



St Paul's News



St Paul's Church of England Primary School vision :

Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me' Matthew 19:14.

We are all equally important, listened to and loved by God.



Dear Parents / Carers

This week's newsletter is a newsletter full of thanks, as a result of much kindness.

Last Friday the Neive Warwick Cup girls football tournament took place for the first time. Fortunately, the weather was good and it was well attended by family and staff. Thank you to the girls that took part to represent our school, and a huge thank you to Mr Barnes for organising this.

I would like to say another big thank you to Kate and Rachel who, following this week's PTA AGM have stepped down as our PTA Co-Chairs after a number of years. Thank you also to Nicky and Asta who have also stepped down as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Thank you so much for all your hard work organising events and raising money for our school. As a result of the PTA's hard work, we have had a large number of fun events for the children and their families to enjoy, which have resulted in much-needed funds for things such as resources and opportunities to enhance the children's learning. Thank you to Deb and Kay who have stepped up as Co-Chairs and Sarah that has stepped into the Treasurer role also. We have a great team in our PTA, and I hope you will all join me this year with supporting them with all their good work.

Last week I told you of some children and parents that helped to bring our fish tank back to life again. In my thanks I omitted to mention Mrs Riman, who also helped with this team effort. Thank you to you all for your kindness. The children love it.

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This term we have been joined by new parents in EYFS and some others also throughout the school. I, therefore, thought it a good time to clarify the school's position on emails and communication to avoid any confusion. Emails are only checked and responded to during normal school hours during term time only. So, any emails sent when staff have finished their working day, including weekends, will not be responded to until the next working day. Also, all emails relating to absences and changes to drop off and pick-ups, must be sent to the office. The office must know about these for attendance and safeguarding reasons. They will then notify the relevant staff about these.

Parents Evenings

Parent's Evenings will be taking place on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October.

Booking will open from Monday 7th October at 7.00pm and will close on Monday 21st October at 7.00pm.

Following on from the successful introduction of the School Cloud booking system, we will be continuing to manage the evening using this method.

Attached to the newsletter is a step-by-step guide on how to book an appointment. This is the same as the last parent's evenings, so hopefully will be familiar to you all. Please remember for these parent's evenings you are booking an appointment with your child's class teacher(s). For example, if your child is in 5/6A but is with Mr Hawkins and Mrs Young for maths then you would still book an appointment with Mrs Williams and Mrs Crow the 5/6A teachers.

If you do have any questions please speak to Mr Hawkins.

I hope you enjoy your weekend.

Matthew Bown
Headteacher

Christian Ethos Group

Colour and Pray

Take some time to colour together in the quiet. It doesn't have to be a religious picture, although there are lots on the internet to print! As you colour, enjoy God's peace.



House Points



St Andrew: 760

St David: 693

St Patrick: 578

St George: 736



Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meeting will take place on:

Tuesday 15th October at 9.00am.

The meeting will take place in the Breakfast Club Room at 9.00am.
Everyone welcome!

FOOD BANK

We would like donations of instant mash, squash (smaller bottles), tinned vegetables, and washing up liquid. There is a box outside the school office where you can place your donations. Thank you.

Lateness

This week there has been 136 minutes (over 2 hours) of lost learning.

We are carefully monitoring each individual pupils' time-keeping, working with Warwickshire County Council's Attendance Officer. Please see the chart below to show how this affects learning.

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	Your child would have lost approximately...	Or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

Neive's Arc

by Mr Barnes

Last Friday, after school, we hosted the inaugural Neive Warwick Girls Football Tournament. We invited Coten End, Clapham Terrace and Milverton to join us in remembering and celebrating our beautiful Neive.

Despite a horrendous week of rain, Neive sprinkled a bit of sunshine and the weather was perfect. Thank you to all parents, children, and staff who turned out to support this event; which was a huge success.

I was a little bit gutted we didn't win, but Coten End have promised to keep the trophy polished, and to bring it back next year.

Big Thanks also to Shirley, Neive's grandma, who came to present medals to all the girls.

Sports News

by Mrs Newbold

Cross Country



The first Year 5/6 cross country event took place last Saturday at the challenging Priors Fields Primary School 1.6km course.

Inclines, roads, fields and streams were faced and our Year 5 and Year 6 girls and boys met the challenges with enthusiasm and resilience. Well done to all, but a special mention to Finlay who must have learnt from last year how to run a 1.6km race. His pacing was spot on; achieving a top ten placing. After all the rain, the course was good, if a little muddy.

However Josh, in his new bright orange trainers, must have flown around; they looked new on at the end!

Sports News cont ...

It has been an extremely busy sporting week at St Paul's.

For the first time, Leamington FC, alongside CWSSP, are running three leagues throughout the year:

Y5/6 Boys' Football League

Y5/6 Girls' Football League

Y5/6 Netball League

We have entered them all, as you would expect! There are four dates throughout the school year where we play two matches against local schools each time.

