



"Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him"

Colossians 2:7

Weekly Newsletter - Autumn Term – Friday 20th September 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon everyone,

This week we have explored the theme of 'Leadership' in our Worship and what that means to each of us. All children, and adults, can be leaders of themselves – but this week the children have also had a chance to become leaders of certain areas of responsibility in school. We have launched our first Leadership Teams for Digital Technology, Worship and Reading buddies. More will be following next week. We are really excited to begin working with our new Pupil Leadership Teams and seeing how the children will begin to lead change.

Our new enrichment Clubs for the Autumn Term will be starting on Monday. Look out for updates on the website and newsletter over the term as the children learn new skills and work together having fun.

On Monday we have our Curriculum drop in to meet the teacher and receive some information about your child's year group learning. This is a short session running from 3:20pm - 3:45pm and it is a chance to say hello to your child's new class teacher if you have not managed to do so yet. Parents evening will be scheduled later this term for the longer personal 1:1 conversation about your individual child's progress. If you cannot make it on Monday, we also have our coffee morning drop in on Monday 30th September. Please be assured that all curriculum information will be sent out via email and class dojo, as well as appearing on our website – so please don't worry if you cannot attend. If you are attending, please wait on the playground and you will be taken to your child's class by the class teacher after all other children and parents have left the playground.

I am really pleased this week that our attendance has risen. This week we have 98.5% but as a whole school year to date we are currently at 96% which is our target. Please do try to send your children in every day. It is better to send them in and then if necessary, we will contact you. Rest assured we have paediatric first-aid trained staff and we will take temperatures and ring you should it be needed.

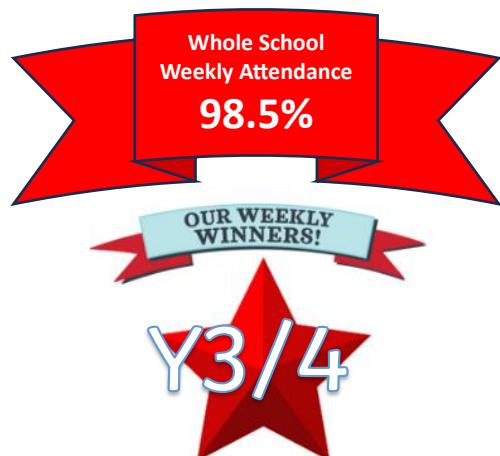
Lastly, please can we remind everyone of the healthy food that we encourage for playtime snack. Party bags of crisps, tubes of pringles and bags of sweets and chocolate are not appropriate for a playtime snack in school. The idea of the snack is to give the children some much needed energy after their morning of learning, fuelling them to continue to learn after break until lunchtime. Fresh and dried fruit, cereal bars, flapjacks, rice cakes, yoghurt are great sources of protein and energy just as some examples, but there are lots more on offer. This year we plan to work towards our healthy schools' status which encompasses healthy eating, exercise and the curriculum we offer. It is such an important part of health and well-being for us all.

As always if you do have any questions please call or pop in to the office. Continue to check messages and emails as we aim to give as much information as possible about what's happening at St Pauls.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Gaskell and the St Pauls Team.

Class	%
Reception – Mrs Fletcher	95.7%
Year ½ - Miss Goddard	98.6%
Year ¾ - Mr Connolly	99.3%
Year 5 – Mrs Gull	98.7%
Year 6 – Miss Wetton	98.9%



Being in school every day is so important to ensure children have the best chance possible of achieving well and reaching their potential.



This term our target as a school is 96%. To help children to achieve this we will be inviting parents into school to speak with Miss Gaskell to look at ways in which we can support to raise the attendance of your child. We will be launching attendance awards and leading assemblies with the children so that they understand the importance of being in school every day and on time.



- Forest school kits every Friday for Reception and Year 1/2
- PE kits should now all be in school. These will remain in school until half term. A reminder that winter kit (leggings, joggers and hoodies etc) should be black
- All children in KS2 should be wearing ties
- School shoes should be black
- Reading books brought into school every day

Diary Dates

Week Beginning 23rd September

Clubs begin

Monday 23rd September 3:20pm

Curriculum evening/meet the teacher drop in

Monday 30th September

Macmillan Coffee Morning 9:15am

Tuesday 8th October 10:00am

Harvest Church Service – all welcome



Class	Winner!
Reception	Grayson
Year 1	Lily
Year 2	Clemmie
Year 3	Celine
Year 4	Daisy
Year 5	Sienna
Year 6	Mason



Values Award

Congratulations

For being a shining rainbow in our learning community, showing the value

Respect

Excellence

of

Perseverance

Belief and Courage

Equality

Honest

Friendship and Love



Swords of Success Award

Congratulations

Their excellence in building their knowledge and skills in



Class	Winner!
Reception	Arthur
Year 1	Reuben
Year 2	Lucas
Year 3	Sama
Year 4	Molly
Year 5	Max
Year 6	Joe





LOOK what we're LEARNING!



