

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

16<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parents/carers

As we end 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.

## **Staffing**

Mrs Mageean has made the decision, following her maternity leave, that she wishes to spend more time with her little girl Josie, so will not be returning to teach at St Paul's. Mrs Mageean will be in school tomorrow to say hello and goodbye to the staff and children, and we wish her all the best in her future.

Miss Hillyer will also be leaving us on Friday, due to personal circumstances, following a house move which has meant the travel to school is now much further.

## **Safer Internet Use**

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February children in school took part in safer internet day to encourage the safe use of technology. Please ask your children what they have been learning.

## **Parent Consultation Meetings**

Many thanks to all the parents who attended parents evening this week. If you did not manage to make your appointment time for any reason please can you rearrange with your child's teacher

## **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.

## **Robinwood**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 please.

## **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 service, **in school**, at 9.00am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## **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 24th 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**

Many thanks to the fundraising group for organising the recent school disco. The children had a great time whilst raising funds for school.

### **Extra – Curricular activities**

All clubs are now on parentpay and can be booked for after the holidays. Clubs will restart for the half term on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February and end on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. 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. Please can I also ask that if your child signs up for a club, that they are committed to attending, since places are limited and children not attending clubs can have an impact on the group, especially if there is a small limited number of places.

### **Holidays**

A reminder about our Easter holidays this year. We finish school on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March and return on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Worsley Football Cup**

Year 6 took part in the Worsley Football cup on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February and played brilliantly. The team went on to play in the final where they were narrowly beaten by St Mark's. Well done to the whole football team who were a credit to themselves and school.

### **Young Voices concert**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February Year 4 took part in the Young Voices concert at the MEN arena. The children were amazing and were all really enthusiastic. All the children will receive their certificates in assembly tomorrow.

### **Confirmations in church**

On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2 of our Year 6 pupils confirmed their faith at St Paul's Church. We are very proud of them having undertaken lessons in school time towards their confirmations. Reverend Gill undertakes confirmation lessons every year for our pupils in Year 6 and if your child is interested in the future please let us know.

### **Rugby sessions with Salford Reds**

Salford Reds will be undertaking Rugby sessions with Year 3 and 4 after half term as part of their community programme.

### **Multicultural week**

As part of multicultural week the children will be taking part in a variety of activities looking at different countries and cultures. This includes a multicultural dance workshop.

### **Parent E-safety Meetings**

We would like to invite you to a parents meeting to give you recent updates on how to keep your children safe online. The world of technology is constantly changing and we would like to support you in sharing this information. Mr O'Reilly will give these updates at a meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 9.00am.

### **Parent Forum**

Many thanks to the parent who came to the parents forum meeting. We spent some time discussing the reading curriculum and how we could further enhance the reading in school. Opening the library after school was discussed as part of this and following half term we intend to open our school library from Monday to Thursday from 3.30pm-4pm.

### **Library open after school**

After the holiday the school library will be open from 3.30pm – 4pm every week from Monday to Thursday. We are having a new library system over half term that will enable parents to have more access to reading resources at home...more details of this will follow in due course. We would like to invite you, as parents with your children, to come into school between 3.30 and 4pm each day, to choose a book with your child and encourage them to read more

widely at home through the use of the school library.

### **100 books**

Children across school will also be receiving a book list with the titles of 100 books that have been chosen as appropriate to read in their Key Stages:

Year 1 and 2 will have a list of 100 books to read by the end of year 2.

Years 3 and 4 will have a list of 100 books to read by the end of year 4.

Year 5 and 6 will have a list of 100 books to read by the end of year 6.

We hope that you find these useful and would encourage your children to read as many of them as possible.

### **Book Swap**

We are also encouraging children who have books at home to bring them into school if they have finished with and no longer want them. They can then 'swap' the book in the box and take a new one home with them. Every class has a purple book swap box that unwanted books can be placed in and swapped for another one.

Please note that all these dates are also on the school calendar at [www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk](http://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](http://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk).

We hope you enjoy a relaxing half term break. School closes at 3.30pm tomorrow and reopens at 8.45 on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan and the staff at St Paul's.