

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

15th February 2019

Dear Parents/carers

At the end of the busy 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

Many thanks to Miss Knowles who has been covering Year 1 in Mrs Cusick's absence. We wish her well in her relocation and all the best for her future.

Safer Internet Use

On Tuesday 5th 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. If you have not seen the email that came out last Tuesday regarding safe use of technology, please do take the time to read this.

Mr. O's Online Safety Corner

Snapchat is the most commonly used Social Media app amongst children in the UK. 14% of the children and young people who reviewed Snapchat thought it was unsafe. The main things they don't like about Snapchat were:

- It shares your location if you don't use 'ghost mode'
- People can screen shot images you share

- Getting messages or requests for inappropriate images from people you don't know
- It can be used for bullying

1 in 4 users reported seeing inappropriate or bullying content whilst using the app. So it's imperative to 'lock down' the social circle of users if you are allowing your children to use Snapchat. Make sure 'Ghost Mode' is enabled in location settings, and that the options in the "Who can..." section have all been checked by you!

Parent Consultation Meetings

Many thanks to all the parents who attended parents evening. We really do appreciate your support. If you didn't manage to attend for your appointment, the class teacher will be in contact with you to arrange an alternative appointment.

Red Nose Day – Noses on sale!!!

Comic relief this year is on Friday 15th March. We have already sold 200 red noses in school and have had another 120 delivered today. If your child would like to purchase at a cost of £1.25 per nose they can come to the office to buy them. Many thanks to those who have already bought them and supported this worthwhile charity. We will not be buying any more when these 120 have been sold.

In further support of Comic Relief children may come to school in their own clothes on Friday 15th March for a minimum donation of £1.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. To celebrate this event children are invited to dress up as an 'animal' character from a book. Please do not feel the need to purchase expensive outfits, many animal characters in books can be achieved through normal everyday clothes.

Robinwood

On Monday 18th 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 thank you to all parents for returning the personal information sheet promptly.

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 Easter service which will be held in church at 9.30am on Thursday 4th April 2019. If you can support in walking to church on this date, please let the office know. Many thanks we do appreciate it and without this support we would not be able to go to church as a whole school.

Class Assemblies

The Nursery and Reception 'Mother's day' assembly will take place on Friday 29th 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.

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.

Fitbits and Apple Watches

We appreciate that as technology progresses some children now have devices, for example, fitbits and watches that can connect to mobile phones. Please can we ask that these are left at home as they can cause a distraction in school and since they are also quite expensive we wouldn't like children to be upset if they are lost.

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!

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 25th February and end on Friday 29th 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.

Young Voices concert

On Tuesday 12th February Year 4 took part in the Young Voices concert at the MEN arena. The children were amazing and were all really enthusiastic. We were really proud of them all.

Confirmations in church

On Sunday 17th February 3 of our Year 6 pupils will be confirming 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.

School Uniform

Please can I just ask that as we begin a new term, especially as the summer months are approaching, that all children are dressed in the correct school uniform including black school shoes with no trainers.

Please can I also ask that earrings are removed from children before school for health and safety reasons and children do not wear make up or nail varnish for school and hair bows are kept small and discreet.

Children's Mobile Phones

Please can we make you aware that when children bring mobile phones to school, we are happy for them to be held in the office during the day, however **this is at your risk. School cannot be held responsible for any loss or theft of them.**

The school diary dates are also attached to this newsletter.

Please note that all these dates are also on the school calendar at www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk and the website is updated as soon as dates are available.

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 hope you enjoy a relaxing half term break.

School closes at 3.30pm today and reopens at 8.45 on Monday 25th February.

Kind regards

Yvette Sullivan and the staff at St Paul's.