Reception

We have had another busy week in Reception Class! We had great fun at our Forest School session playing lots of games, relaxing in the hammock and making mud pies in the mud kitchen! We also linked our outdoor learning to our maths, finding different leaves to match and sort.



We have been doing lots of art in our classroom this week including painting our self-portraits. Don't they look fabulous!



Year 1 and 2

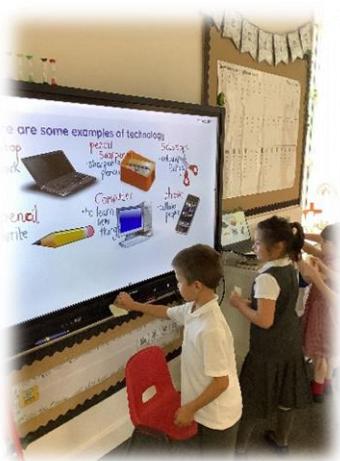


This week in Year 1 and 2 the children have continued to develop their learning and understanding across the whole curriculum. Our days are very busy with lots of new learning but the children have risen to the challenge and shown great perseverance throughout!



The children enjoyed a drama-based English lesson where we used freeze frames and facial expressions to explore how the characters may be feeling throughout the story and also what they may be thinking or saying!

In Science, we have continued our learning on everyday materials and the children engaged in a 'What's in the bag' activity. They were challenged to describe the properties of each material as the class tried to guess what material the object was made from. The children came up with some amazing vocabulary and we had lots of correct guesses!



This term in Computing we are looking at 'Technology Around Us'. As a class we discussed what we thought Technology was, we soon discovered it wasn't just electrical items but anything that is made by a person to help us. With our new understanding of the word 'Technology' I sent the children on a task around the classroom to find examples of Technology. The children did fantastically with this, we discovered there are so many examples of Technology all around us.



Year 3 and Year 4

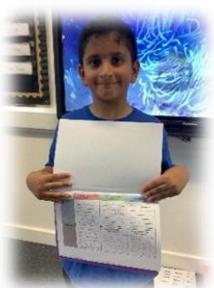


Well done, Year 3, for another outstanding week of work! This week, we made great progress in our narrative studies, diving deeper into the captivating story of Journey.

In Geography, we explored the major settlements of the UK, learning about their historical significance and how they have shaped our country today. Our History lessons took us back in time as we studied the fascinating transition from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic periods, understanding how early humans evolved in their ways of life, from hunting and gathering to farming and building communities.



In RE, we engaged with the Christian creation story, discussing its themes and how it has influenced Christian beliefs about the world. Our PSHE lessons were all about building strong friendships and practicing acts of kindness, where we shared ideas on how to support and care for each other both in and out of school. Finally, we were all excited to have our first hands-on experience with the new school iPads, exploring the new reading plus programme that the school will be using.





