



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 15th March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon everyone,

I cannot believe next week we will be breaking up for Easter.

With 5 days to go it's going to be a busy week with lots of lovely events planned.

We are very much looking forward to our visit to church on Tuesday, Golden Time on Thursday and our Easter bonnet competition to end our term!

Thankyou for your support today for Comic Relief - your donations are really appreciated. The children had a wonderful time attempting to make a mile of coins in the playground! We even had a sing-song in the sunshine practicing our Easter Service Songs. I am sure that all donations will be gratefully received from a worthwhile charity.

To inform all parents - the academisation consultancy has now been concluded. This has resulted in the school being awarded an academy order and it is hoped that St Paul's will become part of the St Bart's family in September 2024. This is a very exciting time for St Pauls and in the Summer Term we will be offering parent drop ins to keep you updated.

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	90.7%
Year ½ - Mr Farmer	98.3%
Year ¾ - Mrs Carr	91%
Year 5 – Mrs Gull	98.1%
Year 6 – Mr Reynolds	94%

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

94.5%

Class	Winner!
Reception	Lily
Year 1	Teddy
Year 2	Celine
Year 3	Aous
Year 4	Seb
Year 5	Jessy
Year 6	Elijah

Class	Winner!
Reception	Nevaeh
Year 1	Sobdar
Year 2	Orla
Year 3	Aaron
Year 4	Niamh
Year 5	George
Year 6	Phoebe

Values Award

Congratulations _____

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

Excellence _____

Perseverance _____

Belief and Courage _____

Equality _____

Honesty _____

Friendship and Love _____



Swords of Success Award

Congratulations _____

Their excellence in building their knowledge and skills in _____

Respect _____

Excellence _____

Perseverance _____

Belief and Courage _____

Equality _____

Honesty _____

Friendship and Love _____

"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

FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE

A friend loves at all times

Proverbs 17:17



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 celebrated St Patricks Day this week. We learnt a tradition Irish jig called "Irish Stew" in PE and learnt all about the story of St Patrick. We made a rainbow and shamrock card to celebrate. We used small paintbrushes to ensure the colours of our rainbow didn't smudge together. We then printed the shamrocks using mini marshmallows and finished by writing Happy St Patrick's Day.



In Maths this week we have been exploring floating and sinking. We gathered some resources from around the classroom and predicted whether they would float or sink. We found out that it isn't always to do with the size of an object and sometimes surface area or density of the material can make a difference. It was good fun!



Year 1/2



In maths we have been learning about mass. We have used the balancing scales to weight objects and compare them by saying if they are heavier or lighter.



In English we have been looking at instruction writing. We had a go at following some instructions to make our own paper boats. Even the teachers had to have a bit of help!



Year 3/4



Science week!!! This week, to celebrate National Science Week (which has the theme of time), Year 3 and 4 investigated how to make bubbles which are longer than your average bubble! You would be amazed to hear the secret ingredient behind the incredible bouncy bubble mixture



Year 5



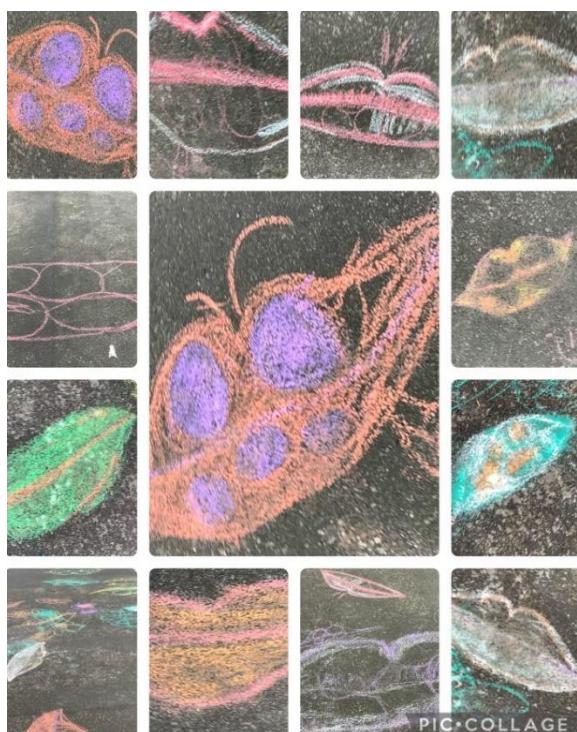
In Year 5 this week children have started reading a Book called 'The London Eye Mystery'.

To start our learning journey for English we began this week with the children taking on the role of a Tourist Guide. They browsed through famous Landmarks in London using a programme that gives you a virtual tour of each landmark. They worked in pairs to write a script for their chosen landmark and presented it to the class as tourist guides.

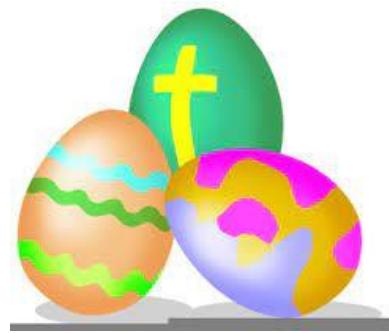


Year 6

Year 6 have been investigating how to form a realistic mouth in art. They took their learning outside to draw with chalk onto the wet concrete using the five-circle method. They observed the philtrum and the cupid's bow and used different colours to complete their designs.



Easter Events 2024



On Tuesday 19th March we would like to invite everyone to the Church for our Easter service at 10:00am. Children will lead a series of poems and songs to celebrate this special time.

On Friday 22nd March we are pleased to announce our St Paul's Easter Bonnet competition. We would like children to design and make an Easter bonnet and bring it into school on the day. Competition entries will wear their bonnets with pride and join in a parade for the whole school in the hall. Prizes will be given in each class for the winners and all entrants will receive a certificate. Be sure to look out for photographs on the website. We cannot wait to see the amazing creative bonnets!

And to celebrate the special event of Easter, all children will take part in an Easter egg hunt if hopefully the Easter bunny can find his way through the roadworks and down Garden Street!



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

19th March - Church Service 10:00am

21st March - World Poetry Day

22nd March - Easter Bonnet Competition

16th April - Parent's Evening (more info to follow)

