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## RE: Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We warmly welcome our children back to school and hope they had an enjoyable half-term. It has been lovely to see our children return ready to learn and eager to show their best work to their teachers. We have lots of events coming up this term and your child's class teacher will share their newsletters with you to show you what the children in their class will be doing.

This half term, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **Creation – New Beginnings**. In our collective worship, I will discuss Lent with the children and how Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness, he was challenged by temptation, but overcome this.

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.

### Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is one of our school's highest priorities. Our whole school target is **96%** and at the end of last term we achieved close to our target with **95.4%**, let's keep up the good work and smash our target this term.

**Holiday leave requests during term time will not be granted in line with Government legislation and following Salford Local Authority Policies.**

### Curriculum

At St. Paul's we are constantly working on revising and invigorating our curriculum, please see our curriculum pages on our school website for up-to-date information on what your child will be learning, please click classes on the top tabs for a wide selection of information – <https://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk/classes>

### World Book Day

It is World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March 2025** and our children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Reading is one of our golden threads, so there will be lots of activities during the day to celebrate our love for reading.

There is also an extra special event taking place this year, linked to 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. If children pre-order a bar of chocolate on Parent Pay between 24<sup>th</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> March, then they are in with a chance of winning a Golden Ticket. We have lots of amazing prizes for Golden Ticket winners! More information can be found on Class Dojo.

### Red Nose Day

To celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief, they're bringing back a favourite Red Nose from each decade – from the 80's, 90's, Noughties and 2010's. Red Nose Day is on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, children can wear their own clothes on the day. We are selling red noses at the school office (cash only), they are available to purchase from **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** and cost £2.00 each, all money raised will go directly to the Red Nose Day campaign.



### **Fabulous Musical Play Day**

Fabulous Musical Play Day for **Year 5** pupils (**taking part in whole class Ukulele lessons**). Children will spend the day making music together, forming a full orchestra and trying out some new instruments too. They will showcase their work at a grand performance, alongside other local community groups. Children will develop their musical skills, build confidence, make new friends and have great fun!

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9:30am – 3:00pm at Moorside High School**, with showcase performance **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5:15pm at St Thomas's Church, Pendleton**

For Tickets (£20) and further information, please visit <https://sclmapas.co.uk/shop/tickets/play-day-2025>

Organised through MAPAS (Music and Performing Arts Salford) – **not a school event**. For all enquiries, please contact [mapas@scl.co.uk](mailto:mapas@scl.co.uk) .

### **A fond farewell to Mrs Holden**

Just before half term I informed our Reception parents that Mrs Holden will be leaving St. Paul's on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025. After 17 wonderful years of dedication, passion, and impact, we bid farewell to Mrs Holden. Her kindness, wisdom, and commitment to shaping young minds will never be forgotten. We thank her for everything she has done — she will leave an indelible mark on this school and in the hearts of so many. Wishing her all the best in her next chapter!

### **Miss Blair's return**

Miss Blair, our Nursery Teacher, will return from maternity leave on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025. She has missed us and is keen to get back to St. Paul's.

### **Parent's Evening**

Parent's evening is planned for **25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. You will receive information on how to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher closer to the time.

### **Parking around school**

Please remember to park considerately when attending school to ensure the safety and convenience of all pupils and families. Avoid blocking driveways, parking in a restricted area, or parking in spaces reserved for others. Please be especially cautious of children crossing in front of or behind cars. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated to help keep our school area safe and accessible for everyone. Thank you.

### **Finally**

School closes for Easter on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 3.30pm. We reopen on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 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

