



Paulton Infant School Newsletter No. 6 February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 4 2018. This term our Gem Power focus is on Pearl Power. Pearl Power is all about honesty and telling the truth. In assembly, we discussed how easy it is to say something untrue and how it can quickly escalate.



School Council have been working with Marksbury and Farmborough School Councils to consider best to launch Pearl Power. The photograph shows a team building challenge to create a shelter where they could share their ideas. The children suggested a whole school assembly amongst other ways to share this new gem.



SMSAs

If you know anyone who would like to work for us as a casual SMSA, please do ask them to call in at the office. We are always on the lookout for someone who can step in at short notice. The lunchtime staff are a warm, friendly and helpful team and do a great job supporting play outdoors as well as helping the children with their lunches.

DANCE UMBRELLA



The children are busy practicing their Dance Umbrella routine ready to perform at the Bath Forum on 13th March. I am really looking forward to seeing their energy, enthusiasm and creativity at work this year and they are a real credit to our community. If you are unable to watch then you will be able to see the children perform their dance at Paulton party in The park later in July.

VOLUNTEERS

We are really grateful to all our parent/grandparent helpers as we couldn't do all the exciting things at school and make such great progress without out them.

We do need to carry out DBS checks for all volunteers and if you already volunteer at another BANES school and use the update service, we can make use of your DBS form already. If you have a different role within BANES and would like to volunteer, unfortunately we will need to apply for a separate DBS check.

We are always grateful for all the help offered with Forest School, swimming and reading. Please see the office or your child's class teacher if you are able to help.



BOOK WEEK

This week we are holding a 'Book Week' to further promote the children's love of reading. We are kick starting the week with an annual visit for renowned story teller Cassandra Wye. Last year Cassandra enjoyed our school so much that she asked to come back and test out some stories she was working on for NASA!



On Tuesday, children will be encouraged to 'Read with a friend'.

On Wednesday we will be sharing poetry and Mrs Upham has organised a poetry slam for the afternoon!

As Thursday is 'World Book Day' everyone will be able to dress as their favourite character

Finally on Friday we will be encouraging children to share a story with an adult for 'Read with a grown up' day.

It all looks to be great fun!



SCOOTERS



Whilst we promote scooting to school, please can we remind you that we do not take responsibility for any scooters lost or stolen. Please can you clearly name your child's scooter and if you are able to lock it in the scooter parks provided, then please do. Unfortunately two scooters went missing recently and whilst the gates are locked throughout the school day, it does become very busy at drop off and pick up times and it may be easy for children to mistakenly collect the wrong scooter.

COLD WEATHER



We are still forecast some very cold mornings -1, -2, -3 and it can be very tricky at Playscape if the children are not kitted out with gloves, hats and scarves as well as some extra layers. Please ensure your child can make the most of their Forest School learning and fun by ensuring you have provided the correct outdoor gear.

ATTENDANCE AT TERM 3

Attendance to date	
Ruby	95%
Jade	95%
Opal	95%
Emerald	97%
Diamond	97%
Sapphire	97%
Amethyst	96%
Topaz	97%
TOTAL	96%

Please don't be alarmed if I ask to meet you to discuss your child's attendance, following standard attendance monitoring processes. We can all work together to ensure our school fully understands your child's needs and signpost any school nurse or other support as necessary.

KS1 SATs and Phonic checks are taking place in Term 5 and 6. Good attendance and arriving at school on time will help your child gain confidence in their abilities and ensure they don't miss key chunks of learning. When children miss a lesson that is about a fundamental concept, it can make it harder for them to understand the learning taking place.

SCHOOL COMMS



We have now engaged the services of a company called School Comms to support us with communication between home and school. We will be able to send texts as normal and now also e-mail letters and newsletters to everyone. Messages with regards to attendance can be sent to school and saved directly to our attendance register which is also very helpful.

To ensure this system works effectively, it is important you keep us updated with telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.

PTA

All calendar money is now in and we have made an amazing profit of £1460. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of those that helped with this event and look forward to putting one together again in the future.

Our Christmas Fair was a big success again and made £2000.

In March we will be holding a raffle, there will be three baskets up for grabs containing all sorts of goodies. Tickets will be on sale at school towards the end of next term. If any one is interested in joining the PTA, there is a Facebook page or you can speak to myself (Carolyn Birch) or Faye Gunstone.

Also, please don't forget to put your coins in the Paulton Infant School slot of the Tesco collection bank!!!

DECORATED EGGS



This year we are holding an Easter Egg decorating competition. Please send your child's decorated egg to school on either Thursday 21st or Friday 22nd March. The PTA will judge the competition so please ensure your child's name is written somewhere with their entry so we know who to contact. All entrants will receive a Cadbury mini egg and there will be prizes for the winner from each class. Good luck!

DATES

- 13/03/18 Dance Umbrella
- 22/03/18 Egg decoration judging (PTA event)
- 23/03/18 End of Term 4
- 09/04/18 Term 5 begins

Kind Regards,

Julie Hogan February 2018

