



WEEKLY NEWS



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WELCOME

It has been lovely to welcome both new and familiar faces this week. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. Welcome in particular to families that are new to St Paul's. If you have any questions then please feel free to contact class teachers or the school office.

We also welcome a new teacher to St Paul's. Miss Simpson began this week in Year 5. She is already familiar with the routines of St Paul's as she has trained with us for the last two years.

NEW YEAR = NEW LOOK

We hope you like the new look of our newsletter and that it contains all the information you need. An important addition is the table to the right which contains a list of upcoming dates. Once an event has happened, it will be removed and the next event added – ensuring that you are fully aware of events happening in the near future.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Have a look at Page 3 of the Weekly News. From next week, this will contain all attendance and punctuality information.

Having high attendance and arriving at school on time are crucial in order for children to make good progress – both socially and academically. In order to promote and reward good attendance, every class that meets (or beats) our school target of 96% will be awarded a 'point' on our display in the hall. The class with the most 'points' each half term will be rewarded with a non-uniform day. We will also be celebrating children who have high attendance each half term with certificates for those children who achieve 97% or above. We understand that illness is unavoidable; however unless a child has a long-term medical condition then there is no reason why they can't hit our target of 96%.

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
28/09/18	9am Macmillan Coffee Morning School Hall
10/10/18	2pm Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church
15/10/18	Book Fair
16/10/18	Book Fair
18/10/18	Individual & Family Photographs
24/10/18	Parents Evening
25/10/18	Art Themed Day details to follow
05/11/18	Inset Day
26/11/18	Flu Immunisation Rec – Year 5

A full Autumn Term calendar will be sent out early next week.

After School Clubs

Tuesday – Cross Country
15:15 - 16:15
Singing Club 15:15 - 16:15

Wednesday – Cross Country
15:15 - 16:15

**CHECK OUT
ATTENDANCE AND
PUNCTUALITY INFO
ON PAGE 3**

INSET DAYS

The 4 dates for the remaining INSET days are as follows:

1. 5th November 2018
2. 28th June 2019
3. 1st July 2019
4. To be confirmed

School will be closed to all pupils on these dates.

UNIFORM

The children are looking lovely in their uniform. Let's keep up this great start to the new year! Please remember that all uniform should be named so that it can be returned swiftly if misplaced.

WATER BOTTLES

We encourage all our children to drink water throughout the day to keep them hydrated. Children can bring a named bottle in to school, keep it in their classroom and refill it as often as they need to. This bottle must only contain plain, still WATER (no flavoured water or juice). We would like to assure the parents/carers of our younger children that they very quickly adapt to drinking water in school. We very much appreciate your co-operation and continued support.

PTA OPEN DAY

As you know we have a Parent Teacher Association in school. A strong PTA is vital to ensure the school offers a wide range of events that all families can participate in, and is fundamental in raising funds to help the school purchase extra items and equipment which will enhance our children's education. It can also be a fun and rewarding experience where parents can get together and make new connections and friends

On the 14th September Miss Hollis and Mrs Gay are holding an open day hoping to encourage new members to join them, and build a new formidable PTA team, please come along and see who we are, what we do and how you can help.

Three drop in sessions available:

9:00am – 9:30am / 2:30pm – 3:00pm / 5:30pm – 6:00pm

ADMISSION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2019/20

Secondary school transfer packs should have been sent home with year 6 children this week. The closing date for parents to return the forms to the Local Authority is the 31st October 2018.

CONSENT FORMS

Please ensure you return the consent forms that were sent home this week as soon as you can. This will enable us to resume using the texting service and inform us of how we can use photographs of your child taken in school (this includes the school photos that will be taken on 18th October 2018).

CONTACTING SCHOOL

Please note that there is a new email address should you need to contact school. The email address is admin@alverthorpestpauls.co.uk. Please use this email address in the first instance. The office team will then ensure the correct member of staff gets your email.

FINALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR MAKING ME FEEL SO WELCOME DURING MY FIRST WEEK! I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A LOVELY WEEKEND! *Lee Swift*

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
NURSERY		
RH		
R:1W		
1:2M		
1:2CS		
3HM		
4I		
5S		
6W		

WELL DONE TO WHO HAD THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK.

Attendance Indicators

96% + AT OR ABOVE SCHOOL TARGET

BELOW 94% - CAUSING CONCERN AND LESS CHANCE OF PROGRESS

90% & BELOW - PERSISTENT ABSENCE - SERIOUS ATTENDANCE CONCERN

WHOLE SCHOOL

Target - 96%

Actual - %

Punctuality

..... children arrived late for school last week. They missed a total of hours and minutes of learning time.