



ST. PAUL'S NEWS

'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

It was wonderful to have the school gathered together, along with parents and carers at St. Paul's Church, to celebrate Harvest. Traditionally a time when communities comes together to support those that grow our crops and supply us with food, harvest is a chance to thank God for all that is supplied to us. Rev Johnny Douglas started our service off by exploring the things that we want in life and the joys we get from the world. He pointed us in the direction Psalm 118:24 which says, "This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!". It was lovely to hear each class perform in front of an audience for the first time this year; especially Birch class, who have only been at school for a few weeks. Thank you for all those who managed to donate to the 'Community Compassion Fund'. We raised an incredible £172 which will directly help our local community in both Swanley Village and Hextable. We look forward to the next service which shall be our Remembrance Service.

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MESSAGE FROM MR JOHNSON

Community has been at the heart of this week. Firstly, we have been overwhelmed by the school community's generosity in supporting the 'Community Compassion Fund.' Together, we raised an astounding £172, a contribution that will have a profound and immediate impact on the lives of local individuals and families in need. With this latest donation, our collective charitable efforts have now reached an impressive total of £281, underscoring our commitment to making a meaningful difference. Thank you for your unwavering support and for embodying the spirit of compassion that defines our community. On Thursday, I had the opportunity to meet with the Parent Council. This meeting was full of useful dialogue that is now able to inform decisions that we make at St. Paul's. I look forward to working closely with the Parent Council this academic year. I wish to take this opportunity to remind you that everyone is welcome to come along and be part of this council community. Year 6 also visited Emerson's Care home to share poetry they had created. This was a wonderful, community-driven moment, that highlighted the wonderful opportunities our children have to share their learning and use it to open doors to rich opportunities. The words of Coretta Scott King have struck with me this week and I would like to leave you with them, "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members".



J Johnson

NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2023

Our Year 6 children had a wonderful experience visiting Emerson's Care Home in Hextable on National Poetry Day. They eagerly shared their poems, which were inspired by the Industrial Revolution, with the residents. We were immensely proud as the residents complimented our children on their exceptional behaviour, impeccable manners, and eloquent performances of their poems. It was heart-warming to witness the strong connections that the children formed with the residents during this visit. One touching moment was when a child discovered that a resident supported the same football team and they engaged in a spirited conversation about players from the past and present. This visit exemplified the power of poetry and community, leaving lasting memories for our children and the residents alike.



PARENT COUNCIL



On Thursday, the Lodge hosted the first Parent Council of the year. This gathering was marked by invaluable discussions that will significantly influence the decisions we make at St. Paul's. Among the topics delved into were homework, the seamless transition of our children to new year groups, and the various measures our school has in place to support emotional well-being. It is important to stress the role that the Parent Council plays as a two-way bridge between our school and your homes. Please ask your representatives to feedback any of the discussions from the meeting. I eagerly anticipate working closely with the Parent Council throughout this academic year, to further enhance our school community and would like to thank the members for giving up their time. I would also like to take this opportunity to extend an open invitation to all interested individuals to join our council meetings. Furthermore, we are currently in search of a Birch Class Representative, and if you are interested, please do not hesitate to reach out and let me know. Your participation and insights are important to us.

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Reception Class

Open Days 2024

St. Paul's Church of England Primary School



Are you a Parent or a Carer with children starting school in September 2024?

If so, come and see St. Paul's Church of England Primary School in Swanley Village. We are a small school with 15 children in each year group, offering a wide range of exciting activities and opportunities for all of our children.

You will have a chance to see the school and classrooms in action, and speak to the children and staff. Please telephone the School Office on 01322 664324 or e-mail office@st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk, with your preferred date.

For more information please view our website at www.st-pauls-swanley.kent.sch.uk

Ofsted

Good Provider

Wednesday 27th September 9.30 am	Monday 9th October 2.00 pm	Monday 6th November 2.00 pm	Thursday 7th December 9.30 am
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St. Paul's PTA presents...

Crazy Hair Day

MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

COME INTO SCHOOL WITH CRAZY HAIR FOR A DONATION OF £1 TOWARDS THE PTA. COLOURED HAIRSPRAY, BOWS, CLIPS, SPIKES, CURLS, BRAIDS

NO PERMANENT HAIR DYE
PE KITS TO BE WORN AS NORMAL

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A VIEW FROM THE CLASSROOMS



BIRCH

OAK



BEECH

MAPLE

