

BENDISH LANE BUZZ

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL ISSUE 7- 9 MAR 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been great to see you all at our recent parents' evening. Thank you for the lovely comments about the children's progress with learning. I hear that parents who joined us for the Wednesday night parents' evening also rather enjoyed testing out their archery skills!

As we have started a new month, our new school value is 'trust'. During this month, we will be talking to the children about how we can learn to trust people around us, through being honest and reliable.

School Facebook Page

To keep up to date with our school news, join us on Facebook at: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/stpaulswaldenschool/>

NSPCC

On the afternoon of Wednesday 7 March all of our children took part in the NSPCC archery challenge, to raise money to support the valuable work of the NSPCC. A great time was had by all.



The School Council did a fantastic job in arranging the event. Special thanks go to Harry and Katie who kindly handed out rosettes during our whole school assembly.

Two years ago when we raised money for the NSPCC, we raised a fantastic £1142. Here's to achieving the same again - good luck everyone! Please hand in your sponsorship form and money by Wednesday 21 March. Thank you.

New music provision

Today we have warmly welcomed Mr Mitchell into our school, who is joining us to run our music curriculum in our school. Mr Mitchell will be working with all of our classes on Friday mornings for the rest of this term. More news about our extended music curriculum (including choir) will follow shortly.

We started with a warm up – walking and then jogging to the beat, followed by clapping rhythms with our hands and then on the drums. We had fun and it was a great lesson. We are looking forward to our next lesson. **Tyler and Megan**

PTA Quiz night - Friday 16 March at 7.00pm

Please invite your family and friends to join us for another fabulous St Paul's Walden PTA Quiz Night at the Village Hall. Get together a team of up to 8 people for an entertaining evening. The cost is £10 per head with a Fish and Chip Supper included. Bar open at 7pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm. If you can't get a team together - no problem, just let us know and we will find some highly intelligent people to put you with. The entry form (including food selection) was sent by schoolcomms on 5 February. Tables are limited so please return your completed form to the school office as soon as possible.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

- NSPCC
- Music provision
- PTA AGM and Quiz night
- World Book Week 12-16 March 2018
- Sports Relief week
- Parentview
- Parking
- Netball
- School Uniform – New Supplier
- Attendance
- Mothering Sunday Praise at St Paul's Walden Church

REMINDERS

Tues 13 Mar	Silver Birches trip to Paradise Park
Wed 14	9.15am Narnia theatre performance-Village Hall
Thurs 15	2.45pm Silver Birches assembly & cake sale
Fri 16	World Book week Narnia-themed dress up day 7.00pm PTA Quiz Night
Wed 21	NSPCC fundraising sponsorship money due
Fri 23	Sports Relief non-uniform day & cake sale - £1
Mon 26	Consents to be received for KS2 Swimming
Wed 28	5.30pm PTA Film Night
Thurs 29	Easter Assembly 1.15pm Term ends at 2.00pm
Tues 17 Apr	First day of Summer term
Mon 23	KS2 Swimming starts
Wed 27	7.30pm PTA AGM at The Bull - All welcome!
	Next newsletter published: 27 April

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will be on **Wednesday 25 April at 7:30pm** at the Bull. During this meeting we celebrate our earnings and school donations from the past year (with some free food), discuss spending/events for the next year and then move on to the very important planning of the summer festival and camp out (June 30th).

We also need to confirm the committee for the 2018/19 year... and on that note, after many years of a massive contribution to the PTA, Jacqui will be stepping down as co-Chair after the AGM. If you would like to get involved as co-Chair, or would like to help out in any other capacity, please let me know (Liz.armitage@gmail.com, if you don't see me in the playground). Equally, if you can think of someone who would do a great job of overseeing our brilliant events, and herding together all the amazing volunteers, then now is the time to give them a nudge!

Lastly, and on a more formal note, if there is anything you would like to see discussed at the AGM, which isn't included in the above, it would be helpful if you could let me know so I can add it to the agenda (this is mostly so I ensure I remember it - we aren't very formal!). Thank you everyone for all your support of the PTA events over the past year. **Liz Chan**

World Book Week

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day a little differently. We are going to take a trip through the wardrobe to the magical land of Narnia. Each class will be using *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S Lewis as the theme for their learning throughout the week, ending with a Narnia themed dress up day on Friday 16 March.

Due to all your generous cake donations throughout last year, we have been able to book a theatre company to come and perform *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* at the village hall on the morning of Wednesday 14 March. As a 'thank you' we would like to invite parents and carers to come and join us for the performance. We are sorry but younger siblings will **not** be able to attend. If you would like to attend, please let the school office know, as we need to know numbers beforehand. It will not be possible to admit parents on the door without advanced notice.

Sports Relief Week: 19 – 23 March 2018

This year, everyone at our school will be taking part in the St Paul's Walden 500-1,000km as part of our Sports Relief celebrations. During Monday 19 March until Friday 23 March, all members of staff and children will be walking, jogging or running around our field to see if we can reach up to 1,000km over the course of the week.



We will also be selling £1 Sports Relief wristbands. These will be on sale from Monday 12 March.

