

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

Friday 8th January 2016

Dear Parents

Happy New Year. We hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break and a good start to 2016.

Welcome

We would like to introduce Mrs Johnson who joined the staff team this term and will be working in the school office every morning. We hope you will join us in welcoming her to St Paul's.

New Fencing

The new fencing is now complete and we appreciate everybody's patience and support whilst this essential work was being undertaken. We hope you agree that this work has continued to enhance and ensure security of the school grounds.

After school clubs

All after school clubs will begin next week and end Friday 12th February. Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for these through parentpay. 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.

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. Please can I also ask that if it is essential that you do drive, or park on any of the surrounding roads at school time, that you are considerate in ensuring that you drive with care and drive slowly to ensure the safety of all our children. Thank you.

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

We will be continuing to hold our class assemblies and open mornings 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:

15th January – Year 1 assembly and open morning
22nd January – Year 6 assembly and open morning
29th January – Year 3 assembly and open morning
5th February - EYFS workshop
12th February – Year 5 assembly and open morning
4th March – EYFS Mother's Day assembly and coffee morning
11th March – Year 4 assembly and open morning
18th March – Year 2 assembly and open morning

Behaviour Policy

We annually review our behaviour policy in line with government guidance. New guidance has recently been released and we would like parent's input into the revision of our policy, in line with some of the proposals. If you would like to be involved and share your views and ideas, please attend a meeting here in school on Thursday 14th January at 2.30pm.

Diary dates before half term

Tuesday 12th January – Y6 walking around local area.
Thursday 14th January – Y5 visit to Walkden High for Dance Session am.
Thursday 14th January – Behaviour policy review working party for parents – 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th January – Y5 visit to John Rylands library for Egyptian workshop.
Thursday 21st January – Confirmations at St John the Baptist church.

Friday 5th February – Year 3 to John Rylands for Chinese New Year workshop.

Tuesday 9th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 12th February – Finish for half term.

Future Diary Dates after half term

Monday 22nd February – School reopens
Tuesday 23rd February – Parents evening 3.30 – 7pm
Thursday 25th February – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6pm
Monday 29th February – After school clubs begin
Tuesday 1st March – Year 4 at Young Voices concert
Wednesday 2nd March – Vikings workshop in school
Thursday 3rd March – World book day
Monday 21st March – Wednesday 23rd March – Year 5 at Robinwood.

Year 6 Easter School – Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th March. 9.00am – 1.00pm
A letter will be sent out with more information shortly.

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.