



6th September 19

# News from St Paul's Walden

## Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We hope that you have all had a great summer break. We have all enjoyed hearing about all the things that you have been up to!

We are happy to welcome Mr Gallimore who is teaching in the Silver Birches, Mrs Foster in the Willows and Mrs Brady who is our new Office Manager.

All of the children have been settling back into school life and we are looking forward to another exciting school year.

The Nursery have Guinea pigs in their garden and have asked the school to remind parents to ensure that their children are supervised at all times when waiting outside the Willows classroom.

We would be grateful if you can ensure children do not touch the resources outside the Willows or the Nursery. Activities are often set up before school ready for the children to use and learning time can be reduced if the staff are having to setup activities again. Thank you for your understand with this matter.

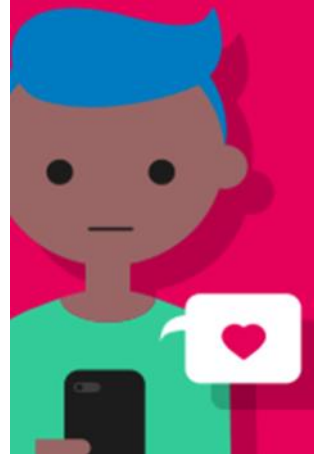
## Website

We have been busy over the summer, with the help of Anne Reid our Chair of Governors, we have created a new website. This will be going live in the next few day. We would appreciate your help with this, if you spot any errors or think that you could do with more information on a certain topic, or there is too much information! Please email your suggestions on how we can improve the site for you to Margaret at [admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk)

We will also be launching our school app to run in conjunction with the website later in the term!

Before and After School Clubs Timetable Autumn Term 2019	
<b>Monday</b>	8.00am Tech Club 3.15-4.30pm Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm Football Training
<b>Tuesday</b>	8.00am Choir 3.25-4.25pm Netball (Yr 2-6)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.00am Tennis 3.30-4.30pm Archery
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am Hockey
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am Streetdance 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports

The average child posts around 26 times a day on social media but only 6 out of 10 followers are real friends.



Online safety should be on every parent's checklist this school year.

That's why we've got information, advice and support for all your concerns about your child and the Internet. Showing you the best ways to keep them safe online, whatever they're doing.

Source: Virgin Research online survey

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### **Achievements Out of School**

If your child has any certificates or accomplishments that you would like to share please bring them into the school office and we will give them a special mention in the newsletter.

### **Aldi**

We are going to collect Team GB stickers from Aldi, to hopefully be able to get a school football kit for the school. If you are in Aldi and spend £30 or more you will receive a special Team GB athlete sticker. This promotion is available in store from 6th September to 3rd November 2019. Please bring any stickers you collect into the school office.

### **Healthy Selfie**

We are creating a display of all the fantastic healthy things that you get up to outside of school. We would love you to take a photograph of yourself doing a sporting activity and bring it in or email it to the school office so that you can be part of our display!

### **Clubs!**

Many of our clubs are struggling! We have introduced several new clubs this term but they are struggling to get enough children to make them viable, we desperately need your support otherwise unfortunately we will have no option but to cancel some of our before and after school clubs. Please refer to our clubs leaflet or contact the school office for more information.

### **We need your help**

We are holding a working party on **Saturday 5th October**. Our school grounds require some love and care, we would like the community to support us with this by giving up some time during that day or the whole day to help us. We will be tidying the grounds, undertaking general gardening, clearing weeds and debris, moving bark into the kitchen garden, clearing the pond area and painting the friendship bench,.

We will be providing the lunch! There will be hotdogs, burgers and refreshments available.

Please let the office know if you are able to attend so that we know how many people to cater for.



### Silver Birches amazing maths

Mr Gallimore and Mrs Jeffs, took the Silver Birches outside for an amazing fun maths lesson. The children raced from one end to the other, playing 1v1 games to answer a times table question as quickly as possible. If they won, they moved on, if they lost they went to the back of their line. When one player reached the other teams line, they received a point. All children thoroughly en-





## **Air Ambulance**

We are collecting plastic milk bottle lids to raise money for the Herts air ambulance. The lids are collected by a recycling company that then donates money to support this vital service. Every lid donated will raise extra money for this cause. There is a collection tub in the foyer for you to place them in.

## **Attendance**

Our attendance this week is **92.6%** - well done everyone!

Please endeavour to get children to school promptly by leaving home in plenty of time to get to school by 8.50am. Children should be at school between 8.50am-9.00am where they can take part in early morning learning. Late attendance is also regularly monitored by the Attendance Officer, and affects your child's school attendance record.

Registration is at 9.00am, and registers close at 9.15am. Doors into school and the Willows gate are both locked at 9.00am. If your child arrives after 9.00am, please sign your child in at the school office.

## **Contacting the School**

In order that the appropriate person can deal with any queries you may have in the most timely and efficient manner, please direct all general enquiries to the school office by telephone 01438 871241 or email: [admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk). This should include any absence notifications, pupil collection or pick up information, absence requests and details of medical appointments.

Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you need to speak about your child's learning or happiness at school.

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Best wishes

Nancy Adshead & the staff at St Paul's Walden Primary School

**Nancy Adshead**  
**Headteacher**

## Secondary School Transfer for Current Year 6 children

Applications for secondary admissions for September 2020 are now open until 31 October 2019. Your child should have received a 'Moving on' booklet which will provide further details.

