

BENDISH LANE BUZZ

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

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you for all your donations for the Christmas fair, please see the note from the PTA below.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

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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 3.15-4.30pm Athletics Club
Friday	8.00am Art with Mindfulness 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports Club

Christmas Decorations

We would like to ask for help with decorating our school ready for Christmas! We would be grateful for donations of tinsel, foil garlands, baubles and Christmas ornaments. We would like these by Wednesday 28th November if possible so that we can decorate the school ready for the Christmas Fair.

PTA

You should now have received your raffle tickets and the money can be dropped into the school office. Prizes include £150 theatre vouchers, £50 John Lewis vouchers, 2 x Amazon Fire and lots more. So please get buying! We are still looking for donations for children's tombola, adults tombola, mince pies, second hand toys, can be dropped into the school office.
Many thanks, Rachel & Carla

easyfundraising.org.uk

Fundraising for St Paul's Walden School PTA

How it works is really simple - With easyfundraising you'll be able to raise free donations when you shop online, without it costing a single penny extra. We also raise an extra £1 for inviting you if you haven't already joined.



Here's your invitation link, just cut and paste it into your browser!! :

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/A2XK84/>

If you are buying something, just remember to visit the retailer (such as Amazon, John Lewis, M&S) via [easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). Once you've ordered, the retailer makes a donation to your chosen good cause. It's a lovely way to give something back for free!

Toys

Please can you ensure that your child is not bringing in toys from home. This will avoid any disappointment when they are asked to put it away!

Nits

We have been made aware of several of cases of nits in all classes across the school in both boys and girls. Could we please ask parents to be vigilant and check all your children's hair regularly. Treating nits can be costly if you have to keep repeating treatments so it is therefore important that we are all ensuring they are treated quickly. Thank you for your help with this.

Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say a big well done to:

Charlotte

Lisa-Lou

Nathan

Jayden D

MJ

For achieving a gold book certificate this week.

Star of The Week

The children being the stars in Monday's assembly on 26th November are:

Willows – Theo

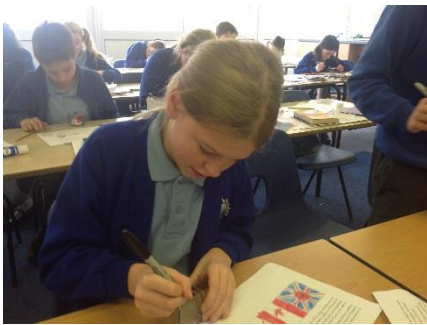
Rowans - Nathan

Silver Birches – Sophie-May

Oaks – Malwina

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.

Oaks Class



In Oak class as part of our World War 1 remembrance work, we created tea light lanterns in honour of the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1. The 4 winners (2 from Year 5 and 2 from Year 6) were chosen by Mrs Adshead. This was a very difficult job as all the lanterns were very well created. The winners then each received a commemorative bar of chocolate produced to be like those made in 1918.

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.

Daya Silver

Finley J Silver

Attendance

Our attendance this week is 97.7% - 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.

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. 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.

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

Tuesday	27	November		KS2 football tournament - TBC
Thursday	29	November	2.45pm	Willows Class Assembly
Saturday	1	December		Christmas Fair
Monday	3	December	2:45	Christingle Service at school
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
Monday	3	June		PGL Residential (Oaks) until Friday 7 June
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.

Dream – Believe – Succeed

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 15th 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.