The first matches were this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, after school.

All the football matches were on astroturf at St Nicholas Park, a new and fast surface for many of our players. The boys won one and lost one. The girls lost one and drew one. The netball matches were held at Bishop's Tachbrook Primary School and it was the first competitive matches for most of the team and led to two splendid wins.

The next round is in November.

Netball Club



We would welcome more players, boys and girls to the netball club held on Mondays after school. We have now opened it up to Year 4 as well as Years 5 and 6. If you are interested, please email the office.

Matches are planned, and our team played this week winning two matches. Well done to them all.

Flu Vaccinations

Any parents/guardians who did not submit their child's nasal flu consent form before the portal closed, or if your child was absent, unwell or refused on the day of the school session, can now book on and attend a local clinic venue for the flu vaccination. Appointments can be booked via the Swiftqueue link below:

<https://www.swiftqueue.co.uk/userlogin.php>

Kind regards,

Admin - Vaccination services
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust

☎: 01926 353899

Website: www.covwarkpt.nhs.uk

Twitter: @CWPT_NHS





Warwickshire Year 6 children are invited to apply for their secondary school place

Parents and carers of children who have just started in Year 6 are being asked to apply for their child's secondary school place by the deadline of 31st October 2024.

Last year, there were 7,172 children who applied for a Warwickshire secondary school place by the deadline, with 81% being offered their first-choice school and a further 14% being offered a place at another of their top three school choices.

Parents and carers have plenty of useful resources on Warwickshire County Council's website to help them decide on which schools to include on their application form. This includes a priority area map, a list of all local schools and a handy video to help them to make realistic choices of schools:

www.warwickshire.gov.uk/secondaryplace.

Families are also being encouraged to take some time to research their school options before applying, to make sure their choices are realistic.

Secondary school applications can be made online from the 1st September and must be submitted by 31st October 2024. National Offer Day for secondary school places is 3rd March 2025.

PTA

PTA Committee AGM

Our AGM was held on 30th September and it was great to see some new faces. We elected a new committee including new Co-Chairs, Secretary and Co-Treasurer (see email sent out today for more information).

We'd like to thank Rachel and Kate for all they've done over the last three years and the great projects they've led on, including:

- The school pond regeneration
- Installing Canopies in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds
- The second-hand uniform container

Thanks also to Nicky Whitehouse (outgoing Secretary) and Asta Sira (outgoing Treasurer) for all their contributions, and a big welcome to our Sophie Hodgson (Secretary) and Sarah Cox (Co-Treasurer).

Easy Fundraising

Easyfundraising is an initiative that gives a small amount of cashback to your chosen charity (our PTA!) every time you shop with certain retailers, including the big names like Tesco, JustEat, Argos, ASOS, USwitch and many more.

At the moment, they are giving a bonus £2 donation for every new sign up to the Easyfundraising app. Easy money for our PTA, at no cost to you!

If we get 10+ people to sign up, then we will get entered into a prize draw to win £150 for our PTA. This initiative ends 27th October so please sign up to the app before then. Select St Pauls PTA, Leamington and then sign up – it takes all of 2 minutes, thank you for your support!

Click [here](#) to sign up or download the app on your app store by searching for Easyfundraising.

Grants

We are looking for a volunteer who would be able to spare an hour or so a month to look, and apply, for any grants that we would be eligible for. If you think you can help, please get in touch via the email address chair@stpaulspta.org.uk

Sent on behalf of the PTA Co-Chairs - Deb Gunn and Kay Gaywood

St Paul's C of E Primary School PTA

For the latest news please check out our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/438367989531064/>

Charity No 505453



Reminders

Tuesday 15th October - Years 5 and 6 trip to the Space Centre, Leicester

Friday 18th October - Years 3 and 4 trip to Bosworth Battlefield

Friday 18th October - EYFS Harvest Festival in the School Hall

Monday 21st October - Individual School Photos

Wednesday 23rd October - Parents Evening

Thursday 24th October - Harvest Festival at St Paul's Church for Years 1-6

Thursday 24th October - Parents Evening

Friday 25th October - Teacher Training Day: School Closed to Pupils

Monday 28th October - October half-term – school closed for the week

Thursday 31st October - Deadline for Applying for a Year 7 Secondary School Place

Monday 4th November - School Re-Opens

Scholastic Book Fair - Monday 4th November to Friday 8th November

Friday 8th November - PTA Bag2school collection

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqgps-1229207?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Family Information Service Special Edition Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1229267?e=3e5007f40c>
- * Link to a padlet put together by EMTAS designed to support newly arrived/EAL families - <https://padlet.com/emtasadmin/warwickshire-support-networks-for-newly-arrived-families-17w1oinhjbndi0yc>
- * Parents Evening Guide
- * Myton School Open Evening flyer
- * Let's Play October Fun Days flyer
- * Tennis and Squash Oct half-term flyer
- * Happy News Issue 70