



# ST. PAUL'S NEWS

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## PTA Bingo Night



Friday saw the first PTA event of the year and a new addition to the school calendar – a Bingo Night! It was a wonderful turnout and fantastic to see so many families supporting this event. The PTA have a number of events planned over the year to support our school so please give your time if you can help!

## Annual Football Tournaments

Both the boys and girls football teams took part in the annual football tournaments at Dartford's Princes Park this week. This is an essential competition to work towards the Sports Mark. Despite the boys losing their first game, they were able to compete in their other games and finish second overall! The girls had their turn on Friday and performed very well considering it was the first time that they had played together with a number of standout performances and potential seen. This was the first of many games this season for both teams and we look forward to watching them develop as a group, over the coming months.



## Birch visit to Hall Place

Birch took part in their first school trip to see the owls at Hall Place, Bexley. This linked to their termly text of Owl Babies, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. The children had the opportunity to hold an owl and learn about their habitats and how they live; including learning about how



owls survive in the wild, what they like to eat and their nocturnal habits. They had a wonderful time and were a credit to themselves and the school.



## Visiting Teachers

In the past week and a half we have had 5 visitors come to school, having heard about work we are doing around the curriculum. Three teachers from Hextable

Primary visited to see the changes to Year 1/2 and the new play based curriculum that we have put into place. One was the Senior Improvement Advisor for the West of Kent looking at Oak and Destination Reader and the other one was a Headteacher from Maidstone looking across the school. All were very impressed with the behaviour of the children, the learning environment and our plans for the next academic year.

## Parking

Parking continues to be a problem up and down School Lane, with a number of drivers displaying very dangerous driving. In particular are people turning in the drive, mounting the pavement and double parking, making it difficult to move. Can I please I ask that you are mindful of others when parking and not turning in the drive. If you have any ideas about how to reduce parking please do speak to me. We are looking for anyone that is willing to volunteer as Road Crossing Patrol at the start and end of the school day; training would be provided for this.



## Road Safety

## Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

Headteacher Hot Chocolate is a chance for someone across the week, child or adult, to have Hot Chocolate with Mr Hulme. This is awarded for stepping out of your comfort zone, going above and beyond, being polite and kind or being recognised by another member of the staff for something. This week it went to Jayden!



## Attendance

Whole School Attendance: 93.33%		
Class	Attendance %	Minutes Late
Birch	96.7%	0
Oak	92.3%	8
Beech	93%	4
Maple	94%	15

## Letters sent this week

- Royal Albert Hall Primary Proms Y4
- Dartford School Games Quickstick Y3-6
- Oak Class Visit to Kent Life
- Beech Class Visit to Newhaven Fort

## Events

30.09.19	Beech to Newhaven Fort Oak to Kent Life
04.10.19	Maple to Horton Kirby Harvest Festival – 2.30 p.m. PTA Movie Night

Value of the Term: Inquisitive

'Life in all its fullness' John (10:10)