



St Pauls CE (C) Primary School

Learning and growing together in God's love



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

Colossians 2:7

Weekly Newsletter - Spring Term – Friday 1st March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon and Happy St David's Day.

What a wonderful week we have had in school.

Our value of the week this week is Honesty – and how it is always important that you must tell the truth. We also learned in assembly that sometimes to tell the truth we may also need to have courage, but know that telling the truth is the right thing to do can make it easier to talk. Telling lies and saying things that are not true is not acceptable, and we are working hard on this in school.

Following on from Internet Safety day, and our focus last week on Whatsapp group chats, Year 6 will be having a number of sessions with myself around the importance of knowing how to behave on group chats and the internet. We will be focussing on how it is not okay to 'hide behind the keyboard' and the words we say matter and have consequences. I know that as parents, you will support us with this important topic around the acceptable use of social media and devices. Cyber-bullying is not okay.

Over the next few weeks, there are some events and things on the calendar for the children to make you aware of. I have done some Spring Term Dates. Please have a look out over the next few weeks for more information and photographs of what we are doing in school.

Football Club – please can I ask that if your child goes to football club, they bring in a separate football kit to wear. Our PE kit is for school curriculum PE and sports events to represent the school. Children are wearing their PE kits for football, getting them muddy, taking them home and not bringing them in for PE.

On the whole, children are looking fabulous in PE with correct kits and t-shirts which is lovely to see.

As always, should you have any more questions, please do ring the school office and we will be happy to help and support.

Have a wonderful weekend

Miss Gaskell

Class	Attendance
Reception – Mrs McCarthy	94.7%
Year ½ - Mr Farmer	99.3%
Year ¾ - Mrs Carr	94.2%
Year 5 – Mrs Gull	98.1%
Year 6 – Mr Reynolds	93.2%

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.



OUR WEEKLY WINNERS!

Y1/2

Whole School Weekly Attendance

96%

Class	Winner!
Reception	Evan
Year 1	Isaac
Year 2	Sam
Year 3	Aaron
Year 4	Niamh
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Mustafa



Class	Winner!
Reception	Eleanor
Year 1	Cameron
Year 2	Archie
Year 3	Molly
Year 4	Seb
Year 5	Chloe
Year 6	Seren



"I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth."

Genesis 9:1



Value of the Week Winners

EQUALITY

The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

2 Corinthians 8:15



Tuesdays

Y5/6 Handball Club 3:15pm – 4:15pm

PALs Dance Club 3:15pm – 4:30pm

Wednesdays

Y1/2 Multi Skills Club 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Thursdays

Forest School 3:15pm – 4:15

(Invitation only)



DON'T FORGET

Please bring your data collection sheets back into school either via your class teacher or the office.

All children need to remember to wear their ties.

Please remember to bring PE kits into school

SAFEGUARDING CONCERNs

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

SEND Questions

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

Reception



We have been learning all about plants and what they need to grow. We have all enjoyed planting some seeds. We filled the pot with soil, made a hole and chose onion seeds to plant. "I am excited to see them grow but we need to put them outside in the sun". We are keeping an eye on our seedlings and can't wait to see what happens.



We have been reading Alice in Wonderland as a class and predicting what will happen next. Some of our children could recall what had happened in the story so far. He said "she fell down a rabbit hole and found a tiny door behind a curtain. She drank a bottle that said drink me and shrunk down small. I think she will go in the door next and find another bottle". We are enjoying the twists and turns of this story and it is really getting our imagination going!



In Year 2 we have been measuring in metres. We went out onto the playground with our metre sticks and measured all the different lines on the playground to see how long they were.

In Year 1 we have been measuring using objects. We have used cubes to see how tall and long different objects were. We then had a go at measuring with our rulers to see how tall and long they are in centimetres.



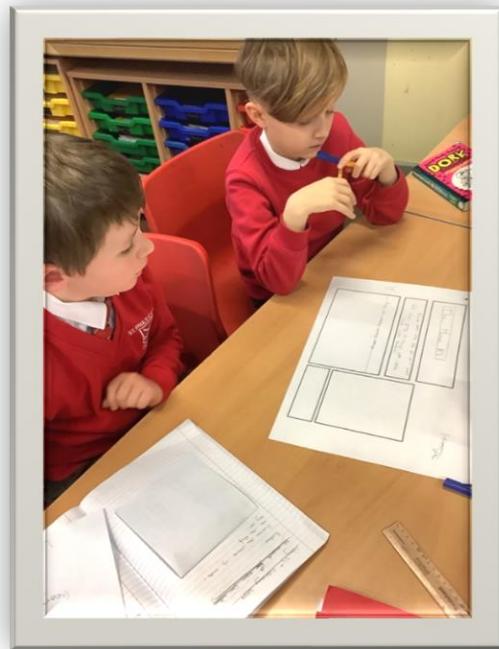
Year 1/2

Year 3/4



This week we have continued learning about 'The Tin Forest' in English and we are practising how to structure our non-fiction leaflets that we will be creating next week!

In maths, we have started our FRACTIONS unit of work and we are loving thinking about how we can divide up a cake!