On Friday 23 March, we will be holding a non-uniform day. For a £1 donation, children can come to school wearing their sports clothes. We will also be holding a bake sale (children to bring in 30p only) which will be taking place at break time on Friday 23 March. We will not be requiring any donations of cakes or biscuits, as the Silver Birches and Willows will be cooking up low-sugar snacks during the days before.

OFSTED Parent View - **ACTION REQUIRED**



To help us with continually improving our school, we would like you to complete OFSTED parentview for us. It is available at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated it takes only a couple of minutes to complete answers to the short questions about aspects of the school.

Your views are important in helping us to know what is going well and where improvements and developments can be made, and also show prospective parents the strengths of our school.

When our school is notified of its next Ofsted inspection, the views expressed by parents on Parent View will be taken into consideration. Each parent can register their views.

Easter assembly

Our Easter assembly will be taking place at 1.15pm on Thursday 29 March. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Parking

This is just a polite reminder to please park courteously and safely outside the school. Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines or block the school gates as these need to be kept clear for emergency access. Parking is also available at the Village Hall car park.

Netball Rally report

On 8th March, the netball team took part in the North Herts Rural Schools Netball Rally at Hitchin Girls School. We played 6 matches against Cockernhoe, Preston, Wymondley, Sandon and Offley schools. We won one match, drew two matches and came 5th overall. This is what some of our fellow team mates thought of the day:

"It was a lot of fun and although we didn't win, it was a great experience." – Holly

"It was awesome and I loved it." – Megan

"It was great. Everyone got involved and we worked as a team." – Jemima

It was amazing when I scored the winning goal." – Elle

"When I was Goal Keeper and the ball was at my end, it was my time to shine." – Katie

Written by: **Jessica and Holly**

School Uniform – New Supplier

Our new supplier is Tylers Sportswear, 6 Woodfield Road, Welwyn Garden City AL7 1JQ. Tel: 01707 396900. The opening hours are Mon-Fri 9.00am-5.00pm. Tylers have set up a web shop for parents to order online, which is the preferred method of purchase. You are able to visit their showroom to buy smaller orders in person. They offer **free delivery to school**. To order, please click the following link. Orders can be made online at:

<http://www.tylers-sportswear.co.uk/Catalogue/School-Webshops/St-Pauls-Walden-School>

The uniform orders take approximately a week to be delivered free of charge to the school. On the web shop, go through to the 'Checkout page', click the "Collect from Tyler's" delivery option and in the comments box state "collect from school".

Please note, our new style PE T-shirt is now available from Tyler's. There is no requirement for children to replace their existing PE T-shirts with the new style T-shirt. Book bags, junior backpacks and PE bags can be purchased at the school office (by cheque or online at the school gateway).

Attendance

Our school attendance from Monday 19 February – Friday 9 March is 96%. Well done everyone! Please endeavour to get children to school promptly by leaving home in plenty of time to get to school by 8.50am. Children should be at school between 8.50am-9.00am where they can take part in early morning learning. Late attendance is also regularly monitored by the Attendance Officer, and affects your child's school attendance record.

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.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Best wishes

Louise Phillips
Headteacher

**All Saints' Church
St Paul's Walden**

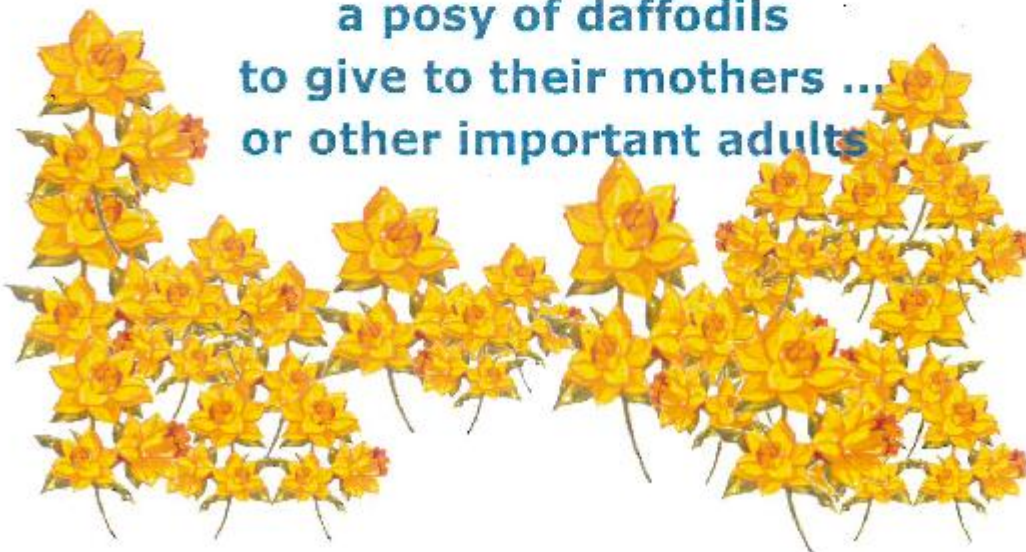
Mothing Sunday Praise

Sunday 11th March

11 am

Please stay for refreshments after the service

**All children will receive
a posy of daffodils
to give to their mothers ...
or other important adults**



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