



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 26th January 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Good afternoon,

We have had another busy week at St Pauls with some really positive moments. The children are trying so hard each and every day, using and showing the values and starting to make good choices.

Our value of the week this week was Excellence and we have shared positive motivation videos with key messages about how we need to be "the best we can be!" We have also shared in assembly today a really special story called 'When Cheetah makes good choices'. Please ask your child about what they have learned from the Cheetah's week in school, and who helped him make good choices.

I have had lots of meetings this week with parents and it has been lovely to meet so many of you and have such positive experiences.

It was lovely to see so many smart black school shoes this week after the reminder on last week's newsletter. Uniform is so important for our school ethos and showing our value of Excellence. I will be sending out a school uniform and PE kit list before half term so that we know what is required and expected.

Attendance has improved this week and for this week only it has risen to above 97% which is fantastic. It is so important that children are in every day.

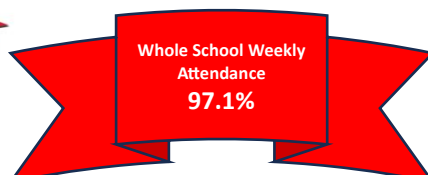
Each week in the newsletter we will try to give as much information as possible to help you to know what is happening in school and what events are coming up, as well as sharing the learning opportunities and special moments of your children.

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	98.7%
Year ½ - Mr Farmer	99%
Year ¾ - Mrs Carr	98.1%
Year 5 – Mrs Gul	97.1%
Year 6 – Mr Reynolds	92.8%



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.



Class	Winner!
Reception	Henry
Year 1/2	Evelyn
Year 3/4	Aaron
Year 5	Jethro
Year 6	Lena

Class	Winner!
Reception	Reuben
Year 1/2	Ryan
Year 3/4	William
Year 5	Veronika
Year 6	Ollie



"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
RESPECT

"And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Luke 6:31



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)

Y1 and Y6 NCMP 16th January



Please remember to keep sending your child in the correct uniform – and especially black school shoes and a tie!

Our beautiful children look so smart when they have full uniform and it really does make a difference to their attitudes to learning.

The disabled parking space is for blue badge holders only, and the other parking spaces are for our staff. Please take this into consideration when dropping off and picking up.

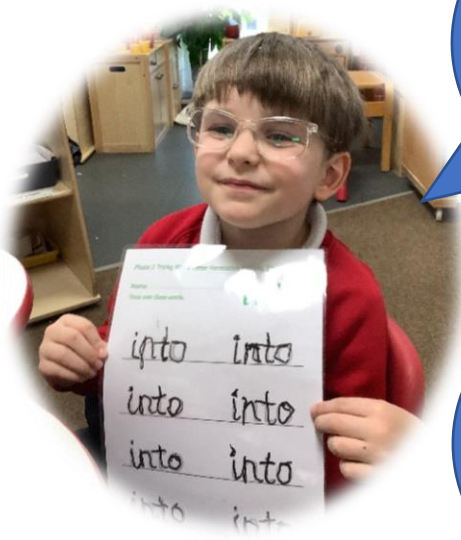
SAFEGUARDING CONCERNS

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



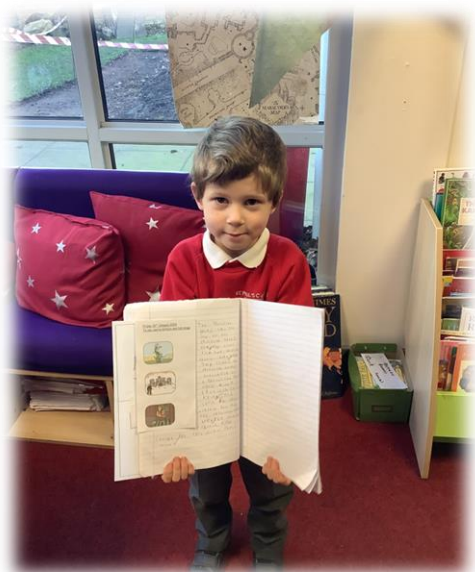
Joseph has been working so hard on his pencil control and concentration. He has improved immensely since he started, I am very proud of him!



