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### **RE: Autumn 2 Newsletter**

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to you all and I hope you have had a restful half-term break. Enclosed is some information and details about the exciting events planned for this half term.

We regularly update our school website [www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk](http://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk) with information and news.

#### **Parent-Teacher Consultations**

We had an excellent turn out at our recent parent's evening in October. If you were unable to attend for your appointment in person or by phone, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Can I remind you that if you wish to discuss your child's personal or academic development at any time throughout the year to please make an appointment with your child's class teacher? If you wish to discuss your concern further, please contact the school office (after you have spoken to the class teacher) and an appointment can be made with a senior leader.

#### **Maths Workshops for Parents/Carers**

In response to your positive feedback from our Reading Workshops in Autumn 1, many of you requested to also attend Maths Workshops. Therefore, you are invited to attend Maths Workshops with your child's class throughout this half term, please check when your child's class workshop is on the calendar attached.

#### **Nursery Stay and Play**

Now that our Nursery children have settled into their classroom environment, we are inviting Nursery parents and carers to come and have 'stay and play' sessions with a focus on early Reading and Maths, please check when your child's class workshop is on the calendar attached.

#### **Salford's Local Offer**

The Local Offer provides information on what's available locally for children and young people with special educational needs, and their families. On the Local Offer you'll find information about education, health, activities and events, preparing for adult life, and much more. There have been lots of improvements to the Local Offer over the past year to support parents/carers and young people navigate their SEND journey. Check out the Local Offer today by visiting [www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer](http://www.salford.gov.uk/localoffer) or visit one of the [drop-in sessions](#).

#### **CCTV**

We have had CCTV installed during the half term break. Although we hope that we will not have to make use of it, we take our responsibility towards the safety of staff, visitors and pupils very seriously. To that end, we will use our surveillance cameras to monitor any instances of aggression or physical damage to our school and its members.



## Remembrance and Poppies

We will take some time to observe a one-minute silence on 11<sup>th</sup> November in school with some lovely reflections shared with the children. For the Royal British Legions' Poppy Appeal, they normally provide school with some poppies to sell on their behalf, when these arrive, we will communicate this with you.

## Individual and Sibling Photos

Individual and sibling photographs will be taking place during the school day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November. If your child has a younger sibling that doesn't attend school and you would like them to be included in a photograph, please come to school at 8.30am so that these can be taken before school starts.

## Odd Socks day

As part of Friendship Week, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November to represent that we are all unique. During the week, children will be completing building relationships activities as part of their PHSE curriculum and Wellbeing school council will be organising a competition.

## Harvest Appeal

I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support with our Harvest Collection this year which went to 'Salford Step into Action'. Gemma from the charity collected our donations from church, she was delighted with so many donations from St. Paul's to be distributed amongst those in need in our local area.

## MIND in Salford

Our chosen local charity this year is 'MIND in Salford' who work to make a positive difference to the well-being and mental health of local people. This Christmas, we will be taking part in 'Declutter in December' where we will be clearing out unwanted clothes from our homes. Why not make a pre-Christmas clear-out part of your plan? MIND in Salford have teamed up with 'Roberts Recycling' who will give all money raised directly to the charity. If you would like to join us, please bring any unwanted clothing items into school by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

## Christmas Events at St Paul's

We have been making lots of plans to ensure that Christmas in school will be a magical and exciting time for the children. The Christmas dates are outlined below and also on the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

## Christmas Craft Fair

We are holding our Christmas Craft Fair this year on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 3.30pm** in the school hall. Planning is underway to prepare for our festive stalls. Also, the children will be allowed to come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation to some of our stalls, more information to follow, please see the calendar below.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**. There is no need to go and buy a new jumper, we welcome innovate ideas of decorating jumpers that you may already have at home.

## Christmas Performances

Year Groups	Date and time
Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 9.15am
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.00pm
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 9.15am
Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 2.15pm

Tickets, charged at 50p each, will be available on Parent Pay in due course. The office staff will send out further details closer to the time.

## Christmas Disco

Our school council have organised a Christmas Disco on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. We request a £1 donation per child and this will include refreshments and snacks. Times are as follows:

EYFS 1.00pm - 1.45pm

KS1 (Y1 and 2) 1.45pm – 2.30pm

KS2 (Y3 and 4) 2.30pm - 3.15pm

KS2 (Y5 and 6) 3.15pm - 4.00pm



### **Christmas Lunch**

The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child is on packed lunches, they have the option of buying a Christmas lunch. Please make sure you log on to School Grid to choose the Christmas lunch in advance and pay for it on Parent Pay. Alternatively, you may wish to make your child's packed lunch more festive by adding a cracker or mince pie.

### **Christmas Church Service**

Reception to Year 6 will be attending St Paul's Church on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am** for our annual Christmas Service. Parents and carers will be invited to walk with us to church on the day, please let the office know if you are available.

I have also heard that Father Christmas may pay a visit to our children during December too!!

### **Finally**

School closes for Christmas on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Should there be any other information that you feel you would like us to share with the school or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to make your enquiry via the school office.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

Ms. R. Knipe

