



News from St Paul's Walden

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are well into the first half term now and the children have all settled back into school life.

Our Parent Consultation evenings will take place during the week commencing **21st October** and we look forward to sharing your child's learning and achievements with you.

Working Party Day

We are all set for our working party day tomorrow, **Saturday 5th October**. 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.

Don't forget we will be providing the lunch! There will be hotdogs, burgers and refreshments available. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you for your valued support!

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.

We would like to say well done to Nathaniel from Silver Birches Class who bravely had his head shaved at the Garage Sale Trail Day at the weekend to raise funds for the Dogs Trust.

Citizenship Award Certificates

We would like to say well done to ? for receiving a citizenship award this week.

Myrtila, Arundeeep, Alex, suneet

Gold Book Certificates

We would like to say well done to:

Danny, Sophie-May, Jaiden F Lily-Mei, Dorothy

for achieving a Gold Book Certificate this week. Keep up the good work!

Before and After School Clubs Timetable Autumn Term 2019	
Monday	8.00am Tech Club 3.15-4.30pm Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm Football Training (Yr 3-6)
Tuesday	8.00am Choir 3.25-4.25pm Netball (Yr 2-6)
Wednesday	3.30-4.30pm Archery
Thursday	8.00am Craft
Friday	8.00am Streetdance 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports

Guide to managing children's screen time

internet matters.org

Effect on behaviour
Constant use of a device and features like auto-play on platforms can be habit forming and encourage children to spend longer on screens.

Effect on the brain
Screens can have a drug-like effect on the children's brains which can make them more anxious. It can make children more forgetful as they rely on things like Google, GPS and calendar alerts to look up information.

Effect on sleep
Blue light from phones can trick the brain into thinking it's still daylight making it difficult to sleep.

What are the benefits?

- Gives children access to a **wealth of information** to build their knowledge
- Technology **takes away physical barriers** to social connections to make children less isolated
- Exposure to tech has proven to **improve children's learning and development**
- Online games and activities **enhance teamwork and creativity**



Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the week for next week are:

Willows - **Thomas**

Rowans - **Henry**

Silver Birches - **Jayden**

Oaks - **Pratham**

This is a time for your child to shine and share with the school things that they are proud of achieving. We feel that it is important that all children get the opportunity to be proud of what they can do. Last year some children shared a Lego model that they had completed and brought it in to show the school, we had pictures that they had created or they may want to talk about an activity that they enjoy doing.

The children will be sharing their achievements in our assembly on Monday 7th October. Thank you for your support.

Children will get an opportunity to say a few words about what they are good at or what they enjoy either inside or outside of school. The children are welcome to bring a prop or certificate in to school if appropriate.

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!

PTA Quiz

The PTA are running another fabulous St Paul's Walden PTA Quiz Night at the New Fellowship Hall in Whitwell on Saturday 5th October 2019. Further details can be found on our new website and ticket application is via the PTA page.



Foodbank Collections Required

We will be collecting donations for Letchworth Foodbank up until Wednesday 16th October, when we will celebrate Harvest at school.

The foodbank are in urgent need of donations of the following items:

Tea Bags

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Potatoes

Dried Potato (Instant Mash)

Sponge Puddings

Tinned Fruit

Tinned Rice/Custard

Juice (Longlife)

Jam/Marmalade

Dried Milk

Deodorant



Thank you Mr Dilley

We were very sad on Tuesday when Mr Street reported that the piano stool had collapsed! Luckily Mr Street was perfectly fine. We hoped that Mr Dilley would be able to come to our rescue and help us put it back together, sadly it was beyond repair.

On Thursday Mr Dilley arrived with a new stool which he has kindly donated. We are very grateful and would like to thank him for this very generous gift, I know that all the children who are learning to play the piano and the village voices will also be very grateful.

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.

Aldi

We are collecting Team GB stickers from Aldi, hopefully we will be able to get a some new football kit. 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

Attendance

Our attendance this week is - 95.7% 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. 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

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



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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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TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2019/20

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.