



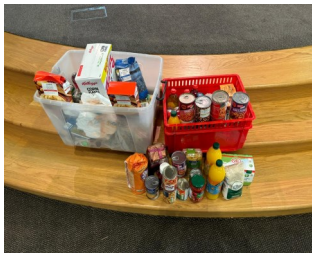
St Paul's News



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

Yesterday afternoon, and today, we held our parents evenings. I hope you all have had a chance to look at the work that your child has been doing so far this term, and a chance to speak to their class teacher (s). Apologies to anyone unable to do this due to unforeseen teacher illnesses. We will be in touch after half-term to provide alternative arrangements.

This morning we held our main Harvest Festival Service at St Paul's Church. Thank you very much for your kind donations for the local Food Bank. I had the pleasure of driving a car full of items to the Church for distribution.

I wrote to you last week sharing good news about our SIAMS Inspection. During this inspection, one area I was very proud to talk about, and which we were commended on, was our courageous advocacy. Sharing kindness and helping others is something we feel is important at St Pauls. When a suitable opportunity arises, we like to help if we can. One such opportunity has been brought to my attention; some of you may already be aware of this, as it is a local charity.

This year the charity 'Helping Hands' has a Shoebox Appeal. These shoeboxes will be distributed to the homeless and vulnerable in our local area. I invite you to join me, as a school, to support this Appeal. After half-term we will start collecting donated shoeboxes in school. We are able to take any donated shoeboxes until the end of November, when we will then pass them on to the Charity. We have supported Christmas shoebox campaigns before, and the last time we did this we collected over 100. I would be delighted if we were able to, once again, donate a considerable amount on behalf of the St Paul's family. It is a really kind and thoughtful thing to do on the build up to Christmas, and I would encourage you, if you are able to, to support this. Please find further details overleaf.

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Finally, after half-term, we will be supporting this year's Poppy Appeal. As always, we will be selling a number of items along with the poppies themselves. This will include rubbers, key rings, wrist bands, etc. If the children would like to purchase a poppy, these are through donations of your choice. The other items can be purchased for a suggested minimum donation of 50p.

I wish you all a lovely half-term break.

Yours sincerely

Mathew Bown
Headteacher



YES PLEASE:

- Toothpaste
- Socks/scarves
- Shampoo/Soap
- Body wash
- Creams
- Hairbrush/comb
- Deodorant
- Chocolates
- Sweets
- Coffee & meal vouchers
- Clothing vouchers
- Notepad/pen

NO THANK YOU:

- Sanitary products
- Books
- Gloves
- Diaries
- Flannels
- Handwarmers
- Games/cards
- Soft toys
- Hats
- Toothbrushes
- Blades
- Aerosols

Please keep the lid separate and attached with an elastic band, clearly marked whether it is for a male or female.

Christian Ethos Group

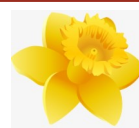
House Points

Pebble Prayer Tower

Find some pebbles. Think of a person for each pebble. They might need God's help, or they might just be someone you want to thank him for. Build a tower of them, saying each name as you place the pebble.



St Andrew: 775



St David: 595



St Patrick: 462



St George: 702

Parents Prayer Meeting

The next parents prayer meetings will take place on:

Thursday 7th November and
Tuesday 3rd December.

The meetings will take place in the
Breakfast Club Room at 9.00am -
9.30am. 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 53 minutes of lost learning (over four days).

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

Snacks



As many of you are aware, after school clubs are happy for children to bring a snack in with them. As we have a range of allergies in school, we would suggest that fruit is a really good option, as this is dairy and nut free.

School Library

Books

Our library has recently been revamped but, unfortunately, a lot of our most popular and much-loved books have seen better days.

We would like to kindly ask for donations of chapter books suitable for KS2 students.

We have received lots of requests from students for Tom Gates, Tom Fletcher, David Walliams, Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Pokemon, Dogman, Bunny vs Monkey, and football books.

If you have any suitable books at home and you would like to donate them, we would be extremely grateful.

Thank you



PTA

And, just like that, we've made it to the end of Autumn Term 1.

If all went to plan, your child should have come home with either Smarties or Fruit Pastilles for our Smarties Challenge (**info** is attached to this email). We've also set up a payee link here at [St Paul's School PTA](#) if you prefer to donate that way.

Coming up after half-term:

Bag2school—9th November: bring all bags to the main playground that morning.

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop— Friday 29th November: flyer attached with all the details and you can now book online at [St Paul's School PTA](#)!! Tickets are limited and will go fast, so book your space while you can!

Random Request No 1 - we will need donations of glass jars after half-term, not too huge - big enough to put a tea-light in - so if you could start saving them, that would be great!

Lots to come in December - and if you want to save the dates then all the details are on the attached flyer labelled '**Coming up Autumn Term 2**'.

Have a great half-term break all and thanks for your support!

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



Contact Details

If you have not already done so, please complete the contact details sent out last week so our database is kept up-to-date. Thank you.

Reminders

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

Monday 4th November - Hand Smarties/Pastilles Back In

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

Friday 8th November - PTA Bag2school Collection

Friday 29th November - St Andrew's Day

Friday 29th November - PTA Wreath Workshop

Friday 6th December - PTA Second-hand Toy Sale

ATTACHMENTS AND LINKS TO ONLINE RESOURCES

- * Family Information Service Newsletter go to <https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqgps-8826680?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>
- * Parenting Project Autumn Newsletter 2024 <https://mailchi.mp/f860808d81b2/parentingprojectautumn-2024-newsletter-13870267>
- * PTA Autumn Term 2 PTA Events poster
- * PTA Wreath Workshop poster
- * PTA Smarties Challenge flyer
- * Barnardo's Jumble Sale flyer
- * Charity Jigsaw Fair flyer
- * J C Soccer half-term flyer
- * Sydni Centre Winter Fayre flyer