Admissions information is also available here:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/>

### Open Days/Evenings are as follows:

Hitchin Girls' School	Tues 24 Sept 5.30pm-8.00pm Thurs 26 Sept & Wed 2 Oct – 9.30am-11.30am
Hitchin Boys' School	Weds 25 Sept 6.00pm-8.30pm Weds 25 Sept & Fri 27 Sept 9.15am-12.30pm
The Priory School Hitchin	Thurs 10 Oct 5.30pm-9.00pm Tues 15 Oct-Tues 22 Oct 9.00am-11.30am by appointment bookable on their website
Thomas Alleyne Academy, Stevenage	Thurs 19 Sept 6.00pm-9.00pm
The Barclay School Stevenage	Thurs 3 Oct 5.00-7.00pm
Roundwood Park School, Harpenden	Thurs 26 Sept 5.30-8.30pm
Sir John Lawes School, Harpenden	Wed 2 Oct 6.00pm-9.00pm
St George's School Harpenden	Fri 4 Oct 6.00pm-8.30pm Tues 8 Oct 9.00am & 11.30am
Sandringham: St Albans	Wed 18 & Fri 20 Sept and Mon 30 Sept & Tues 1 Oct 9.00am-10.45am by appointment



## ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL - Diary Dates 2019

Monday	9	September	12:00	Willows lunch
Sunday	15	September	5pm	Junior chorus panto auditions at the village hall.
Friday	13	September		Enrichment starts
Monday	16	September	8:50am	Willows children in full time.
Thursday	19	September	2:45pm	Rowans Class Assembly
Friday	27	September	All Day	Individual school photographs
Saturday	5	October	9:30-3pm	BBQ & working party day
Thursday	17	October	2:45pm	Silver Birches Class Assembly
Monday	21	October	3:45- 6pm	Parents consultations
Wednesday	23	October	4- 7pm	Parents consultations
Monday	28	October—1st November		Half Term
Monday	11	November	All Day	Oaks class trip
Thursday	14	November	2:45pm	Oaks class assembly
Thursday	28	November	2:45pm	Willows class assembly
Thursday	5	December		Whitwell Players Panto—Village hall
Friday	6	December		Whitwell Players Panto—Village hall
Saturday	7	December		Whitwell Players Panto—Village hall
Monday	9	December	1:05pm	KS1 and Reception nativity dress rehearsal
Wednesday	11	December	2pm	KS1 and Reception nativity performance
Wednesday	18	December	6pm	KS2 Sing along performance
Friday	20	December	2pm Finish	Last day of term
Monday	6	January		Inset Day
Tuesday	7	January		Children start back at school



## ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL - Diary Dates 2019

Thursday	13	February		Year 6 Reports
Monday	17 —21st	February	Half Term	
Monday	30	March	3:45—6pm	Parents consultations
Wednesday	1	April	4:00—7pm	Parents consultations
Thursday	2	April	2PM	finish for Easter
Friday	3	April		Inset day
Friday	8	May		Bank Holiday VE Day 75th anniversary
Monday	18th —22	May		Sports Week
Friday	22	May		Sports Day
Monday	25—29	May		Half Term
Monday	15—19	June		Food revolution week
Monday	29	June		KS2 dress rehearsal
Tuesday	30	June	6-7pm	KS2 Performance
Thursday	2	July	6-7pm	2nd KS2 Performance
	6,7,8	July		Hitchin Festival TBC
Friday	10	July		Reports sent home (except year 6)
Wednesday	15	July		Whole School Trip
Friday	17	July	2pm	Last day of term

In addition to the above dates, we would also like to warmly welcome parents and grandparents to attend our weekly Celebration Assemblies on Thursdays at 2.45pm.



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## St Paul's Walden School

### TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/19

#### Summer Term 2019

School starts for pupils:	Tuesday 23rd April
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6th May
Half-Term:	Monday 27th to Friday 31st May
Last Day of Term:	Wednesday 24th July finishing at 2.00pm

#### Autumn Term 2019

Staff Inset Training Days:	Monday & Tuesday 2nd & 3rd September
School starts for pupils:	Wednesday 4th September
Half-Term:	Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Last Day of Term:	Friday 20th December finishing at 2pm

#### Spring Term 2020

Inset Day	Monday 6th January
School starts for pupils:	Tuesday 7th February
Half-Term:	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February
Last Day of Term:	Thursday 2nd April finishing at 2.00pm
Inset Day	Friday 3rd April

#### Summer Term 2020

School starts for pupils:	Monday 20th April
Bank Holiday:	Friday 8th May
Half-Term:	Monday 25th to Friday 29th May
Last Day of Term:	Friday 17th July finishing at 2.00pm
Inset Day	Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July

*The school office will usually be open on Staff Training Days but check the current newsletter for confirmation. However, members of the teaching staff will not generally be available.*

*These dates have been fixed in consultation with the Pre-School. We will endeavour to keep these dates fixed but occasionally new or unavoidable circumstances could arise which would mean that a training day or the "occasional day" has to be rescheduled. Such decisions are not taken lightly and any such change will be communicated to all families in good time.*