

# BENDISH LANE BUZZ

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL 16 NOV 2018**

## Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to thank everyone for attending parents evening and for all your comments.

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

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## Football Tournament



I would like to say "well done" to all the children who played football at our first tournament of the year last Friday. I am pleased to say that we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams and we are all extremely proud of the way they represented the school. I know that the children are all looking forward to the next tournament on the 27<sup>th</sup> November.

Before and After School Clubs Timetable Autumn Term 2018	
<b>Monday</b>	8.00am Tennis Club 3.15-4.30pm Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm Football Training (Yr 3-6)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00am Apex Street Dance Club 3.15-4.30pm Arts and Crafts Club 3.25-4.25pm Netball Club (Yr 2-6)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am Trampolining Club 3.30-4.30pm Gymnastics Club
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am Basketball Club 3.15-4.30pm Athletics Club
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am Art with Mindfulness 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports Club

## Wreath Laying



We were very proud of all the children who took part in the service at the war memorial on Sunday in Whitwell. We received some lovely comments from members of the local community to say that the children were a credit to the school.

## PTA

We would like to say a big thankyou to the PTA for the purchase of our new 'Think Before You Park' signs. We would also like to remind everyone that parking opposite our school gates endangers the lives of our school community.

## Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say a big well done to:

Jack H  
Lisa-Lou  
Abigail  
Cosima  
Kayla  
Mia  
Lilly S

For achieving a gold book certificate this week.

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### **Achievements Out of School**

If your child has any certificates or accomplishments that you would like to share please bring them into the school office and we will give them a special mention in the newsletter.

### **Mathletics Gold and Silver Certificates**

Well done to the following children who achieved their Gold and Silver certificates.

Rory Silver

Jack H Silver

### **Star of The Week**

The children being the stars in Monday's assembly on 5<sup>th</sup> November are:

Willows – Harry C

Rowans - George DL

Silver Birches – Leo

Oaks – Megan

The children will get an opportunity to say a few words about what they are good at or what they enjoy either inside or outside of school. The children are welcome to bring a prop or certificate if appropriate.

### **Attendance**

Our attendance this week is 95.4% - well done everyone! Please note children should be at school between 8.50am-9.00am where they can take part in early morning learning. Registration is at 9.00am, and registers close at 9.15am. Doors into school and the Willows gate are both locked at 9.00am. If your child arrives after 9.00am, please sign your child in at the school office. Please endeavour to get children to school promptly.

### **Snack at Break Time**

If you are in KS2 and bring in a snack at break, please ensure that it is fruit only. The children are not allowed to bring in chocolate covered dried fruit or cakes and biscuits containing fruit. It must be either a piece of fruit, vegetables or plain dried fruit.

### **Milk**

If you would like your child to have milk at school, please register at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com).

### **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

Miss Sharpe will have a stall selling washed and ironed second hand uniform at the Christmas Fair. There are many items of uniform all selling at really reasonable prices.

### **Parent View**

Your views are important to both us and Ofsted. We would appreciate if you would record your support for our school at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### **Communication**

In order that the appropriate person can deal with any queries you may have in the most timely and efficient manner, please direct all general enquiries to the school office by telephone 01438 871241 or email: [admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk). This should include any absence notifications, pupil collection or pick up information, absence requests and details of medical appointments.

Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you need to speak about your child's learning or happiness at school.

### **Parents evening Questionnaires**

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone for supporting us and answering the questions.

We have started to analyse the results and will discuss them at the next governing body meeting. We will be putting the results on the website for you all to see. We will be asking for parents to work with governors and staff in a focus group to discuss how we can balance improving communication with parents with staff work load.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Best wishes

**Nancy Adshead**  
**Headteacher**

## ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL - Diary Dates Autumn Term 2018

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Thursday	22	November	2.45pm	Silver Birches Class Assembly <b>(NB date change)</b>
Tuesday	27	November		KS2 football tournament - TBC
Thursday	29	November	2.45pm	Willows Class Assembly <b>(NB date change)</b>
Saturday	1	December		Christmas Fair
Monday	3	December	2:45	Christingle Service at school <b>(NB date change)</b>
Thursday	6	December	5.15pm	PTA Christmas Film Night
Thursday	6 -8	December		Village Panto
Wednesday	12	December	9.00am	KS1 dress rehearsal
Wednesday	12	December	2.00pm	KS1 performance
Friday	14	December		Choir singing at Sue Ryder
Friday	14	December		Christmas Jumper Day
Saturday	15	December		Emily's Tea Shop Xmas Fair
Sunday	16	December		Carol Service at St Pauls Walden Church
Tuesday	18	December	6.30pm	KS2 Sing-a-long
Thursday	20	December	2.00pm	End of Term
Friday	21	December		Occasional Day–School closed
Tuesday	8	January 2019		First day of Spring term
Tuesday	22	January	3:45-5:45	Indoor Athletics KS2
Thursday	7	February	5.15pm	PTA Film Night
Thursday	7	March	9:30-12:30	Netball tournament KS2
Friday	15	March		Red Nose Day
Saturday	23	March		PTA Quiz Night
Wednesday	3	April		PTA Easter Disco
Mon - Thurs	13-16	May		SATs Week KS2
Tuesday	11	June	1:30-3:30	North Herts Summer Athletics

In addition to the above dates, we would also like to warmly welcome parents and grandparents to attend our weekly Celebration Assemblies on Thursdays at 2.45pm.

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## St Paul's Walden School

### TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

#### Autumn Term 2018

Last Day of Term: Thursday 20 December at 2.00pm  
Occasional Day closure: Friday 21 December

#### Spring Term 2019

Staff Inset Training Day: Monday 7 January  
School starts for pupils: Tuesday 8 January  
Inset Day: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February **New Date**  
Half-Term: Monday 18 to Friday 22 February  
Last Day of Term: Friday 5 April at 2.00pm

#### Summer Term 2019

School starts for pupils: Tuesday 23 April  
Bank Holiday: Monday 6 May  
Half-Term: Monday 27 to Friday 31 May  
Last Day of Term: Wednesday 24 July at 2.00pm

*The school office will usually be open on Staff Training Days but check the current newsletter for confirmation. However, members of the teaching staff will not generally be available.*

*These dates have been fixed in consultation with the Pre-School. We will endeavour to keep these dates fixed but occasionally new or unavoidable circumstances could arise which would mean that a training day or the "occasional day" has to be rescheduled. Such decisions are not taken lightly and any such change will be communicated to all families in good time.*