



# News from St Paul's Walden

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our local Honorary Poppy Appeal organiser, Barrie would like to extend his thanks to the school community for our fundraising efforts and participation in the remembrance Sunday parade. We raised £75.53 for the poppy appeal, which is fantastic. Well done to Myrtilla and Danny for taking part in the village parade.

On Friday 15 November we had a non uniform day and held a cake sale for Children in Need. We raised a fantastic £128.32 so thank you for all of your contributions!



We enjoyed getting the children involved in our stamp out bullying campaign for national anti-bullying week last week. The children participated in odd socks day on Tuesday 12 November and later in the week all of the children coloured in a foot and made an anti-bullying pledge. We have now displayed these feet around the doors of all of our classrooms in school.

We are looking for parent volunteers to come in and read with the children in school. If you would like to get involved please contact the school office on 01438 871 241 or [admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk).

## Can You Help!

We have been asked to help support the Hitchin Partnership Hamper Appeal. They aim to provide support to families in the local area with a hamper at Christmas. The hampers ensure that these families are able to feed themselves over the festive season. We are looking for jars of pasta sauce as our donation towards these hampers. If you are able to help please can you bring the jars into the school office or with your child to their class teacher. We will be sending the jars on Friday 6th December.

Thank you for your support.

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 (Yr 3-6)
<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

# THINK

BEFORE YOU POST!

**T ~ IS IT TRUE?**

**H ~ IS IT HELPFUL?**

**I ~ IS IT INSPIRING?**

**N ~ IS IT NECESSARY?**

**K ~ IS IT KIND?**



### **Stars of the Week**

Our Stars of the week for next week are:

Willows - **Liv**

Rowans - **Jaiden**

Silver Birches - **Rory**

Oaks - **Isaac**

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 weekly assembly. 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 into school as long as it is appropriate.

### **Gold Book Certificates**

We would like to say well done to the following children for receiving a Gold Book Certificate this week:

**Harry C, Hugo**

### **Citizenship Awards**

We would like to say well done to the following children for receiving a Citizenship Award this week:

**Joseph M**

### **Achievements Out of School**

We would like to say well done to **George Drummond-Lines** who was awarded his level 3 swimming certificate this week!

*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.*

## PTA Christmas Fair

**The Christmas Fair will take place on 30 November** from 12pm-3pm. We are still in need of the following donations:

### Adult Tombola

Bottles of wine, cans of beer/cider, toiletries, unwanted gifts

### Kids Tombola

Sweets, Chocolates, new or nearly new toys, games, stationary, party bag bits

Mince pies and mulled wine for the café. It would be really helpful if we could have these in by 28th Nov so we know how much extra we need to buy.

Fake Christmas Trees and plain lights to decorate the grotto—We are looking for donations or just to borrow as many of these as possible. Please can you let us know asap if you have anything to donate or lend us so we can plan the grotto design . If you are able to lend us anything we will label them and ensure they get back to you early in the week after the fair.

### Cakes for the cake stall.

Please do let us know if you have any ideas for stalls or know anyone that would be interested in having a stall.

Many thanks for your continued help.

Carla & Rachel

## Panto visit

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to book a theatre company to visit us on Friday 13th December. The pantomime is called 'Our Incredible Story' we are all very excited and we are requesting a voluntary contribution of £5 to cover the costs of the event. The theatre company is going to use the village hall so that all the children will have a theatre experience!



### **Attendance**

Our attendance this week is 94.9% 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**



# PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO!!!!



FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019

5-6:30PM

£5 PER CHILD

£10 FOR A FAMILY TICKET  
(INCLUDES ALL SIBLINGS)

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES A  
DRINK, SNACK AND A GLOW  
STICK.

PRIZES FOR BEST OUTFIT  
AND BEST CHRISTMAS  
JUMPER!!



CHILL OUT AREA

A cartoon Santa Claus with a white beard, a red hat with a yellow pom-pom, and a red suit. He is positioned on the right side of the poster.

CHRISTMAS SELFIE CORNER!



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

Thursday	28	November	2:45pm	Willows class assembly
Thursday	28	November	afternoon	Rapid Fire Cricket Year 3/4 <b>New</b>
Saturday	30	November	12pm till 3pm	School Christmas Fair <b>New</b>
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
Friday	13	December		Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday	18	December		School Christmas dinner <b>New</b>
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
Thursday	16	January		Indoor Athletics completion year 5 & 6 <b>New</b>
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	11am—2:30pm	tag Rugby Years 3 & 4 <b>New</b>
Thursday	2	April	2PM	Finish for Easter
Friday	3	April		Inset day
Wednesday	23	April	3:30– 6pm	Quicksticks hockey year 4, 5 & 6 <b>New</b>
Friday	8	May		Bank Holiday VE Day 75th anniversary
Tuesday	19	May		Kwick Cricket Year
Monday	18th –22	May		Sports Week
Friday	22	May		Sports Day



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

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.*