

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

Dated: Friday 8th September 2017

Dear Parents / Governors,

At the end of our first busy week in school I would like to welcome you all back and extend an especially warm welcome to our new families starting with us this year, as well as to Mr Daniel Hunter, who will be teaching Year 3.

May I also take this opportunity to Thank you for ensuring that your children all look very smart and have returned to school ready to work really hard and do their best at all times.

We look forward to a very positive and successful time for all the children this year. We will continue to send out our regular newsletters, however if you would like a preview of what is happening in school and when, please continue to have a look at our website (www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk) which is continually updated. I hope you will find it to be a useful source of information. The website is also updated with pictures and information when events have happened.

Data Collection Form

Please can I ask that you send in the forms which will be issued next week, as soon as possible, to ensure that we have emergency contact information for all pupils.

Also if your child has a medical condition, please complete the individual care plan forms to ensure that we are aware of this and can treat them effectively.

Mr O's online Safety corner

There are a number of ways you can prevent your child from making payments with their smartphone/tablet. You can block certain kinds of purchases (like premium rate texting and chat services) through your service provider, although you may be surprised by some of the things you can't then do, like vote on X Factor. Others, like in-app purchases, may need a separate block applied, alternatively you may set blocks in a device's settings or in the app store. The best way, however, is to talk to your child and agree together what can and can't be done using their device.

Animal Agents reading

Many thanks to the parents who have already sent in with their children the certificates issued by the library for the summer reading challenge. If your child has completed this and has their certificate please send it in by Wednesday 13th September and then we can give out the school rewards.

After School Clubs

After school clubs will begin on Monday 18th September 2017. Please see the email about clubs that has been sent separately.

Water Bottles

As we are a healthy school, please can you ensure that water only is in the children's water bottles. This is due to the effects on children's teeth of drinking juice or flavoured water throughout the day, and in line with school food trust guidance. If a child is found to have flavoured water or juice this will be replaced

with non-flavoured water in school. Your support with this would be much appreciated.

Uniform and jewellery

As our Uniform policy states please can you ensure that all jewellery is removed for school, including earrings. Any children having had their ears pierced during the summer should now be able to remove the piercings and will be asked to do so. This is for health and safety reasons and children wearing earrings will be asked to remove them following the 6 week piercing recommendations. As we are approaching winter too please can I ask that all children are in correct uniform, including red school jumpers or cardigans as well as school coloured tights and socks. Since we also play out in all weathers please can I also ask that all pupils have a warm winter coat and appropriate school shoes, with named hat, scarf and gloves, for being outside. Thank you.

Outdoor Equipment

Please can I remind you that school's outdoor equipment is for use only during supervised school sessions. It should not be used before and after school for safety reasons as we risk assess the weather and surface before every use. There have been a number of occasions where children have been asked to come off the equipment before and after school and parents have chosen to ignore the request potentially putting their children at risk, especially if the weather is wet.

Term Time Holidays

Just a polite reminder please that we don't authorise term time holidays based on the guidance from the LA below. 'The Local Authority continues to hold the view that where an unauthorised holiday in term time has taken place this can constitute not attending school regularly which is an offence under the relevant legislation.'

Open Mornings

Many thanks to all parents and friends who came to support our class assemblies and activities last year. Please see the diary dates for your child's class workshop this term.

Evergreen Nursery Breakfast and After School Club

There is now a Breakfast and After School club provided in school by Evergreen. Breakfast club begins at 7.45 and after school club is until 6pm. If you are interested in your child attending please either come into school during these times or contact school and we can provide you with contact details.

Marks and Spencer's Energy Bid

We have been shortlisted for a grant as part of the Marks and Spencer's energy award. If successful this would enable us to install LED lighting across school. We are up against some stiff competition and need as many votes as possible in order to have a chance of accessing the grant. Please vote on the link below and share with as many family and friends as you can! We would really appreciate it. We have already funding this type of lighting in Nursery and know it has a massive impact on brightening the rooms!
Thanks in anticipation.

<https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/projects/st-pauls-ce-primary-school-crompton-street-led-lighting-upgrade/vote>

We look forward to continuing working with you.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan
Headteacher

How can I help my child succeed in school?

- Read every day! Take turns at reading to your child and having your child read to you, asking questions to promote comprehension skills.
- Be positive, speaking well of school and learning. Encourage your child to talk about all of the fun things they have done or are going to do at school.
- Create a consistent after-school routine including meal times, homework time and play time (creating a visual display of this for your child can be very beneficial).
- Ensure your child is getting plenty of sleep on a school night, so they are fresh for school in the morning.
- Encourage your child in all aspects of academics, praising them both in their success and their efforts.
- Teach your child to be responsible for their actions, encouraging them to take responsibility for getting ready.
- Stay involved! If interested, inquire about volunteering within the classroom or about ways to support your child's learning at home.
- Communicate! Keep in regular contact with your child's teacher.