Year 5 and Year 6

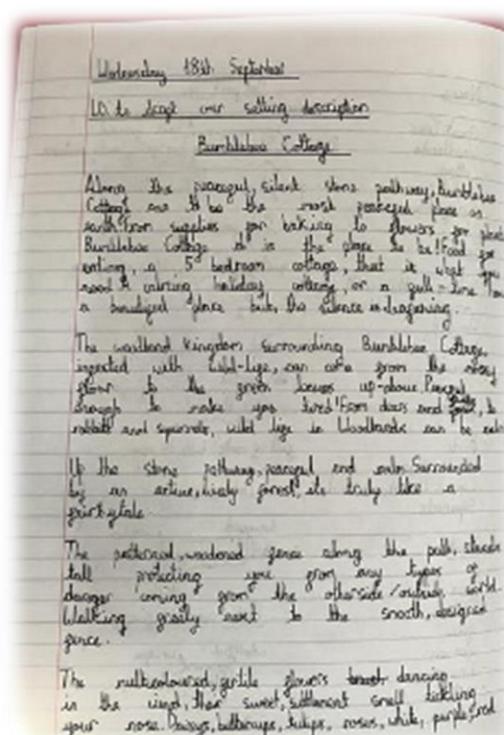
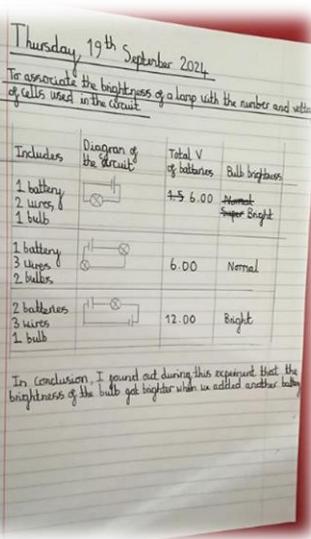
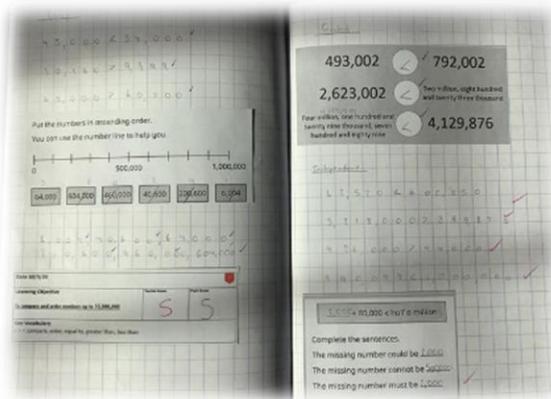


In maths, Year 5 have been working hard on understanding the place value of numbers. This week they created place value grids on their tables and used dienes to find the powers of 10.



In science this week, children have been learning all about circuits during our topic on Electricity. This week they have been experimenting with different components of the circuit. We wanted to find out what happens to the light bulb if we change the voltage and the length of the circuit.

Children then wrote a detailed conclusion of their findings.



Wednesday 18th September
To begin our setting description
Bumblebee Cottage
Along the peaceful, silent stone pathway, Bumblebee Cottage can be the most peaceful place on earth. From sweater for walking to flowers for picnics, Bumblebee Cottage is the place to be! Food for eating, a 5 bedroom cottage, that it was built to house a family holiday cottage, or a self-catering holiday cottage, but the silence is inspiring.

The woodland Kingdom surrounding Bumblebee Cottage, injected with life-like, can also grow the way plants to the great leaves up above. Large enough to make you feel from doors and gates, to rabbits and squirrels, what life in Woodlands can be like.

If the stone pathway, peaceful and calm. Surrounded by an exclusively forest, it's truly like a park state.

The patterned, wooden fence along the path, stands tall protecting you from any types of danger coming from the other side, where wild walking greatly next to the smooth, designed fence.

The multi-coloured, gentle flowers, bush dancing in the wind, their sweet, sufficient smell tickling your nose. Daisies, tulips, tulips, roses, white, purple, red

This week, year 6 have been looking at how the number of volts affects the electrical flow of a current, lots of place value in maths including comparing, ordering and rounding, and they have finished their first independent writes with setting descriptions based on their dream setting!



What's on in the Autumn Term?

Extra-curricular enrichment clubs

Monday

Multi-skills/Netball

Y3, 4, 5 & 6

Tuesday

PALS Dance Club

Y1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday

Football

Y1, 2 & 3

Thursday

Lunchtime Choir

Football

Y4, 5 & 6

Friday

Forest School

Y3, 4, 5 & 6





We would be so grateful if you could download the Asda Rewards App and join our Cashpot for St Pauls.

We already have **£96.72** in the pot which is amazing and this money will come straight back into school!

Please ask at the office if you need any help in how to support us.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNs

If you have any Safeguarding concerns, please contact
Miss Gaskell (DSL) 01785 337436
Or
Staffordshire Safeguarding Board 0300 1118007



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



SEND Questions

If you have any questions about your child regarding Special Educational Needs, please contact
Mrs Nevins-Stanford (SENDCo) 01785 337436



Please click on the links below to watch a video about the Flu Vaccination – sent through from our local NHS Team.

Student information: <https://youtu.be/JepMe0BkDlI>

Parent information: <https://youtu.be/dnqfhcdLZvs>

