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**RE: Spring 1 Newsletter** 

Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year! A warm welcome back to you all and I hope you have had a fantastic Christmas, even though the snow came a bit late. This half term, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **Compassion.** In our first collective worship of the year, I discussed with the children using this time to make a fresh start and showing care and kindness towards others.

Enclosed is some information and details about the exciting events planned for this half term. We regularly update our school website <a href="https://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk">www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk</a> 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 **95.7%**, 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.

### Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme is **'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'**, which is about equipping and empowering children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. Children's well-being is our top priority, on the week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025, we will hold a variety of activities to promote children's mental health, including Scarf Day on the Friday of that week.

#### **Young Voices**

Year 4 will be going to the Young Voices Concert on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This is an exciting opportunity where the children experience performing alongside 5,000-8,000 other children as a single choir for their family and friends. If you require any further information, please contact Mrs Nowland or Mr Lally.

#### **Homework**

Homework is important as it shows the children the value that you place on their learning and helps them to consolidate key skills. Thank you to all those parents who support their children in reading every night; learning their spellings/number facts and multiplication tables; completing homework tasks and projects.

As always if you have any concerns about your child's homework please contact the class teacher through Class Dojo.

# **Writing Workshops for Parents/Carers**

You are invited to attend writing workshops with your child's class throughout this half term, please check when your child's class workshop is on the calendar attached.

















#### **Pre-Loved Uniform**

Every year we like to offer our families access to a free pre-loved uniform 'drop and share' and parents are encouraged to support this and recycle as many items as they can, at the moment we have a good stock of jumpers and fleeces, but would like to increase the amount of pre-loved uniform we have to offer. If you would like to donate or collect some free pre-loved uniform for your children, please contact the office by email and mark it for the attention of Mrs Thompson, who will get in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

### Fundraising and Christmas Appeal for Mind in Salford – Thank you!

Thank you so much for your kind donations for 'December Declutter'. We were thrilled with how many bags we received and are looking forward to hearing how much we have raised for our charity-of-the-year 'MIND in Salford'.

Thanks to your support in the summer term with Year 5's fundraising efforts, we have sent a significant donation of £970.00 to the Alzheimer's Society.

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Fair. Your contributions and support with setting up and attending on the day, we had an amazing turn out and managed to raise £1111.86, this money will be spent directly on our children.

# Finally

School closes for half term on Friday 14th February at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 24th February 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















