



# News from St Paul's Walden

## Dear Parents/Guardians,

We would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for all of their hard work organising such a wonderful Christmas fair last weekend. It was lovely to see so many of our families and I am sure you will agree that the event was a great success. The PTA would also like to pass on their thanks to the Silver Birches class who hosted a stall at the Fair and the school children for all of their craft contributions. Thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped. Without this valued support, the day would not have been possible.

We are also very grateful for the amazing donation of £10,000 from the PTA towards 32 Chromebooks. We are all very excited and know that they will make a huge difference to the children and their learning. Without your support this would not have been possible, so we are all very thankful to everyone for their support raising money at our events.

## 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! **Can we kindly remind all parents to ensure that you log on to the school gateway to give consent for your child to attend the panto by the end of the day on Monday 9th December. Unfortunately, any children without consent will not be able to attend.**

## Reading Club

Last year we invested in our new accelerated reader books and the children have really enjoyed taking quizzes! To support pupils in school we will be launching reading club on Monday lunchtimes in the hub with Mrs Smith. Pupils may bring and share a book from home or one in the library. It is really important pupils are reading daily both in school and at home. Please ensure pupils bring their school reading books and reading records in daily, it is their responsibility to bring them into class in the morning.

We understand how hard it can be to find time especially at this time of year, however even 5 minutes a day can make a huge difference to your child. If you would like any further support with reading at home please contact the school office to book an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing 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

**GOOD ATTENDANCE**  
MEANS BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 94% OF THE TIME... OR HAVING NO MORE THAN 8 DAYS OFF!

**0** MORE TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS MORE TIME TO LEARN, DEVELOP & GROW!  
**DAYS ABSENCE** 100% ATTENDANCE

**8** DAYS ABSENCE 86% ATTENDANCE

**19** LESS TIME IN SCHOOL MEANS LESS TIME TO BECOME THE VERY BEST YOU!  
**DAYS ABSENCE** 80% ATTENDANCE

**29** DAYS ABSENCE 68% ATTENDANCE

**38** POOR ATTENDANCE MEANS UNSTABLY REDUCED LIFE CHANCES!  
**DAYS ABSENCE** 60% ATTENDANCE

**47** DAYS ABSENCE 53% ATTENDANCE

**EDUCATION + ATTENDANCE + EFFORT = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES!**



### **Christmas Tree**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Stagenhoe Farm for our beautiful Christmas tree. We are very grateful to you for your support.

### **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.

### **Christmas Hamper Appeal**

Thank you for all of your pasta sauce donations for the Hitch Partnership Hamper Appeal. Are being collected on Monday so if you have any last minute donations you still have time to get them to the school. They will help to provide hampers to families in the local area this Christmas.

### **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 [ad-min@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk](mailto:ad-min@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk).

### **Stars of the Week**

Our Stars of the week for next week are:

Willows - **Jack**

Rowans - **Ivy**

Silver Birches - **Lexxy**

Oaks - **Cecily**

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: **Rae, Hunter**

### **Citizenship Awards**

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

**Harry J**



### **Achievements Out of School**

We would like to say well done to Albie Rowsell for two fantastic achievements this week. Albie received his Stage 2 swimming certificate and also won Hitchin Rugby 'player of the week', which was awarded during the Under 7's Hitchin v's Royston RFC for fair play, try scoring, running and teamwork

We would also like to say a big well done to Carrie Mallett-Smith who achieved her Brown Belt Red Stripe in Karate at the weekend.

*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*



### **Silver Athletics Certificate Joseph M**

#### **Attendance**

Our attendance this week is 96.7% 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](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



CHRISTMAS SELFIE CORNER!



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

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.*