

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. We are all looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday from 2pm till 4pm to celebrate the start of the festive season.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

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Coats

Please can you ensure that your child has a coat at school.

School Uniform

We will be selling **brand new** school uniform as well as good quality second hand uniform at the Christmas Fair.

Toys

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

Star of The Week

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

- Willows – Millie
- Rowans - Lexxy
- Silver Birches – Rosie
- Oaks – MJ

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.

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

Focus Group

In January we will be putting a focus group together to look at communication between the school and parents. If you are interested in being part of that please email the school office to let us know.

A Message From the Willow's Class

We are looking for the following items for our class:

- Brio trains,
- Play mobile figures,
- Wooden play toys old fashioned style,
- Early learning centre dolls house figures,
- Puzzles,
- Small world toys like pirate, farm, fairies.
- Small diggers and cars.

If you are able to help us please contact the Willow's class.

Thank you
Miss Sharpe

Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say a big well done to:

- Hunter
- Rae
- Angus
- Lexxy
- Harry P

For achieving a gold book certificate this week.

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.

Silver Isaac
Silver Harry J
Silver Joseph M

Attendance

Our attendance this week is 98.3% - 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.

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.

Kitchen Garden

This year the kitchen garden committee will be delivering to you our own t-towel, the design is taken from the amazing artwork created by Mrs Dollman and Mrs Constable.

They make lovely keepsakes and Christmas gifts and are very useful.

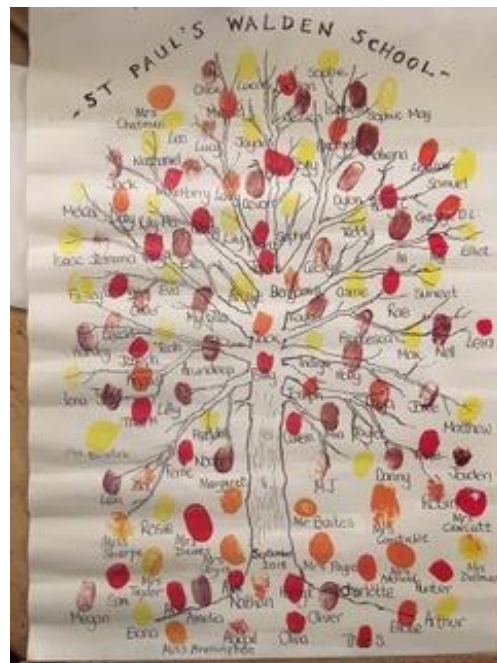
They will be available to order from tomorrow at the Kitchen Garden stall.

And following that on school comms

They will be available from Monday 17th (IN TIME FOR Christmas)

Priced at 1 for £5 or 5 for £20

Thank you for your support



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
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.