

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

Dated: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents / Governors,

## **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.

[www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk](http://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk)

## **Harvest Week**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Harvest week and made it a big success. We are pleased to let you know that we raised a grand total of £362 which will be used to continue support for our sponsored child as part of Plan UK and a donation which has been sent to Maggie's Centres to assist in the valuable work of this charity. Many thanks to all the parents, friends and family members who came to support our harvest service in church and helped us to get to church. We are really grateful.

## **Shoeboxes**

Thank you again to all families who supported the shoebox appeal this year. Your donations are very much appreciated and as a school we gave 40 filled boxes and the proceeds of the raffle enabled items to be purchased to fill another 10 boxes.

## **After School Clubs**

By now you will have booked on Parentpay if your child wished to start one of the

clubs that are taking part after the half term break. The maths **before school club** will begin on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and end on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. All **after school clubs** will begin Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October and finish on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

There are spaces available in some of the existing clubs and if your child would like to take part please log into parent pay and book as usual. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

## **School Building Work**

This half term we have had a new boiler fitted and a new door to the boiler house.

## **Water Bottles and Packed Lunches**

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 throughout the day as well as the School Food Trust Guidelines. Your support with this would be much appreciated. Please can we also ask that Packed Lunches do not have sweets or chocolate bars in them and consideration is given to provide your child with a healthy lunchbox. Also if hot food or drink is provided it is at a temperature cool enough to eat or drink, and not at a temperature that would scald children if it were to be spilt.

## **Mr O's Online Safety Corner**

As another September rolls by, plenty of parents post 'back to school' pictures on their social media in a phenomenon known as 'Sharenting', where they are unknowingly adding to their children's digital footprint.

It's important to be aware of the personal information you may give away when sharenting, this may include:

- School Name: shown by the school uniform worn in pictures
- Home address: shown by house numbers or street names in the background of photos
- Date of birth: either in the background of pictures or via birth announcements and birthdays.

Before posting a photo online check it for any personal information that you may be inadvertently sharing. Personal information is like a jigsaw puzzle, where each piece of information you share can be added together and once you look at the bigger picture you may actually be sharing more about your child than you would have wished to.

Keep in mind that your friends' content and their settings can also affect you and your child's digital footprint. Remember you're only as private as your most public friend, so consider who you have accepted on your accounts, and whether you would want them to see all of the pictures and posts that you put up.

It's important to have a conversation with your child about the way that you use the internet, talk about the great things that you can do online, the way in which they can create a positive digital footprint, and

the way in which others can contribute to this.

### **Uniform and jewellery**

As our Uniform policy states please 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.

### **Sports**

We are really pleased to tell you that following an external assessment school has now been awarded the School Games Gold Award. This is the highest accreditation and as such we are very proud of everyone for their hard work towards it. Many thanks to Mr Hunter who prepared and undertook the assessment process, as well as organising the sports teams and provision in school.

### **Staffing**

As some of you will be aware, Mr McCarthy is currently not in school due to illness. Mrs McClellan is teaching in Year 4 during the times Mr McCarthy would have been and Mrs O'Reilly has been appointed as Acting Deputy Headteacher until Mr McCarthy's return. Many thanks to them both.

Congratulations to Mrs Pratt who got married last weekend. Mrs Pratt will now be known as Mrs Smith and we hope you will join with me in wishing Mr and Mrs Smith a happy future together.

### **Parent's Evenings**

Many thanks to all parents who attended the recent parent's evenings and completed the school questionnaire – we do appreciate your feedback. Outcomes from this will be published on the school website as soon as analysis is complete. If you were unable to attend, please arrange an appointment time with your child's teacher as soon as possible.

### **Poppies**

We will be supporting the Poppy Appeal and poppies are on sale in school up to Remembrance Sunday. Donations of at least 50p are recommended.

### **Children in Need**

This year we will be supporting children in need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Children will be encouraged to make a minimum donation of £1 to dress in spots in line with the theme Spotacular this year.

### **Christmas Raffle**

After the half term holiday we will send 4 raffle tickets home with your child for our Grand Christmas Raffle. If you wish to purchase any of these tickets at a cost of 50p each, please write a name and contact number on the reverse of the ticket and return it to school with the correct money. If you would like more tickets, please call into the office.

The first prize is £100 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize £50 cash and third prize £25 cash. Other prizes include a Christmas food hamper and a toy hamper.

### **Reading Records**

Please can I just clarify that the reading rewards and expectations of reading 4

times per week runs from a Wednesday to a Wednesday as this is when they are checked. Many thanks.

Recommended reads for each year group are on the website and also in assembly each week new books are being recommended by teaching staff for the children to read so please ask your children about them.

### **Open Mornings**

Many thanks to all parents and friends who came to support our class open mornings. We hope you enjoyed sharing what your children have been learning in class, whilst looking at their books and taking part in the joint activities.

### **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. Children have recently been seen climbing on the Anderson Shelter which is dangerous and I would ask please that you do not allow your child to put themselves at risk doing this. 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.

### **Volunteers in school**

We would really appreciate any help in school to hear children read. This could be an hour a week or an afternoon – any amount of time would be greatly appreciated....If you think you could help us in any way in school please give your name to Mrs Kent or Mrs Ahmed and we

will get back to you. Even a small amount of time would be much appreciated.

### **Lledr Hall letter**

Following our Year 6 trip to Lledr Hall the feedback from the staff was how well behaved Year 6 were and how they undertook the course and challenges with great enthusiasm. Well done to Year 6.

### **And Finally**

As this is the last newsletter of our Autumn first half term can I please thank you all for your continued support. School will re-open for the second half of the Autumn Term on **Tuesday** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 8.45am

We look forward to seeing you after half term. Enjoy the break.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan  
Headteacher