

# BENDISH LANE BUZZ

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL ISSUE 2- 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPT 2018**

Dear Parents/ Carers,

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

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### School Council

We are pleased to announce that the school councillor's this year are:

Year 1 - Leia

Year 2 - Zia

Year 3 - Nathaniel

Year 4 - Eva

Year 5 - Tyler

Year 6 - Jessica

We look forward to hearing the view's that they will share from their classmates at the first meeting.

### House Captains

The new house captains are:

Dragons - Holly and Harry

Unicorns - Jemima and Mia

Phoenix - Oliver and Lilly

Griffins - Nell and Megan

The house captains will be helping lead their house during our house assembly on a Friday.

### 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.

### Star of The Week

The children being the stars in Monday's assembly are:

Willows - Lachlan

Rowans - Lucas

Silver Birches - Lucas

Oaks - Chloe

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 prop or certificate if appropriate.

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

### Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say a big well done to the following children for achieving a gold book certificate this week:

Henry Lexxy  
Millie George  
Cosima Elle  
Ivy Oliver W  
Ferne Harry  
Theo S Dylan  
Hunter Leo  
Joseph

### Mathletics Gold and Silver Certificates

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

Tyler  
Sami

### Attendance

Our attendance this week is 90.6%; 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.

### Vacancies for Lunchtime Staff

We are currently recruiting additional lunchtime supervisors, to work 5 hours per week (12.00-1.00pm). If you are interested, please let Mrs Adshead know.

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## Sports Legacy Event

On Wednesday we went to Knights Templar School. We had great fun. We all got to play a game including netball and even sitting down volleyball. Unfortunately none of us won, but it isn't just about winning, it is about taking part. Some of the children had to go to Letchworth Tennis club to play handball because it was so windy, but everyone had lots of fun.

**Megan**

St Paul's Walden School were Italy and Hungary, we did all kinds of sport like netball, handball, dance, sitting down volleyball and table tennis. We enjoyed it and had fun, but the next day we were tired. It was a bit scary because there were a lot of different schools but we made some friends from the other schools. Some of us won medals, but all of us enjoyed it.

**Sophia**

## PE Kits

We would like to remind everyone that all children are expected to wear the correct sports kit at all sporting activities taking place in school. This includes the before and after school clubs. The PE kit includes black shorts or skorts, black leggings or track suit bottoms, the appropriate house t-shirt, white socks and trainers or PE pumps.

## Milk

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

## Bag2School

We are holding a Bag2School collection on 10 October to raise money for our school. Please collect your unwanted items. The more our bags weigh, the greater amount we can raise!

They will accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

They **DO NOT** accept:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)

- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

## Mobile Phones

Should you feel it necessary for your child to have their mobile phone in school in readiness for their journey home after school, all phones must be named and handed into the office at the beginning of the day for safekeeping and collection at 3.15pm.

## Village Voices Community Choir

The Village Voices choir is led by Theresa Johnson and meets at the school every Thursday during term time from 7.30-8.30pm. The music is varied and anyone can join; no previous experience or audition is required. The choir is open to all ages and costs £2 per family per week. New members are very welcome – please just come along one Thursday evening!

## Secondary School Transfer for Current Year 6 children

Applications for secondary admissions for September 2017 are now open until 31 October 2017. Your child should have received a 'Moving on' booklet which will provide further details. Admissions information is also available here:

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/edlearn/admissions/>

### Open Days/Evenings are as follows:

Hitchin Girls' School	Tues 25 Sept 5.30pm-8.00pm Thurs 27 Sept & Wed 3 Oct – 9.30am-11.30am
Hitchin Boys' School	Tues 25 Sept 6.00pm-8.30pm Tues 25 Sept & Thurs 27 Sept 9.15am-12.30pm
The Priory School Hitchin	Thurs 4 Oct 6.00pm-9.00pm Tues 9 -Mon 15 Oct 9.00am- 11.30am by appointment bookable on their website
Thomas Alleyne Academy, Stevenage	Thurs 13 Sept 6.00pm-9.00pm
The Barclay School Stevenage	Thurs 4 Oct 6.00-9.00pm
Roundwood Park School, Harpenden	Thurs 27 Sept 5.30-8.30pm
Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden	Wed 3 Oct 6.00pm-9.00pm
St George's School Harpenden	Fri 5 Oct 6.15pm-9.30pm Tues 9 Oct 9.00am & 11.30am
Sandringham: St Albans	Wed 19 & Fri 21 Sept and Mon 1 Oct & Tues 2 Oct 9.00am-10.45am by appointment

### **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, holiday 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.

### **School Uniform**

Please name all of your child's school uniform and PE kit. Stick on name labels for both clothing and lunchboxes/water bottles are available on the school gateway to purchase.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Best wishes

Nancy Adshead  
Acting Headteacher

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

Wednesday	26	September	8.00pm	PTA Meeting – The Bull
Friday	5	October	9.00am	Harvest Festival Assembly
Wednesday	10	October		Bag2School charity collection
Wednesday	10	October	PM	KS1 “Dear Zoo” trip
Saturday	13	October		RHS Soup day tbc
Thursday	18	October	2.45pm	Rowans Class Assembly
Saturday	20	October	7.30pm	PTA Quiz night (Village Hall) - TBC
Monday	22	October		Individual and sibling photographs
Thursday	25	October	5.15pm	PTA Film Night
Monday	29	October		HALF TERM
Monday	12	November	4.00-6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday	14	November	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday	14	November	2.45pm	Oaks Class Assembly
Thursday	22	November	2.45pm	Willows Class Assembly
Tuesday	27	November		KS2 football tournament - TBC
Thursday	29	November	2.45pm	Silver Birches Assembly
Saturday	1	December		Christmas Fair
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
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

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

Staff Inset Training Day:	Monday 3 September Tuesday 4 September
School starts for pupils:	Wednesday 5 September
Half-Term:	Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
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
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

*Please note that the Inset training day which was due to be held on 3 June 2019 will be rearranged.*

*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.*