

BENDISH LANE BUZZ

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL ISSUE 4, 19TH OCT 2018

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to say thank you to those parents who attended our behaviour policy meeting on Tuesday evening.

I look forward to seeing you at the big soup share on Saturday at the village hall between 12:30 and 2:30pm. There will be homemade soup for sale, using local produce and produce from our school kitchen garden.

We would also like to remind everyone that Pret-a-Portrait will be in on Monday to take individual and sibling photos.

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.

- We were thrilled to hear that Harry C in the Oaks has successfully made it into the North Hertfordshire under 11 cricket squad. This is a huge achievement and has taken lots of dedication and talent, competing against boys from across North Hertfordshire.
- Leo has been awarded Man of The Match for his excellent saves and captaincy when playing football for the Codicote under 9's football team.

Milk

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

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 Mathletics 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.

Harry J - Silver

Millie W - Silver

Jemima - Silver

Star of The Week

The children being the stars in Monday's assembly on 22nd October are:

Willows - Abigail

Rowans - Charlotte

Silver Birches - Elana

Oaks - Jessica

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.

School Council

The school council has had a very productive meeting, sharing ideas about what enrichment activities their classmates would like to do in the future and which ones are not so popular. They have also been discussing the equipment that they would like to see out at playtime and lunchtime.

PTA

We are all looking forward to the PTA quiz on Saturday and I hope to see many of you there.

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Attendance

Our attendance for the past two weeks is 96.7% - 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.

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.

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.

Best wishes

Nancy Adshead
Acting Headteacher

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

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
Friday	16	November		Children in Need Day (non-uniform)
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
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
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

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
Inset Day	Friday 15 th 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 has been rearranged and will now be on Friday 15 February 2019.

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.