



WEEKLY NEWS



Issue: 19

Date: 01/02/19

Safeguarding

Again, phones and the use of them is causing issues amongst the children outside school, which we then need to deal with so learning is affected as little as possible. Please remember Facebook, Twitter and Instagram should not be used by children under the age of 13.

Keep an eye on how much time your child is spending on-line and make sure it does not interfere with activities such as socialising (face-to-face), exercising, eating or sleeping. Consider a ban on devices at mealtimes, do not play on them for an hour before bedtime and do not let them charge the devices in their rooms.

Lastly, talk regularly to your child about what they do/ have been doing on-line, who their friends are on the devices and check the content of the chats and messages they have sent.

These are all suggestions that you probably have already heard however, if everyone was to follow these, it would save both time (ours) and heartache (the children's).

Questions, Queries or Complaints

Please see the table below. This is the process that we would like you to take if you have a question, query or complaint.

Issue	1 st Contact	2 nd Contact	3 rd Contact
Class-Based	Class Teacher	Phase Leader	Mr Swift
Friendship	Mrs McClean	Phase Leader	Mr Swift
Break & Lunch times	Mrs McClean	Phase Leader	Mr Swift
Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Mrs Wood	Mr Swift	
Safeguarding	Mrs McClean, Mrs Somerville, Mrs Wood or Mr Swift		

Please discuss issues with the 1st Contact before moving to the 2nd Contact etc. Any emails sent to the wrong person would be redirected to the appropriate contact.

PHASE LEADERS:

- Miss Hollis – Early Years (Reception & Nursery)
- Mrs Somerville – Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)
- Mr Willmott – Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6)

After discussing things with Mr Swift, if you were still unhappy then you are within your right to escalate this to the Chair of Governors (Mrs Pauline Hilling-Smith). Information about this is available on the school website under 'School Policies' in the 'Key Information' section.

We aim to respond to emails within 48 hours (not including weekends).

Important Upcoming Dates

Date	Event
07/02/19	6W Class Assembly
13/02/19	3HM Class Assembly
13/02/19	Parents' Evening
14/02/19	DT Themed Day
06/03/19	PTA Event – Books Butties & Brew
07/03/19	World Book Day
21/03/19	1:2CS Class Assembly
25/03/19	Class Photos
27/03/19-29/03/19	Boggle Hole Residential – Year 4
28/03/19	1:2M Class Assembly
03/04/19	Easter Service 2pm Church

After School Clubs

KS1 Singing Tuesdays 15:15 – 16:15

Hockey Club 4th & 11th Feb

Dodgeball Club 6th, 13th & 27th Feb

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Parent Hub

We still have **113** children whose parents/carers have NOT downloaded the app so far! **Only two weeks to go until it is our only source of contact with you. We will no longer be using the texting service after the February holidays.**

If you have not yet downloaded the app, it is available free on iPhone and Android smartphones and tablets. If you are experiencing any difficulties accessing the app, or would like to give feedback on the app, please contact a member of the office staff.

School Trip Payments

In order to provide the best education we can, our pupils have the opportunity to visit many different places to enhance the curriculum. Each visit is carefully considered for its benefits and learning opportunities for the children. Unfortunately these trips can only go ahead if we receive enough voluntary contributions from parents. This is always stated on the trip letters that are sent home.

Although no child would ever be excluded from an activity because his or her parents are unwilling or unable to pay, if insufficient funds are received for any particular trip then we will have no alternative but to cancel them. Whilst I appreciate that it is extremely unfair on those families who have supported the school's desire to enrich the children's learning, we are not in a position to fund the trips without sufficient voluntary contributions from parents.

Haircuts

May we remind parents that extreme haircuts are not allowed in school. There is a current fashion for boys to have some very short and some longer hair on their heads. Hair should not be so short that a child's scalp is exposed nor should there be a very great difference in the length of the two sides.

Running Track

The opening of our new path around the school field will be taking place on Monday 4th February at 9:10am. Any parents who wish to stay and watch Mr Swift cut the ribbon may also join in on our inaugural lap. Running is optional! Once the path is opened children will be allowed to use it at playtimes and lunchtimes but we ask that at the end of the school day the path is not used and children go home using their normal route. Once the path is opened, children who were unable to walk to school may record laps to contribute to their 'Walking to School scheme' activity points.

Help St Paul's CE (VA) School to raise valuable funds...

Did you know that when you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for our school? There are no catches or hidden charges and whenever you buy or book anything online St Paul's School could benefit. There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Aviva, Trainline and Sainsbury's - **it doesn't cost you a penny extra!**

Please register now:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and sign up for free.

Enter **Alverthorpe St Paul's CE (VA) School 3-11Yrs** as your cause.

Shop - Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick or search for the retailer you want and start shopping. Everything is the same including the price.

Raise - After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Any questions please contact a member of the PTA team.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Attendance Update

CLASS	LAST WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
NURSERY	95.65	96.35
RH	85.45	96.05
R:1W	97.00	96.26
1:2M	95.86	97.74
1:2CS	99.29	97.33
3HM	94.44	96.29
4I	98.11	96.85
5S	96.39	97.13
6W	98.11	96.22

CONGRATULATIONS TO 1:2CS FOR THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK WITH 99.29%.

POOR RH HAVE BEEN PLAGUED WITH ILLNESS. LET'S HOPE EVERYONE IS ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY!

Attendance Indicators

98% + WELL ABOVE THE SCHOOL TARGET – OUTSTANDING ATTENDANCE

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%

Last Week –
95.98%

Year to Date –
96.71%

Punctuality

26 children arrived late for school last week. They missed a total of **3 hours and 41 minutes** of learning time!