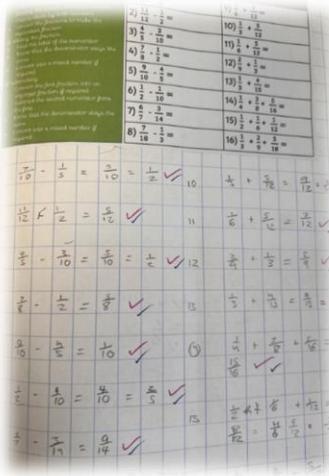
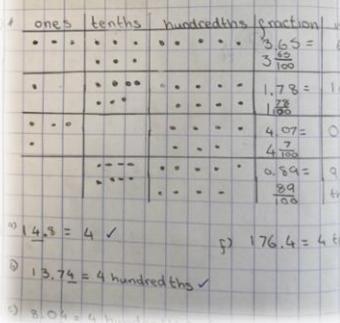
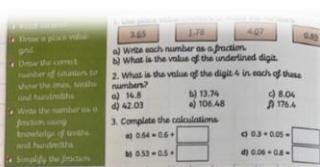


Year 5

In Science, Year 5 have been learning about soluble and insoluble materials. They worked in groups to test different materials such as sugar and salt. They did this using hot and cold water. They used a stop watch to find out the time that each material took to dissolve. From this investigation children have learnt vocabulary such as insoluble, dissolve, material, saturated, solution and evaporation. Next week we will draw a graph of results and write a conclusion to their findings



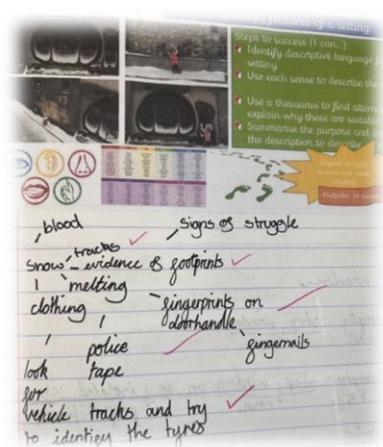
In Maths Year 5 have been using place value mats to understand the place value of decimal numbers such as tenths, hundredths and thousandths.



In maths, children have been exploring the place value of numbers less than one.

Year 6

In English, the children have been looking at questions and statements to write a dialogue for their film narrative unit of Alma.





World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7th March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate across the school. We are celebrating World Book Day this year in school because we support the charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading. The theme of this year's World Book Day is. **'Read Your Way!'**

Dressing up and **bringing books into school** is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children and families particularly enjoy.

We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day in the way they like to read as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. This could be as a **book character, in their pyjamas, or snuggled in a blanket, however they like to read**. Please consider that children are unlikely to be reading in a football strip (as they will be too excited playing the game), so **no football kits!**

The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. Please ensure your child **brings in a copy of their book to share** with others throughout the day with their **name written inside the front cover** so none go missing.



We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we have organised the following events to make sure that our World Book Day is fun and inclusive for all.

1. We encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume
2. We will also be hosting a costume swap on Friday 1st March at 3:15pm in the library area. If you have any costumes that your child no longer wears or has grown out of, please bring these to the office by 9:00am in Friday 1st March for us to swap with others in our learning community. There will be no charge for swapped costumes.



We'd love to include you in our celebrations by coming into school to:

1. Read to them
2. Come along to our bedtime story at Thursday 7th March at 3:15pm
3. Sending your child's chosen book in with them on the day so we can read it to them and their friends
4. Getting a free £1/€1.50 book for your child – simply take your £1/€1.50 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1/€1.50 book OR use it to get £1/€1.50 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99/€3.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at www.worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

Check out the World Book Day Family Hub for more things to do at home.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

PE KIT REMINDER



Why Physical Education?

ENCOURAGES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR LIFE



HELPS PREVENT STICKINESS AND DISEASE



PROVIDES AN OUTLET FOR CREATIVITY AND SELF-EXPRESSION

DEVELOPS COOPERATION & TEAMWORK



Builds Self-Confidence

PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONAL GOAL-SETTING

INCREASES PERSONAL FITNESS AND MOTOR SKILL DEVELOPMENT



HELPS REDUCE STRESS & ANXIETY



STRENGTHENS RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

BOOSTS ACADEMIC LEARNING

Please remember that every child needs to have their PE kit in school every week. PE is such an important part of our curriculum and children need to be wearing the correct kit to take part. We are really focussing on having PRIDE in our presentation this half term, and this includes looking smart in PE.

PE Uniform

- Children will need a PE bag labelled with their name.
- They will need black shorts, black pumps, black trainers and a P.E. T-shirt in the correct house colour
- Black tracksuits can be worn for outdoor PE when it is cold.
- Please ensure all jewellery is removed at home on PE days.

Please ensure that all uniform and belongings are labelled





SPRING TERM

1st March - St David's Day

7th March - World Book Day

8th - 17th March - British Science Week

10th March - 9th April - Ramadan

10th March - Mother's Day

14th March - Y6 SATS Meeting 2:45pm

15th March - Red Nose Day (more info to follow)

17th March - St Patrick's Day

18th March - Global Recycling Day

21st March - World Poetry Day

8th April - Parent's Evening (more info to follow)

