

# St. Paul's C.E. Primary School (Crompton Street - Walkden) NEWSLETTER – 117 15

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Parents

Happy New Year. We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and a good start to 2015. A special welcome to those who have joined St Paul's for the first time, including our new staff member Mrs Jen Mageean who will be teaching Year 4.

Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who walked to St Paul's Church with the children this morning.

## **Mr Ken Hickman – Governor and Chair of Governors at St Paul's**

It is with great sadness that as part of our new year newsletter I have to inform you that Mr Ken Hickman sadly lost his battle with cancer over the Christmas break. Mr Hickman was a governor at St Paul's for 25 years and chair of governors for 10 of these, until due to his illness, he stepped down from this role at our last governors meeting. Ken dedicated many hours of his time supporting the school voluntarily in this role giving his full commitment, advice and support and he will be missed by everyone at St Paul's. I hope you will share in sending our sincere condolences and prayers to Ken's family at this sad and difficult time. The family have requested donations to either St Ann's Hospice or Water Aid in memory of Mr Hickman and if you would like to contribute to this collection please can you give donations to the school office or send in an envelope marked 'Donation - Mr Ken Hickman.'

## **Building work and new library**

The building work is now nearly complete and we hope you agree that the new secure entrance is a welcome addition to school. We

also have refurbished the previous Headteacher's office and Admin office to create additional learning space. In addition we have had a new library fitted in the KS2 area of school. We will be continuing to encourage children to develop a love of reading. Many thanks to all parents who support their children by reading home school reading books and supporting with bug club, we really do appreciate it. Please encourage your child to continue furnishing their treehouse by reading even more online!

## **Book Sale**

Due to the installation of the new KS2 library we now have books surplus to our requirements and, therefore, will be having a Book Sale in the school entrance starting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January. Books will be available to buy before and after school and will cost 20p each. All money raised will be used to purchase new books for school. Please come along and support us.

## **After school clubs**

All after school clubs will begin week commencing 12/1/15 and end w/c 9/2/15. If your child requests a place at one of our after school clubs please ensure that they attend since 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. Staff have raised this as being an issue for some children last term. Please look out for the after school letter being sent out with more information.

## **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, especially if they have changed over the Christmas break.

### **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 as cars and 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.

### **Uniform reminders**

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 and following the 6 week advisory period for healing they should be removed for school in line with the agreed school policy. Due to Health and Safety reasons, children will be asked to remove earrings for PE as advised by the Association for Physical Education. This is to limit risk of injury due to the wearing of earrings. Please can I also ask that nail polish is not worn in school, long hair is tied back and also children's socks and tights are red, white or grey in line with school uniform policy. Thank you.

### **Class assemblies and open mornings this term**

As last term we will be holding our class assemblies with an open morning following them where you can have an opportunity to take part in class activities and look at your child's work. If you are unable to attend please feel free to ask a relative or friend to come and take part in the morning – children do love sharing their learning with someone special to them. The dates are as follows:

16<sup>th</sup> January –Year 1 assembly and open morning

6<sup>th</sup> February - EYFS workshop

13<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 assembly and open morning

13<sup>th</sup> March – EYFS Mother's Day assembly and open morning

20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 assembly and open morning

27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 assembly and open morning

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Year 2 assembly and open morning

### **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. 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.

### **Future Diary Dates**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 visit to Walkden High for reptile show

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 to MOSI

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 trip to Jewish Museum

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Finish for half term.

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Reopen after half term

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents evening

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Parents evening

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 to Jodrell Bank

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 5 to Robinwood

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 back from Robinwood

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April –Finish for Easter Break

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April –Year 6 Easter school

We look forward to continuing working together and hope you can join us in school during this time.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan and the staff at St Paul's.