

# St. Paul's C.E. Primary School (Crompton Street - Walkden) NEWSLETTER – 115 15

Dated: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Parents / Governors,

## **Events in school**

Over this term we have had a number of events happening in school. Please have a look on the latest events section of the school website where photographs of the activities can be seen.

[www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk](http://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk)

## **Harvest Week**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest week and made it a big success. We are pleased to let you know that we raised a grand total of £507.83 which will be used to continue support for our sponsored child, Winston and a donation which has been sent to Macmillan to assist in the valuable work of this charity.

## **Shoeboxes**

Thank you again to all families who supported the shoebox appeal this year. Andy Pease, a colleague of Mr Boyden's from the RBS, will be taking these shoeboxes to Romania to give to the children.

## **Christmas Shopping Night**

Many thanks to everyone who attended the fundraising Christmas Shopping evening. Again this was a great success and a lovely evening was had by all who attended. Many thanks to the fundraising committee for organising the event and to the stall holders for attending.

## **After School Clubs**

By now you will have been informed if your child is due to start one of the clubs that are taking part after the half term break. All after school clubs will begin w/c Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Some of these clubs are external programmes linked to particular areas of the curriculum and have limited numbers. These will be more appropriate to selected children so please be aware of this when the letter says open to selected children. There are spaces available in some of the existing clubs and letters have been sent to classes to invite children to join the new clubs. Full details are available on the school website or if you have any questions please contact the school office.

## **School Building Work**

Over the half term break building work will be beginning on a new school entrance. Please bear with us whilst this important work is underway. Any updates will be posted on the school website.

## **Water Bottles**

As we are a healthy school, please can you ensure that water only is in the children's water bottles. This is due to the effects on children's teeth of drinking juice throughout the day. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

### **Uniform and jewellery**

As our Uniform policy states please can you ensure that all jewellery is removed for school, including earrings. This is for health and safety reasons and children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them following the 6 week piercing recommendations. As we are approaching winter too please can I ask that all children are in correct uniform, including red school jumpers or cardigans as well as school coloured tights and socks. Since we also play out in all weathers please can I also ask that all pupils have a warm winter coat and appropriate school shoes, with named hat, scarf and gloves, for being outside. Thank you.

### **Sports**

Our school football team have begun their games for this season and did a fantastic job representing school. Year 2 also represented school playing in the Manchester United Football festival and we are very proud of them all.

### **Christmas Shows**

We can now give you advance notice of the dates for the Christmas shows so that you can make any necessary arrangements to be able to attend your child's performance.

#### *Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December:*

9.30am – KS2 performance  
2pm – EYFS and KS1 performance  
6.30pm – KS2 performance

#### *Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December:*

9.30am – EYFS and KS1 performance  
2pm – KS2 performance  
6.30pm – EYFS and KS1 performance

Further details will follow closer to the time.

### **Parent's Evenings**

Parent's Evenings are being held on Tuesday 11th November from 3.30 – 6.00pm and Wednesday 12th November from 3.30 – 7.00pm. If you haven't already done so please arrange an appointment time with your child's teacher.

### **Poppies**

We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal and poppies are on sale in school up to Remembrance Sunday. Donations of at least 50p are recommended.

### **Children in Need**

This year we will be supporting children in need on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be encouraged to make a minimum donation of £1 to dress as a superhero in line with the theme for the day "Be a Hero"

### **Road Safety Sessions**

Children in Y4 and Y5 took part in a Road Safety Session this week. Many thanks to the road safety team for delivering this.

### **Christmas Fair**

In preparation for this year's Christmas Fair we will be holding two non-uniform days when we ask children to bring an item for the Fair in return for not wearing their school uniform. The dates for these are Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November. We are asking classes to collect specific items this year as follows:

Nursery - chocolate / toiletries  
Reception - toiletries / new small toys  
Year 1 - new small toys / cakes or biscuits  
Year 2 - chocolates / sweets  
Year 3 - Christmas items / new small toys  
Year 4 - Chocolates / bottles  
Year 5 - gifts / Christmas items  
Year 6 - Bottles / gifts

We are also collecting Jam jars filled with a variety of items – e.g. sweets, pens etc. Cakes and biscuits can be brought in on Friday 28th November please.

### **Attendance**

The overall attendance for this half term is 97.2%. The target of 95.8% is set by the Local Authority. Thank you to the children who have attended so well.

### **Open Mornings**

Many thanks to all Y6 and Y4 parents and friends who came to support Y6 and Y4 in their assemblies and activities following them. We hope you enjoyed sharing what your children have been learning in class, whilst looking at their books and taking part in the joint activities. Thank you also to EYFS parents and friends for supporting your children and spending time in their class workshop today.

### **ECO - Schools**

The ECO-Schools Action Team have now evaluated last year's Action Plan and have begun their plans for this year. Many thanks go to Mrs Cusick, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Jackson for their help over this school year. It is very much appreciated and valued.

If you think you could help us in any way in school please give your name to Mrs Kent and we will get back to you. Even a small amount of time would be much appreciated.

### **Diary Dates**

Thurs 6/11 - 6.30 Fundraising meeting at Wetherspoons  
Fri 7/11 – Y1 visit to Church for Barnaby Bears Christening  
Mon 10/11 – Clubs begin  
Tues 11/11 – Parents evening 3.30-6.00

Weds 12/11 – Parents evening 3.30-7.00  
Fri 14/11 – Children in Need  
Tues 18/11 – Walkden High presentation at 2.30pm for Y4, 5 and 6 parents.  
Weds 19/11 – Non Uniform day  
Weds 26/11 – Non Uniform day  
Weds 26/11 – Y6 Football tournament  
Fri 28/11 – Y5 Assembly and Open Morning  
Fri 28/11 – Christmas Fair at 3.30pm  
Mon 1/12 – Crucial Crew for Y6  
Weds 10/12 – Children's Christmas Dinner  
Fri 12/12 – Choir singing at the Ellesmere Centre  
Tues 16/12 – Christmas Productions  
Weds 17/12 – Christmas Productions  
Thurs 18/12 – KS2 Christmas Party pm  
Friday 19/12 – Visit to Church 9.05am  
Friday 19/12 – EYFS/KS1 Christmas Party pm

### **And Finally**

As this is the last newsletter of our Autumn first half term can I please thank you all for your continued support. School will re-open for the second half of the Autumn Term on **Tuesday** 4<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 8.45am

We look forward to seeing you after half term. Enjoy the break.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan  
Headteacher