



ST PAUL'S NEWS

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A note from Mr Varney:



Hello everyone,

It is approaching that time of the year again when we begin to think about staffing arrangements for next year. As always, the decisions made around staffing are always based on the needs and best interests of the children and whole school. Leaders speak at length with staff and take time to make decisions that will positively impact our school. I will shortly be sharing with parents and carers what our staffing arrangements for the next academic year are.

As a Headteacher, I count myself incredibly lucky that my staff are happy here at St Paul's and that as a school, we see staff staying here at St Paul's for a considerable amount of time. On some occasions however, staff can make the difficult decision to leave our school and community. With this, I share that Mrs Adams, our Year 3 teacher, will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Mrs Adams has worked incredibly hard for us over the last three years and has helped to drive our school forward. Mrs Adams will be moving onto new ventures outside the world of education and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best for the future - we will miss you lots. I am also pleased to share that we have managed to appoint a new teacher who will be joining us in September. I will share more about this in the coming weeks.

Please can I once again remind parents that there should be no holidays taken during term time. There continues to be periods of absence due to holidays which is then impacting the progress and learning of those children who are missing school. Regular attendance at school is essential for the overall wellbeing and achievement of our pupils. Please can parents and carers also ensure that they are arriving before 8.45am in the morning.

Have a great weekend!

Upcoming events:

Year 6 SATS Week - Monday 11th
May - Thursday 14th May

Y6 PGL Residential - Friday 15th May
- Tuesday 18th May

EYFS Stay and Play session - Friday
15th May @ 8.45am

Whole Class Photos - Wednesday
20th May

INSET Day - School Closed -
Monday 1st June

Y1 Phonics Screening Check Week -
Monday 8th June

YR Visit to Whipsnade Zoo -
Thursday 11th June

KS1/KS2 Sports Day at Jarman Park
- Monday 6th July

St Paul's Open Evening -
Wednesday 15th July @ 3.30pm

Achievements this week:



Stars of the Week

Headteacher's Trophy

The headteacher's trophy this week goes to



Antonia - Year 5

Antonia - it is clear how hard you are working in class and how much you contribute. You are incredibly polite, respectful and kind towards others and you have been a great addition to our St Paul's community. Well done Antonia!

Year R - Ace

Year 1 - Nancy

Year 2 - Finley

Year 3 - Albie

Year 4 - Angelo

Year 5 - Harry

Year 6 - Eva



Value Superstars

These children have shown our value of Thankfulness this week:

Archie - Year R Scarlett - Year 1 Lilah - Year 2 Bonnie - Year 3 Ted - Year 4 Krisz - Year 5 Oliver - Year 6

Teacher of the Week

Our 'Teacher of the Week' has been chosen by our pupils and this week it goes to

Mrs Stokes

for making a great start as our Office Manager and ensuring our school runs smoothly.

Attendance:

MOMENTS
MATTER.
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

Whole School Target - 97%



Whole School - 94.9%

Nursery - 90%

Reception-92.2%

Year 1 - 92%

Year 2 - 95.3% - Good

Year 3 - 96.7% - Good

Year 4 - 96% - Good

Year 5 - 98.5% - Great!

Year 6 - 95.3% - Good



Handwriting Stars

The following children have been recognised by Jessica and Mary, our lead ambassadors, for their great presentation and handwriting this week:

Lilah - Y2 Alexa - Y6

Ask us about our learning this week:

Nursery Class - ask us about our learning in class this week as we have been learning the sound 'j'. We have been reading the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk' and making jelly and jam sandwiches.

Reception Class - ask us about our learning in class this week as we have been thinking about mini-beasts and animals. We have been investigating the life cycle of a caterpillar and how it transforms into a butterfly.

Year 1 - ask us about our learning in English this week as we have been reading our class story of 'Man on the Moon'. We have been thinking about the jobs Bob does on the moon and completing some writing linked to this.

Year 2 - ask us about our learning in geography this week as we have been exploring the continent of Antarctica. We have learned that there are 5.7 million penguins on Antarctica and they have no front teeth.

Year 3 - ask us about our learning in maths this week as we have been developing our multiplication skills. We have been learning to multiply numbers by 10 and 100, thinking about how the number changes value.

Year 4 - ask us about our learning in maths this week as we have been developing our knowledge of being able to tell the time. We have been reading the time to o'clock, half past, quarter past and to.

Year 5 - ask us about our learning in science this week as we have been investigating the impact of gravity. We conducted an experiment linked to the force and impact of meteors and craters.

Year 6 - ask us about our learning in computing this week as we have been exploring how to use the different functions in Google Sheets. We have been using these functions to collate our market research.

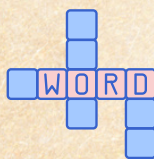
Fresh off the Press

Hi everyone. This is our sports / expressive arts news for this week:

In Year 6, Hugo and Alfie's football team drew 4-4 in their recent match. In Year 5, Emilia's football team won 2-1 and she scored one of those goals. In Year 4, Ralph went on a rugby tour and came 2nd. In Year 3, Thea got player of the match in her recent football match. Alfie's football team won 10-2 and he scored six of those goals. Addison got manager's player and Penelope got a certificate in gymnastics. In Year 2, Elodie is learning to jump over poles in horse riding. She also came 2nd in a gymnastics championship. In Year 1, Jude got man of the match in football and Charlie and Ellis scored a goal in football.

If you have any sports news that you would like featured in our newsletter, please send it to sportscommittee@stpauls909.herts.sch.uk

Milena's Book and Word of the Week



microbe(noun) - a living organism too small to be seen e.g. The scientist was studying a range of microbes.



'Frostheart' by Jamie Littler. Way out in the furthest part of the known world, a tiny stronghold exists all on its own, cut off from the rest of human-kin by monsters that lurk beneath the Snow Sea....



St Paul's PTA

Our Fundraising Project

Each year, our PTA do an amazing job at raising vital funds to help us improve our school. We are now working hard to raise money for our next big project - renovating our playground ...

This is our target for the end of this year.

We are currently at £15,600.

£3500 raised in the Autumn Term!

Please scan me to donate!

