

St. Paul's C.E. Primary School (Crompton Street - Walkden) NEWSLETTER – 113 14

Dated: Friday 5th September 2014

Dear Parents

A warm welcome back to our new academic school year. A special welcome to those who have joined St Paul's for the first time, including our new staff members, Mr Robert Woodward, Miss Sophie Little, Mr Ben Silver and Mrs Fiona White. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We have enjoyed welcoming everyone back to a busy, yet exciting new term. All of the staff have worked really hard to prepare school to welcome back the children and it has been lovely to see all the happy, smiling faces as I have walked around school this week.

New Curriculum

Following the presentation of our new learning challenge curriculum, please look out for the Autumn 1 term overview for your child's class which will be coming home to keep you up to date on what your child will be learning. If you would like to refer to these at any time, these curriculum overviews are also available in each of the year group pages on the school website www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk

Uniform reminders

The children are looking really smart for the beginning of the year, thank you for this. Please can I remind you that jewellery is not to be worn in school. If children's ears have been pierced, plasters should be worn over any earrings at school. Due to Health and Safety reasons, children will be asked to remove earrings for PE as advised by the Association for Physical Education once the 6 week period of healing has been completed. This is to limit risk of injury as there is increased risk of injury with the wearing of earrings. Please remove

earrings on PE days prior to school as children will be responsible for their own earrings if they are removed in school.

Converse or canvas shoes are not school uniform and so I would ask that children wear black school shoes please.

Please can I also ask that nail polish is not worn in school and also children's socks and tights are red, white or grey. Thank you.

Changes of details

Please can you ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes in details including changes of address and telephone numbers.

We will be sending the data collection forms home for parents to check that all the information we hold is correct. It is also important that all medical information is recorded and children with ongoing conditions have a Care Plan in school.

School Fund

We do invite parents to make a voluntary contribution of £1 per week towards a 'School Fund'. This money is used to cover the extra curricula activities that the children enjoy throughout school. These include contribution to school trips, transport to events, visitors into school, i.e. author visit, baking ingredients, raffle prizes, treats and many other expenses too numerous to mention. This can be paid weekly, termly or yearly.

We do thank the parents who regularly pay school fund as without their contribution we would not be able to provide the same level of

enriched curriculum that our children receive and enjoy.

Outdoor play reminders

Please can you ensure that children do not play on the outdoor equipment before and after school. Children should be supervised at all times by a member of staff on this equipment so shouldn't be using the equipment outside of the school day, and if children are found to be on the equipment at these times, we will not accept liability for any incidents occurring.

Health and safety

For health and safety reasons please use the path around the car park and do not cut across the car park, as lorries do enter in and out of school. Due to the design of the car park drivers have raised concerns that they cannot see people walking behind them.

Outdoor PE kit

As the weather becomes cooler we have made the decision that pupils can wear jogging pants, a sweatshirt and trainers for outdoor PE sessions. If children choose to have an outdoor kit these should be a dark colour, navy or black and have no logos on them. These can be bought quite cheaply from the school uniform sections of large supermarkets. Children will be asked to wear their usual PE Kit and jumper if their outdoor PE kit is not in line with the policy to ensure consistency.

Emails

If you would like newsletters and communication by email please let Mrs Kent know your email address to add to our list. Alternatively please email office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk requesting adding to the email list.

Staffing

Our teachers and pupils are ably supported by highly experienced support staff in school who help to support and extend teaching and learning.

Our support staff team work across all year groups and this year the following staff will be supporting in school:

Mrs Blears
Mrs Parker
Miss Billington
Mrs Holden
Mrs Jones
Mr O'Reilly
Mrs Pratt
Mrs Hills
Mrs Wilson
Mrs White
Mr Silver

Mr McCarthy has taken on the role of Deputy Headteacher in school, Mrs O'Reilly the role of Curriculum team leader with responsibility for KS2 and Miss Steadman the role of Curriculum team leader with responsibility for KS1 and EYFS.

Reading

We will again be encouraging children to develop a love of reading. Every class has a newly developed reading area. Many thanks to all parents who supported their children reading with bug club over the holidays, we really do appreciate it. Please encourage your child to continue furnishing their treehouse by reading even more online!

Class assemblies

Class assemblies will this year be combined with a class open morning. Following the assembly there will be an opportunity for you to spend time in your child's classroom where they can show you their work as well as their learning in our new learning challenge curriculum. There will also be an opportunity for you to have a tour around school, led by our Year 6 prefects, to see school in action on a daily basis, as well as see some of the developments in school that have happened over summer.

After school clubs

All after school clubs will begin week commencing 15/9/14 and end w/c 20/10/14 If

your child requests a place at one of our after school clubs, please ensure that they attend weekly as places are always limited and it is essential for good attendance at these clubs. Please be aware that where a child has committed to the club and does not attend regularly with no good explanation, serious consideration will be given as to whether to offer them a place in future clubs. Please look out for the after school letter being sent out with more information.

Free School Meals

Please can we ask that even if your child is entitled to infant free school meals, if you know you would have been entitled to free school meals prior to this please still register as this information does have an impact on our funding. Please ring 01619096508

Attendance and holidays.

We will be following LA guidelines for families who take holidays during term time. Please be aware that the DfE have given guidelines that family holidays cannot be authorised during term time and unauthorised absence can result in fines for pupil's non- attendance at school.

Autumn Term calendar of events.

15/9/14 – Presentation week
17/9/14 – Fundraising meeting 3.45pm
Wc 22/9/14 – Robinwood and Kingswood meeting – please look out for the letter with more information on dates and times
29/9/14 Harvest Week
3/10/14 Harvest Church visit 9.00am – please come and let us know if you can help us in walking to and from church.
10/10/14 – Y6 class assembly and open morning.
16/10/14 – Fundraising group Christmas shopping evening
17/10/14 – Y4 class assembly and open morning.
w/c 20/10/14 – EYFS Workshop in school – please look out for further information and dates

School closes for half term – Friday 24th October 2014 and reopens Tuesday 4th November 2014.

Some advance dates for your diaries too!
11/11/14 and 12/11/14 – Parents evenings
11/11/14 – School photos
Wc 10/11/14 Extra curricular clubs begin
Wc 8/12/14 Extra curricular clubs finish
Wc 8/12/14 EYFS Christmas workshop – dates to be confirmed
16/12/14 Christmas performances – EYFS/KS1 9.30am and 6.30pm KS2 – 2.15pm
17/12/14 Christmas performances – KS2 9.30 am and 6.30pm EYFS/KS1 – 2.15pm
18/12/14 and 19/12/14 – Christmas parties – more details to follow.

Please keep these dates free as we do ask all pupils to be in school for these performances. If you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to come and speak to any of the staff, or myself in school, we are always here to help. We look forward to continuing to work together.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan
Headteacher