

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

Dated: Friday 20th July 2018

Dear Parents / Governors,

As the last Friday of the Summer term before we finish for holidays, we hope that you are looking forward to a restful summer break.

Events in school

Over this term we have had a number of events happening in school. Please have a look on the latest events section of the school website where photographs of the activities can be seen.

Sports

We managed this year to get all 3 sports days completed, due to the weather being kind to us! Many thanks to everyone who attended. The children really enjoyed their events and we do appreciate your support.

Year 5 Sponsored Charity Event

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who supported Year 5's sponsored penalty shoot-out event. We are pleased to advise that, to date, we have raised £450 which will be sent to the chosen charity. If you still have sponsor money, please can you send it in before the end of term.

School shoes collection

As we did last year, Year 5 are arranging as part of their Archbishop of York young leaders award, to collect any worn school shoes (where children will not need them for the new school year!) on the last day of term. If you are happy to donate your children's school shoes to charity, please let them come to school in trainers or alternative shoes suitable for school next Wednesday and bring their old

shoes and pumps with them to put in boxes provided.

Summer Fair

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and friends who supported our summer fair too. We are pleased to advise that we have raised £588 for school. Many thanks to everyone who supported setting up this event.

Reports

All children have now received their end of year reports. Many thanks to all the parents who have returned their acknowledgement slips and comments. If you would like to discuss your child's report please make an appointment with your child's class teacher or with Mrs Sullivan.

Curriculum evenings

Curriculum evenings will be held on Monday 23rd July at 6pm **for parents** where you will be given information about the curriculum standards for your child's new year group, as well as have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher, hear their expectations and informally, ask any questions that you may have.

We really do appreciate your support in finding out how you can help your children's learning further and look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Children will meet their new teachers on Tuesday in their new classrooms.

Attendance

The overall attendance for the school year is 96.4%. The target for school is currently set

at 96%. Thank you to the children who have attended so well. There are 30 children in school who have successfully achieved 100% attendance and will receive their certificate in school next week.

A child could be at risk of investigation by the LA if their attendance is below 90%. Children with attendance below 95% are also monitored closely. Please, as a polite reminder, remember that family holidays can no longer be authorised by school due to a change in guidance from the DfE. Families choosing to take holidays in term time may be liable to a fine from the local authority.

Children's books

Some children like to bring their school workbooks home at the end of the school year. This year we are proposing to send the children's books home at the end of the year. If your child wishes to bring their books home, please send a carrier bag in with them on Monday.

Social Media and Whatsapp

Please can I ask parents to respect the social media policy you have signed in school. We understand that you want to celebrate your children's achievements, however some parents do not want their children on social media or pictures to be shared, which is why we have the policy in place. We also understand that communication through whatsapp can be helpful for reminders in school, but we would please ask that this remains professional as on occasions, whether intended or not, some parents may be offended by some posts. Please can we also ask that photos of other children are not shared through Whatsapp group messaging either.

Wedding News

Miss Ashton will return to school in September as Mrs Pedziwiatr (pronounced Pendeeviat). I hope you will join me in congratulating her on her wedding in August and wish her and Mr Pedziwiatr a happy future together.

Year 6

Year 6's end of term Leaver's party took place yesterday evening.

Many thanks to everybody who assisted in organising this fantastic event – we really appreciate it! Many thanks also to everyone who attended to support Year 6.

Our end of year assembly for Year 6 will be held on **Wednesday 25th July at 2.00pm.** Parents, governors and family of Year 6 are all very welcome.

We would like to wish all members of Year 6 good luck as they prepare to move on to their new schools.

School Uniform

School will be open if you wish to purchase new school uniform on Monday 3rd September. School uniform will be available as normal from the school office on school days. Please can I ask that you ensure that your child is in full and correct uniform from the first day back in school. We have a small handful of children who appear to be favouring black trainers over school shoes, however these are not part of the uniform and children will be asked to put on school pumps (of which we have a supply in school if they don't have their own) if they are not in the correct footwear. Please also can I remind everyone that we have no jewellery in school and children should remove all nail varnish and make up.

Summer challenge

Many thanks to all parents who have heard their children read their home reading books this year and complete their homework. It really does support your child's learning in school and we do appreciate it. Children, although not bringing school reading books home for summer, will still have access to a number of online resources and will be receiving their log in reminders on Monday as part of the Meet the teacher paperwork issued on the evening. Parents will also receive the children's summer project to research as part

of this and we would appreciate any help you can give your child with this.

Eco Schools Green Flag award

We are really pleased to say that we had our bi-annual Green Flag award assessment yesterday, and have again gained the award for a further 2 years. Well done to school council who were a credit to themselves and school showing the assessor around, and to all the staff involved in working with them to prepare them for the assessment and incorporating the work into the curriculum in school.

Mr. O's Online Safety Corner

The National Online Safety Centre is a great resource to help you keep up to date with the latest developments relating to internet safety. They have articles and advice about the latest advancements in technology, the internet and social media and how to keep children safe from online risks. You can visit their website at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com>, and follow them on Twitter at twitter.com/natonlinesafety.

Next school year, I will be making some of the National Online Safety Centre's guides available for you to look at, and also keep an eye out for some Online Safety sessions here at school, aimed at parents.

And Finally

As this is the last newsletter of the school year can I thank you all for your continued support during the last year.

School will re-open for the new academic year at 8-45 a.m. on **Tuesday 4th September 2018.**

Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan
Headteacher