



# News from St Paul's Walden

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you to everyone who came along to our working party day last weekend. Everyone had a great time and it has made a massive difference to our outside area. Without parental and governor support it would not have been possible to make such an impact. We are intending to run another day in the Spring term, so if you were unable to join us this time we hope to see you then!



## Thank you from the PTA

We would like to thank everyone that helped, supported and attended the PTA quiz on Saturday. We would especially like to thank the Quiz Masters (Ali, Nick Kelly, Lisa & Tom Barnard) for the huge amount of time and effort they put into making the evening so enjoyable. It was an amazing evening and a fabulous fund raiser that would not have been possible without our outstanding

## Pupil Premium

Your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium, which can be used towards school trips, P.E Kit, equipment etc. To see if your child is eligible and apply, please visit Gov.uk.

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>	3.30-4.30pm Archery
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00am Craft
<b>Friday</b>	8.00am Streetdance 3.25-4.25pm Multi Sports



### **Achievements Out of School**

Well done to Albie and Freddie Rowsell, who took part in the Bedford Rugby Festival on Sunday 6th October for Hitchin Rugby Club in the under 7's and under 9's teams. As well as receiving a medal each for participating in the event, Hitchin RFC also won the Bedford Festival U7 Fair Play Award! What a fantastic achievement.

If your child has any certificates or accomplishments that you would like to share please bring



### **Citizenship Award Certificates**

We would like to say well done to

**Indiya, Nathaniel, Alex**

### **Gold Book Certificates**

We would like to say well done to:

**Tyler, Lexxy, Finley J, Henry Wilson-Dolan**

### **Stars of the Week**

Our Stars of the week for next week are:

**Willows - Gabriel**

**Rowans - Harry C**

**Silver Birches - Lisa-Lou**

**Oaks - Sophie-May**

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.



## Healthy Selfie

We have been 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!

## 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 Vegetable*

*Tinned Potatoes*

*Dried Potato (Instant Mash)*

*Sponge Puddings*

*Tinned Fruit*

*Tinned Rice/Custard*

*Juice (Longlife)*

## 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 be 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 collect into the school office.



### **Attendance**

Our attendance this week is 95.1%- 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**



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

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.



## St Paul's Walden School

### 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 January
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.*