

St. Paul's C.E. Primary School (Crompton Street - Walkden) NEWSLETTER – 127

5th February 2016

Dear Parents/carers

As we approach the final week of the half term we hope you are looking forward to a restful half term break and thank you for all your support this half term.

We have a number of exciting events happening over the next half term as we approach Easter.

Behaviour policy review

Many thanks to the parents who attended the behaviour policy review meetings identified on the last newsletter. We really appreciated your input and ideas in supporting us in ensuring that our behaviour policy meets the needs of the children in school, and supports us in rewarding children who make the right choices. The school behaviour policy can be found on the school website.

www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk

Staffing

Mrs Mageean will begin her maternity leave on Friday 12th February as we break up for half term. We wish Mrs Mageean all the best as she begins the new and exciting journey she has ahead of her.

Whilst Mrs Mageean is on maternity leave Year 5 will be taught by Mrs Gemma Moore in the mornings, with the current timetable for the afternoons, with Mrs Waghorn teaching the additional afternoons. The children are already familiar with all the staff involved so the transition for Year 5 should remain smooth.

Safer Internet Use

On Tuesday 9th February children in school will be taking part in safer internet day to

encourage the safe use of technology. Please ask your children what they have been doing.

Please also look out for future esafety sessions for parents to support you in ensuring the safety of your children in an ever changing world of technology.

Parent Consultation Meetings

This will take place during w/c 22nd February and you should have already received a letter to ask you to book to see your child's class teacher.

There will be an opportunity for you to comment in your children's books. Targets will be given for your child to support you in assisting them at home.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 3rd March. To celebrate this event children are invited to dress up as a character from a book and bring their favourite book in to school. Please do not feel the need to purchase expensive outfits, many characters in books can be achieved through normal everyday clothes.

Robinwood

On 21st March the children in Y5 will be going to Robinwood for 3 days of outdoor pursuits and activities. Please see the additional letter sent out for more information on this and can we remind you to return the personal information sheet to school as soon as possible.

Easter Worship and activities

Children in Reception and Nursery will be having an Easter workshop this year. Year 5 will also be attending an Easter Experience in

church as well as a whole school Church Service at 9.30am on Tuesday 15th March. If you can help walk to church on this day we would be very grateful.

Bedding Plants

This year we are continuing with our bedding plant sale. Look out for the order form after half term. If you have any other family members or neighbours who would like to order these high quality plants, please mention it to them too.

Class Assemblies

The EYFS 'Mother's day' assembly will take place on Friday 4th March. You are warmly welcomed to this event and are invited to stay and share a cup of tea or coffee afterwards in the meeting room.

Volunteers in school

If you feel that you could help in school we would really appreciate it. We are always looking for volunteers to hear children read and carry out activities and games with children. Volunteers do require a DBS check which is carried out and funded by school. If you feel you could spare a little time to come and support what happens in school, please let Mrs Kent know. We also thank all those volunteers who already come into school – we really do appreciate it!

Fundraising events

A Disco has been arranged for the children on Thursday 10th March. A letter will be sent out after the half term holidays with more information and a slip to allow you to buy tickets. Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee for organising this event.

Reminders

Your child should not arrive at school before 8.45 a.m. when the gates will be opened. If your child attends a morning club please do not arrive before 8.10am as school will not be opened before this time and can I remind you that the clubs do start at 8.15am.

Walkden High School

A big thank you to Walkden High school who have provided a number of activities this half term for our children to take part in, including an art workshop, media workshop, football tournament and trampolining sessions. If you would like to have a look at some of the pictures from these events, please have a look on our school website.

Extra – Curricular activities

All clubs will be available to book on Thursday 11th February from 6pm through parentpay and will restart for the half term on Monday 29th February. I hope that your children are enjoying the opportunity to take part in these extra-curricular activities and if they have not taken part in any yet, please can I encourage their attendance at one of their choice as there are a wide variety of clubs on offer.

Holidays

A reminder about our Easter holidays this year. We finish school on Thursday 24th March and return on Monday 11th April.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 23rd February and Thursday 25th February – Parents evenings

Tuesday 1st March – Young Voices performance at Phones for You arena for Y4.

Wednesday 2nd March – Vikings workshop in school

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day

Friday 4th March - EYFS Mother's Day assembly

Tuesday 8th March – Tackling Tracks workshop and assembly for Year 5. This will be followed by sport linked sessions on track safety for 5 weeks.

Thursday 10th March – Y5 to church for Experience Easter

Thursday 10th March – Fundraising Disco

Friday 11th March– Y4 assembly and open morning

Tuesday 15th March – Visit to church for Easter service 9.30am

Friday 18th March – Sports Relief

Friday 18th March – Y2 open morning and assembly.

Monday 21st March – Y5 to Robinwood

Wednesday 23rd March – Y5 return from Robinwood

Thursday 24th March – EYFS Easter workshop

Thursday 24th March– School closes at 3.30 for Easter break and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 11th April.

Y6 Easter School on Tuesday 29th March and Wednesday 30th March.

Please note that all these dates are also on the school calendar at www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk

This half term has seen many activities in school. For more information and photographs please see the latest events section of the school website at www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk.

We also have our new photo book for the Autumn Term, please come and have a look if you are in school.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan and the staff at St Paul's.