Mohammad has worked really hard on his phonics and it is now paying off as his reading is becoming more fluent by the day. Well done!



Year 1/2



In our English we have been sequencing the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and writing about things that have happened in the past tense.



In maths we have been adding doubles together. We played a fun game where we rolled dice to find a double and then added them together.



Year 3/4

Year 3 and 4 this week have been practicing their 8 times tables by singing an 'Adele' cover of rolling in the deep replaced by times tables facts.

If you'd like to join in with your child, please click on the link below and they will sing for you!

[8 Times Table Song \(Cover of Rolling In The Deep by Adele\)](#)
([youtube.com](#))

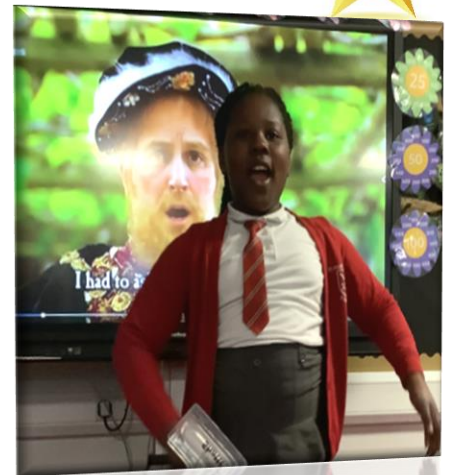


Year 5



During our science lesson this week, we used our knowledge of different properties of materials to help us investigate which material would be best to keep a packed lunch coolest for the longest amount of time. Firstly, we thought about our different materials and how we could use our knowledge of their properties to predict which material would be the best for the lunch box. We know that thermal conductors allow heat to pass through them easily, whereas thermal insulators stop heat from passing through them. This knowledge helped us to determine that we needed to find the best thermal insulator, which would stop the heat from entering into the packed lunch box.

Children in Year 5 are enjoying learning about the Tudors this term. This week they have all participated in learning a rhyming song all about King Henry's wives.



Year 6

Year 6 have worked so hard this week in maths. We have finished the week learning how to use a visual representation to support multiplying fractions together. Phoebe's work was beautifully presented and showed our value of Excellence, where she most has been the best she can be.





Dear Parent or Guardian,

Trespassing on the railway network is extremely dangerous and endangers not only the lives of those on the track, but also passengers, railway staff and the general public.

Many people - especially young people - fail to understand the danger they put themselves and others in, when they make the choice to stray onto the rail network. As the February half term approaches, we are encouraging all schools, parents and guardians to keep children safe and off the railway. This includes staying off the following:

- Walking along the railway lines
- Throwing stones at trains
- Placing objects on the railway lines
- Using the railway as a playground

I am sure you agree that all of the above activities are extremely dangerous.

The British Transport Police and Network Rail are seeking the support of parents, guardians and the local community to highlight the danger and implications of these activities to help us reduce the number of young people putting themselves and others at significant risk.

To assist with the conversation there are a number of online videos available and range depending on the age group of your child:

www.switchedonrailsafety.co.uk

www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/safety-in-the-community/safety-education/

www.youvrtrain.co.uk

Key Messages

- ✓ Trains are **ALWAYS** running on the railway and can differ in times meaning that you can never predict when a train will pass
- ✓ The Electricity is **ALWAYS** switched on around the railway
- ✓ Always **Stop, Look and Listen** before using a Level Crossing
- ✓ **DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE?**

Trespassing on the railway is also a **criminal offence** which can involve your child obtaining a criminal record and a fine of £1000.

If you wish to report any information to us, please call us on Freephone 0800 40 50 40 or text the information to 61016.