



News from St Paul's Walden

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The PTA are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to our Christmas Fair this Saturday! The Silver Birches are hosting a stall offering smoothies, biscuits and games. We will also be selling special crafts that the children across the school have been making in their Friday enrichment sessions. Come along to visit Santa in the grotto (slots will be available to book on the day). There will be an adult and kids tombola and there are some fantastic prizes to win in the raffle so if you have not already, then make sure to purchase your raffle tickets. There will also be plenty of delicious food on offer, which you can enjoy with a glass of mulled wine to really get you in the Christmas spirit.

A group of 8 of our years 3 and 4 children went to Fearnhill School in Letchworth on Thursday to take part in a rapid fire Cricket Tournament. It was a great tournament and they came a respectable 4th in their group. Well done team!

Well done to our Willows class for their sharing assembly this week. They all did so well! We would also like to thank you for all of your cake sale donations.

Can we please ask parents to bring in any spare shoe boxes for our Oaks class for their World War 2 DT project.

Nut Free School

We would like to remind you all that we are a nut free school and kindly ask you to ensure that there are no nut based items in packed lunches and that any cakes donated to cake sales are nut free. May thanks in advance for your consideration and cooperation on this matter.

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

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

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.





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!

Magic Jewellery

Our children have been busy making some beautiful jewellery in their enrichment classes. We will have a stall at the Christmas fair selling our Magic Jewellery items at competitive prices, including; bracelets, keyrings, necklaces, friendship bracelets,

Reading Volunteers

We are still 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.

Stars of the Week

Our Stars of the week for next week are:

Willows - Dorothy

Rowans - Hunter

Silver Birches - Rosie

Oaks - Danny

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.

Gold Book Certificates

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

Sophia, Oliver, George, Jack

Citizenship Awards

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

Lucy, Nathan, Billy

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.

Silver Athletics Certificates Carrie, Charlotte



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



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



CHRISTMAS SELFIE CORNER!



ST PAUL'S WALDEN SCHOOL - Diary Dates 2019

Saturday	30	November	12pm till 3pm	School Christmas Fair New
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 New
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 New
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 New
Thursday	2	April	2PM	Finish for Easter
Friday	3	April		Inset day
Wednesday	23	April	3:30– 6pm	Quicksticks hockey year 4, 5 & 6 New
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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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 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.