ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS

THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

We are very proud of all the pupils who took part in the phonics screening assessments. They did amazingly well and as a school we achieved a **94%** pass rate. In January 2020 we introduced the Read Write Inc. phonics scheme across KS1 and KS2 from September 2020. It has had fantastic results and the staff and pupils have fully embraced the scheme. Staff ensure that they keep up to date with the Read Write Inc. training schedule, continually refining their practice. We would like to thank you for your hard work and practice at home during 'lockdown' and beyond.

Should anyone in our school community have a positive Covid-19 test before Christmas then please contact the school by emailing head@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk. This will ensure that we can fulfill our track and trace obligations, ensuring we limit the spread of the virus in the wider community.

Should you need to self-isolate on or after the 19th December, please email head@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk. This enables us to monitor the end of the 14 day isolation periods safeguarding our school community in January and beyond. I would like to thank you for your support and collaboration with this matter.

Please read the last day of term information on page 4. Should you have any questions regarding the collection time for your child, please contact the school office.

This will be my last newsletter this term, I would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and safe Christmas and New year. We look forward to welcoming all the children back to school on Tuesday 5th January 2021.

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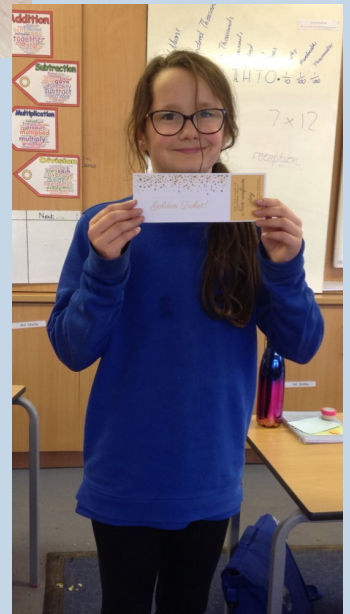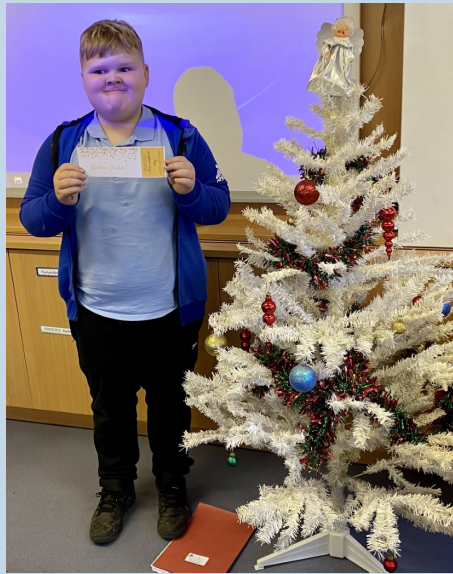Growing and Learning Together

CHRISTMAS AROUND OUR SCHOOL!

We would like to share some of the lovely things that the pupils have been doing in order to ensure that the school has that Christmas feeling.
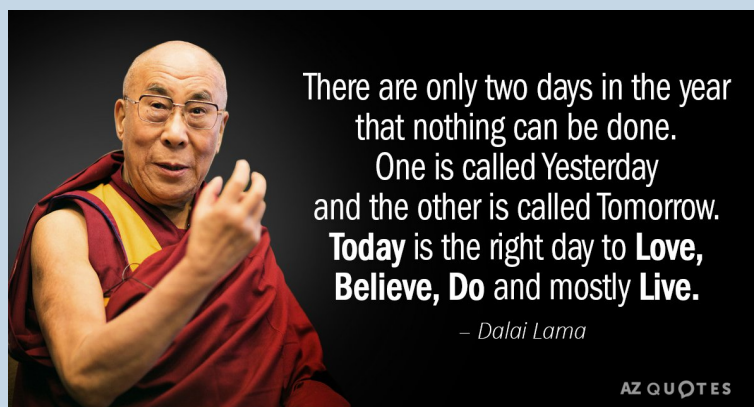
GOLDEN TICKETS!

We are very happy to share the pupils who have achieved 10 gold cards! Well done Indiya, Finley HM, Sophie-May, Harry J, Finley J, Daya and Charlotte . Zia has achieved his second golden ticket, we are very proud of all their hard work and commitment to their learning.

There are lots of pupils who are only a few cards away, so don't give up! Remember if you have already achieved a golden ticket you can always earn another! The totals are carried over from one half term to the next and only reset at the end of the academic year.

Mrs Adshead is looking forward to giving out many more tickets in the coming weeks!

There are only two days in the year that nothing can be done. One is called Yesterday and the other is called Tomorrow. **Today** is the right day to **Love, Believe, Do** and mostly **Live.**

– *Dalai Lama*

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COVID GUIDANCE

It is inevitable at this time of year that there are lots of other seasonal viral infections in circulation. Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste.

The symptoms of Covid-19 are: A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back.
A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).
A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

We have been asked by Herts County Council to remind parents and carers that to knowingly ignore the self-isolation guidance is breaking the law and they could be fined £1,000, you can find the latest Government information at: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-legal-duty-to-self-isolate-comes-into-force-today

If you are unsure whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they present with any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.
If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.

LAST DAY OF TERM

On the last day of term Friday 18th December we will be staggering the times that the classes are leaving to ensure that we are following the guidance, Please see below the time when your child needs to be collected from school:

Willows - 1:20pm
Rowans - 1:30pm
Silver Birches - 1:40pm
Oaks - 1:50pm

We will ensure that siblings are ready to go home with their younger siblings so that we can minimise the number of people at the gates at any one time.

Should you have any queries around this please contact the school office.

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

School starts: Thursday 3rd September

Half Term: **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October**

Last day of term: Friday 18th December **finishing at 2pm**

Occasional Day: **Monday 23rd November**

Inset Days: Wednesday 2nd September & Friday 20th November

Spring Term 2021

School starts: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: **Monday 15th to Friday 19th February**

Last day of term: Friday 26th March **finishing at 2pm**

Inset Days: Monday 4th January

Summer Term 2021

School starts: Tuesday 13th April

Half Term: **Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June**

Last day of term: Wednesday 21st July **finishing at 2pm**

Inset Days: Monday 12th April & Thursday 22nd July

Bank Holiday: **Monday 3rd May**

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For general enquiries, report of an absence or to inform the school of pupil collection arrangements please contact the school office by email : admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk
or telephone on: 01438 871241. The office is open between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm during term time only.