 - 96%

Well done to Year 3, the class with the highest attendance this week.

### British Values

This week's British Values focuses on Tolerance of Different Cultures. We will be looking at this in school but invite parents to share these images with their child at home. Children are invited to send in any work that they may have done at home to go on our British Values display board.



## Diary Dates

### February

Monday	26th	February	School reopens to children
Monday 26th February	to	Friday 2nd March	Book Fair at St Paul's - 8:30 am before school and 3:15—3:45pm after school
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>27th</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>Deadline for ordering Mother's Day Lunches</b>
Tuesday	27th	February	Year 2 Parent Workshop—SATs Information session—9:00am / 4:30pm

### March

Thursday	1st	March	World Book Day—children to dress up as book characters
Thursday	1st	March	Year 1 Parents invited into school for Topic Workshop—2:15pm
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>Deadline for Year 2 Grandparents to order lunches for 14th March</b>
Tuesday	6th	March	Mother's Day Lunches for Nursery & Reception
Tuesday	6th	March	Parents' Evening—letters to follow
Wednesday	7th	March	Dance Show rehearsal —Years 3 and 4—details to follow
Wednesday	7th	March	Mother's Day Lunches for Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday	8th	March	Mother's Day Lunches for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday	9th	March	Mother's Day Services in school - details to follow
Friday	9th	March	School disco - 5:00pm for Nur/Rec/Y1 and 6:15pm for Y2/3/4
Wednesday	14th	March	Dance Show - morning and evening performance - Y3/4
Wednesday	14th	March	Year 2 Grandparents Lunches - 12:00pm
Thursday	22nd	March	Nursery and Reception Trip
Monday 26th March	to	Wed 28th March	Year 4 Residential Trip
Thursday	29th	March	Easter Service at St Paul's Church—2:00pm
Thursday	29th	March	School closes for Easter Holidays

### April

Thursday	12th	April	INSET Day—School closed to children
Friday	13th	April	INSET Day—School closed to children
Monday	16th	April	School reopens for the Summer Term
Friday	20th	April	Year 4 Class Assembly for parents about Residential Trip—2:30pm

### May

Thursday	24th	May	Year 3 Trip
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