

# BENDISH LANE BUZZ

**THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL ISSUE 3, 5TH OCT 2018**

## Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to say a big thank you to so many of you for joining us at our Harvest Festival assembly. The children have enjoyed learning about harvest time and what happens to the food that you have all been so generous to donate for our local foodbank.



You should all have received a copy of our new school Behaviour Policy and we look forward to hearing your views at our meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. If you are unable to attend please email your comments to the school office.

## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

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## 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 or know someone who is please let Mrs Adshead know.

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

## 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.

Albie and Harry have achieved their 5M swimming badge. We would like to congratulate them both and look forward to seeing their next badge!

## Gold Book Certificates

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

Billy  
Evie  
Joseph Mi  
Angus

## Mathletics Gold and Silver Certificates

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

Indiya - Gold  
Finley J - Silver

## Star of The Week

The children being the stars in Monday's assembly on 8<sup>th</sup> October are:

Willows - Olivia  
Rowans - Miquel  
Silver Birches - Lily G  
Oaks - Oliver

The children will get an opportunity to say a few words about what they are good at or what they enjoy either

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inside or outside of school. The children are welcome to bring a prop or certificate if appropriate.

### School Council

The school council have had a very successful first meeting led by Miss Sharpe. They discussed the responsibilities that come with the role and shared their ideas about what they would like to the adults at school to know. From their ideas we will be setting the agendas for the following meetings. Next week they will be having a meeting about our new behaviour policy.

### Parking

We would like to remind everyone to be considerate when parking around our school. We would like people to avoid parking opposite the yellow zig zags as this endangers the lives of the adults and children at our school.

When bringing and collecting your children we would appreciate it if for your own safety you only use the pedestrian gate to enter our school grounds. Our car park is very busy and the entrance and exit need to be kept clear at all times.

### PTA

Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to share their views and ideas about how they can support the school and help us purchase new equipment. This year we will be raising money for some new laptops as well as equipment to go inside our new courtyard classroom. If you think that you can help support the PTA in anyway please let them or us know.

### Attendance

Our attendance this week is over 90% - 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.

### 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](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

### 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:

The Priory School Hitchin	Tues 9 -Mon 15 Oct 9.00am-11.30am by appointment bookable on their website
The Barclay School Stevenage	Thurs 4 Oct 6.00-9.00pm
St George's School Harpenden	Fri 5 Oct 6.15pm-9.30pm Tues 9 Oct 9.00am & 11.30am

### **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.

### **School Uniform**

School uniform is an important part of our school ethos and our as value this half term is responsibility. We want to encourage children to wear their school uniform. It is not just important to look smart but also to feel part of our school community and feel proud to be part of St. Paul's Walden school.

I have taken on the role of sorting out the lost property (this doesn't mean that you come to my class room and tell me what you have lost and I will find it for you!!) but it does mean if I come across it I will return it to your child's class room. If you need to look through the lost property box then please go to the school office.

I have spent a long time sorting through lots of items of school uniform and also non-school uniform trying to return it to the right person. It would be extremely helpful if all items of clothing were named and even more helpful if your given hand me downs that you put your child's name inside it.

There are various different ways that uniform can be named. You can order stick on labels for clothing/vinyl items at a very reasonable price via the school gateway. Many thanks for your support with this.

***Miss Sharpe***

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

Sunday	7	October	2 – 4 pm	Art in the wood (Please see flyer)
Wednesday	10	October		Bag2School charity collection
Wednesday	10	October	PM	KS1 "Dear Zoo" trip
Tuesday	16	October		Parent meeting – New behaviour policy
Thursday	18	October	2.45pm	Rowans Class Assembly
Saturday	20	October	12:30 – 2:30pm	Kitchen Garden Big Soup Share
Saturday	20	October	7.30pm	PTA Quiz night (Village Hall)
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
Thursday	15	November	2.45pm	Oaks Class Assembly
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
Thursday	6	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
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.

## 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.*



## **Art in the Woods**

**Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4 pm in Hitch Wood.**

Come to Hitch Wood to enjoy an opportunity to engage in art in the woods.

Ideas and materials provided for activities such as mud painting, charcoal drawing and nature sculptures. This is a great opportunity to get a taster of what Forest School offers.

Emily's tea shop from Whitwell will be there selling cakes and hot drinks.

This is an outdoor event.

All ages welcome, but no unaccompanied children please.

If you are bringing a dog, please keep it on a lead.

Please note, there are no toilet facilities provided.

Park in the car park on Hitch Wood Lane (post code SG4 7RW) and follow the trail in the woods to find the art.

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