

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



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

A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

I would like to say thank you to everyone who responded to the SRE policy consultation and the pupil planner questionnaires. We have reviewed all the comments from parents, staff and governors. There has been a light alteration to the vocabulary list in the appendix of the SRE policy. Should you wish to view the amendments the policy is on the school website, should you have any comments about the amendments then please email the school office. The policy will go to the full Governing Body meeting on 13th July to be ratified.

Following on from the comments from the pupils and parents regarding the pupil planners we are going to alter them slightly to include more pages that the pupils can refer to both at school and at home to support their learning.

I would also like to remind everyone that the pupil planners can be a very effective way of communicating with the adults in your child's class. From the start of the Summer Term all planners will once again be signed by the class teachers at the start of the week. We would kindly request that you also start signing the planners once again on a weekly basis.

Please note the academic dates for next year have been added on page 6.

All the staff would like to wish everyone in our school community a very happy and safe Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 13th April.

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Happy Easter!

FROM US TO YOU



PRE AND POST TEACHING

We have been really impressed by the level of engagement with the pre teaching materials that are on Google Classroom. For some of our pupils it has already made a big difference to the anxiety experienced by pupils around not knowing what they are learning in Maths or English sessions that day. We believe that it will have a huge impact in the confidence and depth of understanding of all pupils that engage with the materials. The post teaching is essentially homework by another name, all pupils are expected to complete the post teaching activities.

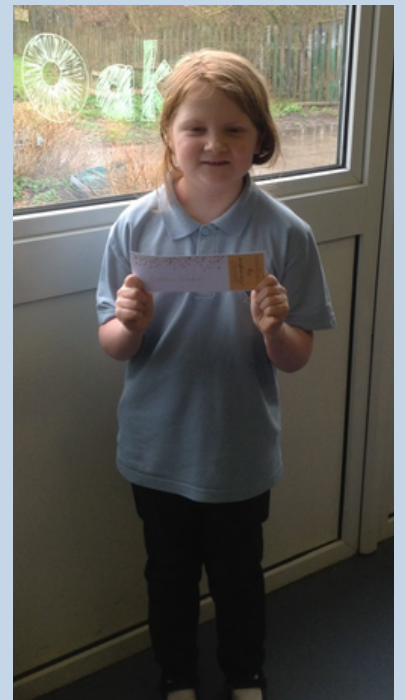
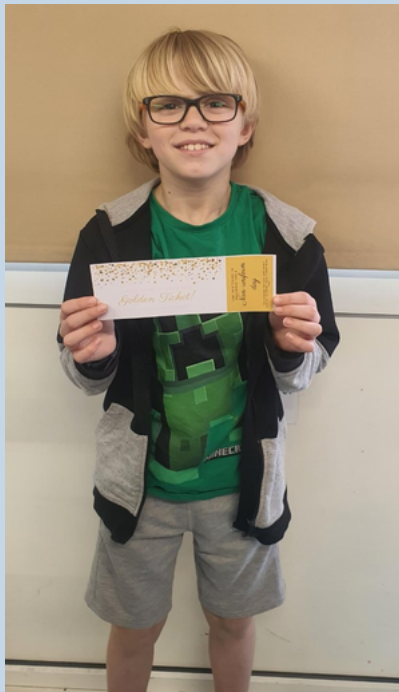
We have noticed a general trend across the school that pupils need to work on their reasoning skills. In mathematics it is an important skill that pupils need to master in order for them to achieve age related. You can support your children at home with this skill by getting them to explain verbally, or by writing it down in sentences, explaining how they got to their answer, why they used that method and how do they know it is correct. This skill is not just important in mathematics but across the curriculum. In reading pupils are expected to explain what has happened, why has that happened?, what would have happened if? what do you think will happen next? what does that word mean in this context or sentence? what is the author trying to get you think about? In Science the pupils are expected to think about what will happen before they start an investigation, why they got the results they have, why they chose to conduct their investigation in that way, what could they have done differently and the effect that would have had. Please contact the school office and the class teachers will be able to support you should you require any more information about how you can further support your child with this.





GOLDEN TICKETS

We are really proud of Millie C, Robin, Rosie, Carrie, Iona for going above and beyond to earn 10 gold tokens, that has meant that they have received a Golden Ticket!





EASTER FUN!

The pupils have had a great time completing our annual Easter egg hunt, even if it was slightly different this year. Once again we would like to say a huge thank you to all members of our PTA who once again have supported us with this event.





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 10 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.

TERM DATES 2020/2021

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

TERM DATES 2021/2022

Autumn Term 2021

School starts: Thursday 2nd September
Half Term: Monday 25th to Friday 29th October
Last day of term: Tuesday 21st December **finishing at 2pm**
Occasional Day: Monday 22nd November
Inset Days: Wednesday 1st September & Friday 19th November

Spring Term 2022

School starts: Thursday 6th January
Half Term: Monday 14th to Friday 18th February
Last day of term: Friday 1st April **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Wednesday 5th January

Summer Term 2022

School starts: Wednesday 20th April
Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June
Last day of term: Friday 22nd July **finishing at 2pm**
Inset Days: Tuesday 19th April & Monday 6th June
Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd 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.