

BENDISH LANE BUZZ

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL, WHITWELL ISSUE 9- 18 MAY 2018

Dear Parents,

What a wonderful half term we have had, with many highlights including:

- Creating electrical circuits in year 5 and 6 using limes;
- Roman mosaics in the Silver Birches;
- Year 1 and 2 children solving the mystery of the stolen royal wedding cake Minibeasts galore in the Willows;
- Gardening sessions at lunchtime;
- The start-up of our school band.

NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS!

You will find the following items in this newsletter:

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Whitwell's Got Talent

Our school band, choir and streetdance club will be performing at Whitwell's Got Talent on Friday 15 June. More information will follow shortly.

Labels for School Uniform and Vinyl items

In order to try to reduce the amount of lost property, we would be most grateful if all items of clothing, water bottles and lunchboxes could be named.

To help with this, we have teamed up with a company called Labels4Kids to provide stick on labels both for clothing and vinyl items such as lunchboxes and water bottles. Parents will have the option to pay for these labels via the school gateway and the school office will order on your behalf at a substantial discount. Alternatively, you may order these and other labels directly from their website www.labels4kids.com. Thank you for your co-operation.

Food Revolution Week

Food Revolution Week is back and will be taking place from Monday 18 June. This year the children will be cooking recipes using sugar alternatives and learning about the effect of sugar on our bodies.

PTA Disco

Don't forget that we have coming up our school discos this term. These are taking place on Friday 18th May and Friday 13th July, both at 5.30pm.



REMINDERS

Thurs 24 May	Silver Birches assembly & cake sale
Mon 28 May	Half Term
Thurs 7 June	Willows assembly & cake sale
Thurs 14 June	Oaks assembly & cake sale
Mon 18 June	Food Revolution Week
Thurs 28 June	Pret a Portrait class, leavers & team photos
Thurs 28 June	Rowans assembly & cake sale
Sat 30 June	PTA Camp Out
Tues 3 July	Sports morning
	Next newsletter published: 22 June

Before and After School Clubs Timetable Summer Term 2018

Monday	8.00am Summer Games Club 3.15-4.30pm Art Club 3.30-4.30pm Football Training (Yr 3-6)
Tuesday	8.00am Apex Streetdance Club 3.15-4.30pm Athletics 3.30-4.30pm Netball Club (Yr 2-6)
Wednesday	8.00am Trampoline Club 3.30-4.30pm Athletics Club
Thursday	8.00am Tennis Club 3.15-4.30pm Cricket Club
Friday	8.00am Creatively Mindful Kids Club 3.30-4.30pm Basketball Club

Class assemblies and Learning Celebrations

Our class assemblies are due to take place on:

Thursday 24 May Silver Birches

Thursday 7 June Willows

Thursday 14 June Oaks

Thursday 28 June Rowans

Knowing how popular class assemblies are with families, after each class assembly this term, each class will be holding a Learning Celebration in their classroom from 3.15pm. On display in the children's classrooms, will be your child's learning, which you will be invited to view with your child. Your child's class teacher will also be on hand for a chat. Displays and your child's learning will be available in the classrooms until 4pm.

School Facebook Page

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

NSPCC Fundraising

Thank you for all of your support for our NSPCC Archery Challenge. We have received a thank you letter confirming that we raised a fantastic £816.90 for the valuable work of the NSPCC in tackling child abuse.



Royal Wedding

Following today's non-uniform day and cake sale, we have raised a grand total of £160.70 for Help for Heroes.



We rarely manage to get the whole school together for a whole school lunch, so I would like to extend my thanks to Jo and Nikkie for their hard work in preparing over one hundred delicious lunches.



We had a big lunch and we all wore crowns that we made in class. We have been reading a serious but funny book called the Mystery of the Stolen Royal Wedding cake and we had a quiz about the story.
Rosie (Rowans)

We made some some flags and bunting. We coloured some pictures of wedding cakes and mine had a rainbow on it. We all ate lunch together in the hall and the people who gave me my lunch were like servants as we did not go up to the counter to collect it. The lunch was very yummy and the best bit was the pizza!
Olivia (Willows)

We had to make crowns for the Royal Wedding. Lunch was really special because we all got to eat it together and were served by the teachers. We have done lots of fun activities, for example designing a wedding cake, dress and suit.
Tyler (Silver Birches)

The lunch was really good and I enjoyed eating a yummy lunch with my packed lunch friends.
Will (Oaks)

I am the Quiet Area Zone Manager and every few weeks I am in charge of the Quiet Area. The quiet area is a place where you can go to when you want something new to do. The subject changes every week. This week I was the Royal Wedding. We did colouring, word searches and puzzles.
Holly and Jessica

Our royal wedding celebrations have culminated in singing the national anthem.

School council

Our school council are currently composing a letter to the parish council regarding their concerns with parking and traffic in the village. The school council would welcome comments from parents too. If you would like to make any comments regarding parking/traffic in Whitwell or have any suggestions how to make it better, please do email them in to Margaret at admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk

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".

Changes to Free School Meals

The eligibility criteria for free school meals has changed.

What are the new eligibility criteria?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the benefits below.

- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190, as assessed by HMRC
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

If you need any further information, please visit the free school meal website: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

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.

Attendance

Our school attendance from Monday 30 April – Friday 18 May is 97.4%. 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.

Last, but not least, I must mention the fantastic mind sets of all of our year 6 pupils, who have tackled every question and problem posed to them this week in their KS2 SATs. If you have been watching Channel 4's 'Class of Mum and Dad', you no doubt will have seen how tricky some of the SATs questions can be. Also, good luck to year 2 who will be completing their 'special work' (aka KS1 SATs) from Monday 21 May.

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Best wishes

Louise Phillips
Headteacher

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
Staff Inset Training Day:	Monday 3 June
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.

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DIARY DATES SUMMER TERM 2018

Monday	23	April		KS2 Swimming Starts
Monday	7	May		Bank Holiday
Monday	14	May		KS2 SATs Week (no swimming)
Friday	18	May	5.30pm-7.00pm	PTA Disco
Thursday	24	May	2.45pm	Silver Birches assembly and cake sale
Monday	28	May		HALF TERM
Thursday	7	June	2.45pm	Willows assembly and cake sale
Thursday	14	June	2.45pm	Oaks assembly and cake sale
Thursday	28	June	8.30am	Pret-a-Portrait photographs
Thursday	28	June	2.45pm	Rowans assembly and cake sale
Saturday	30	June		Camp Out
Tuesday	3	July		Sports morning
Tuesday	10	July		KS2 Performance
Tuesday	10	July	12.45pm	Year 6 Crucial Crew
Wednesday	11	July		Reserve sports morning
Thursday	12	July		Transfer day
Friday	13	July	5.30pm-7.00pm	PTA Disco
Friday	13	July	7.00pm	Leavers' BBQ
Friday	20	July	1.15pm	Leavers' assembly
Friday	20	July	1.45pm	Tunnel of goodbye