

BENDISH LANE BUZZ

The Official Newsletter of St Paul's Walden School, Whitwell 7th Dec 2018

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Fair last Saturday. For me it always marks the start of the festive season and it was great to see so many people coming together to do the same. It was a great success and the PTA did a fantastic job ensuring that a good time was had by all. We are intending to use the money that was raised to purchase the shelving for our new classroom so thank you for all your support.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

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Christingle Service

Thank you to everyone involved in making our 1st Christingle service at school a success. We were all very proud of how sensible all the children were with their candles. You will all have received an envelope for the Christingle Society. All Saints Church would appreciate your support in raising funds for this great cause, providing children with a present at Christmastime.

School Uniform

We will be selling **brand new** school uniform from the school office. Please contact Margaret if you would like to purchase any.

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 Mathletics Club
Friday	8.00am Art with Mindfulness 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports Club

Staffing

The governors would like to take this opportunity to thank the long-serving Teaching Assistants who are leaving St Paul's Walden at the end of the term. We are pleased to let you know that the school has attracted a significant number of applicants, some with experience and some without. Mrs Adshead and I are looking forward to some rigorous interviews early next week to select the right candidates to help take the school into the next era. The new staff will join the school in January and so will be able to join staff training early next term so they can hit the ground running. We are going to be able to supplement our school's budget by using the Apprenticeship Levy to fund Teaching Assistant training to make sure that we have staff who can fully support our teachers in your children's classrooms.

A Message From the Kitchen Garden

Thank you to everyone that popped by our stall during the Christmas fair. We made £250 on produce, and have taken 81 orders for our 2018 tea towels. These will be available in the last week of term, and can now be paid for on school gateway.

1 for £5, 5 for £20 If you didn't order on the day, you can still do so via school gateway. All profit will be ploughed into Kitchen Garden Projects. Thank you again.

Star of The Week

The children being the stars in Monday's assembly on 10th December are:

Willows – Alex

Rowans - Robin

Silver Birches – Jayden

Oaks – Devon

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.

Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say a big well done to

Alex

Ivy

Jessica

Jack

Iona

Eva

For achieving a gold book certificate this week

Achievements Out of School

We would like to say a big well done to Mia who organised a Macmillan Coffee morning in October and raised an amazing £341 .00

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.

Zia Gold

Indiya Silver

Zia Silver

Harry P Silver

Attendance

Our attendance this week is 96.6% - 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.

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/>

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.

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

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

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
Mon-Fri	3-7	June		PGL Caythorpe Court
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.

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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.