

BENDISH LANE BUZZ

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL, 26TH OCT 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Big Soup Share. It was a great success and the two soups I tried were delicious!

The PTA quiz night was also a huge success and we would like to express our gratitude to everyone involved for their hard work. It is an event that is supported by past and present parents and we are very grateful for their continued support of the school. The event was enjoyed by many people in the village as well as those who are part of our school community. We raised a massive £755 and I am looking forward to the next one and hope to see more items being auctioned!

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

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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.

Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say a big well done to:

Finn - Willows

Theo – Willows

Rosie – Rowans

Sophie – Rowans

All of the Rowans for an amazing assembly last week!

For achieving a gold book certificate this week.

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 Trampolining 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

Mathletics Gold and Silver Certificates

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

Olivia - Silver

Alex - Silver

Sami - Silver

House Points

We are thrilled to announce that the Unicorns have achieved the most house points this half term! It has been very close and there are not many points between all of the houses. I look forward to seeing who will get the non-uniform day reward next half term. Well done everyone for all your hard work and effort that you have put in.

Star of The Week

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

Willows – Henry

Rowans - Lisa-Lou

Silver Birches – Sophie

Oaks – Millie

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.

PTA

Look out for the list about what you can bring in to help support the Christmas Fair. Please contact the PTA if you think that you would be able to help organise the event.

Dream - Believe - Succeed

Attendance

Our attendance this week is 94.9% - 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.

Lunch Boxes

If your child brings in a packed lunch then please ensure it does not contain sweets or fizzy drinks of any kind. I am sure that you all appreciate it is important that we are encouraging the children to have a healthy diet and lifestyle. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are a nut free school and that Nutella in Sandwiches is not allowed due to the children that we have and their allergies.

PE Kits

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

Milk

If you would like your child to have milk at school, please register at www.coolmilk.com.

Secondary School Transfer for Current Year 6 children

Applications for secondary admissions for September 2019 are now open until 31 October 2018. 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/>

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. All the staff would like to wish everyone a great half term and we look forward to hearing about all the things that you have been doing!

Best wishes

Nancy Adshead
Acting Headteacher

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

Monday	29	October		HALF TERM
Monday	12	November	4.00-6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday	14	November	4.00-7.00pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday	15	November	2.45pm	Oaks Class Assembly
Thursday	22	November	2.45pm	Silver Birches Class Assembly (NB date change)
Tuesday	27	November		KS2 football tournament - TBC
Thursday	29	November	2.45pm	Willows Class Assembly (NB date change)
Saturday	1	December		Christmas Fair
Monday	3	December	2:45	Christingle Service at school (NB date change)
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		Christmas Jumper Day
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

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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TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

Autumn Term 2018

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
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

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.