

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

Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents

Please find below details of upcoming events in school and events that have taken place this half term.

School Choir and School Council

Well done to our choir and school council who went to sing at Abbeyfield Nursing Home. They were a credit to school as always.

Fundraising

The Fundraising group have kindly organised a disco on Tuesday 7th February – tickets are now on sale and you should have received a letter about this already. Children must purchase a ticket before the day of the disco as tickets will not be on sale on the door. Many thanks to the Fundraising Committee for organising this event.

Parent Questionnaire results and Parents Discussion Forum

Many thanks to all the parents who completed the questionnaire at our last parents evening. The results of the questionnaire are now on the school website. We are always keen to receive feedback and strive for the best for everyone at St Paul's so any suggestions are gratefully received. Another way of making suggestions or hearing about what is currently happening in school is to attend the parents discussion forum. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 31st January at 2.30pm.

Music week

As part of the 10 pieces BBC music programme each class will be focussing on a piece of classical music as part of music week next

week, and taking part in activities related to these.

Safer Internet Day/Esafety.

On Tuesday 7th 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. We have also recently purchased a set of books that deal with the issue of staying safe online and if you would like to borrow any of these please come in and ask at the office. The books are on display on our main corridor. We also have a new child friendly esafety policy which the children have been made aware of. If you need any advice on internet security and safety, please do come in and see us and we will be happy to help.

Emotional Health and Well being

As you will have no doubt seen in the media there has been a number of research projects around the area of supporting and understanding children's emotional well being. We now have a display bookcase in our main corridor with story books and child friendly non-fiction books to support children learning about their own and other's emotional health and wellbeing. Again if you would be interested in borrowing any of these books please come in and speak to us.

Young Voices – Friday 10th February

The Young Voices concert is always a fantastic event that our Year 4 class takes part in annually. This year Young Voices have produced a choir app for practising which can be downloaded now for phones and tablets from the APP store. There is a cost to these however.

especially if they have changed over the Christmas break.

Confirmations in Church

Annually our Year 6 children are invited to take part in confirmation classes in order to be confirmed into the church. This year's service is on Sunday 12th February.

Parents Evening.

Letters will be going out on Monday to request times for parents evenings on Monday 13th February and Wednesday 15th February. Please return these as soon as possible. We do ask that all parents make an appointment to see their child's class teacher. We will also endeavour to ensure that siblings times are on the same days if you indicate the siblings on the form too please. If you receive times on 2 different days please come in and see us.

After school clubs

All after school clubs will end Friday 10th February. Many thanks to everyone who has signed up for these and has attended. 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. The letter for the next terms clubs will be sent out w/c 6th February.

Attendance

Please can I ask that unless absolutely necessary children should be in school every day. Our school attendance figures have improved over the past 2 years, however this year we seem to be seeing a lower attendance rate than in the previous 2 years. Persistent Absence is now deemed to be for any child with an attendance level of less than 90% and a fixed penalty notice would then be considered. I appreciate your cooperation in this matter as even odd days off makes a difference to how secure your children's learning is.

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,

Dogs on site

Please can I remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on site at all, either on a lead, or carried in arms. Please can I ask that this rule is adhered to for the Health and Safety of everyone on site, and to avoid the embarrassment of being asked to leave the site.

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.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd 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. Children will also receive a book day voucher.

Walkden High School

A big thank you to Walkden High school who have provided activities this half term for our children to take part in, including a media workshop for Year 5, a musical performance for Year 6 and an upcoming football tournament. If you would like to have a look at some of the pictures from these events, please have a look on our school website.

Class assemblies and open mornings this term

Many thanks to the parents who regularly attend our assemblies and open mornings and complete our comment cards – we do appreciate it, and the children really look forward to these events. We will be continuing to hold our class assemblies and open mornings

where following them 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 on the diary dates calendar and on the school website.

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.

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.

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.