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RE: Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We warmly welcome our children back to school and hope they had an enjoyable Easter holiday; it has been lovely to see our children return ready and eager to learn. This half term, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **Peace**. In our first collective worship, I discussed the importance of being able to take some quiet, peaceful time to reflect and think of the valuable things in our lives.

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 with information and news, please do have a look on there.

Communication with school

To keep you up to date, it is vital that your details, stored by the office on the school's data system, are correct. If you need to update any information, please contact the school office and they will assist you.

Your child's class teacher will also communicate any day-to-day information with you via Class Dojo. Longer communications will be sent to you by email via the school's office. You will receive a newsletter from your child's class teacher this week highlighting the learning they will cover this half term. Teachers will be available each day at drop off and collection to receive any messages or for a quick catch-up.

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is one of our school's highest priorities at St. Paul's. Last half term we nearly met our target of 96%, with a half term total of **95.8%**. Our Attendance and Punctuality Policy is available to view on our website and each week we update our attendance results on there for you to view. Regular school attendance is an important part of giving your child the best possible start in life and vital for your child's education - **as a lost day can never be repeated**. Our school shares the government's determination to raise the levels of pupil attendance and has robust systems in place to monitor attendance and punctuality. Most of our children attend school regularly and do not present any concerns. However, if your child's attendance dips below 95% or accumulates 5 days (10 sessions) of unauthorised absence, you may be asked to attend an Attendance Panel Meeting in school to discuss the reasons for absences further. It is therefore very important that you contact the office on each day of absence to ensure that the absence is recorded as 'authorised'. Failure to engage with school on improving your child's attendance can result in a fine.

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



Good punctuality prepares children for their future working life. The school day starts at 8.45am and all children are expected to be in school by 8.55am. Valuable teaching input can be missed and the whole class disrupted by a late arrival. Early intervention and parental support are key factors in resolving attendance issues. Please continue to support us with this and ensure your child is in school and on time each day. Should you have any difficulty with this please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Blears (Attendance Leader) via the school office.

EYFS Learning Environment

We are delighted to have begun the renovation of our EYFS outdoor learning provision, which has been prioritised by the Governors for significant investment. Our EYFS staff have been to visit other EYFS settings throughout the Spring term to gather ideas in order to design an enriching learning environment for our children. During the Easter holidays, the majority of the EYFS grounds have been resurfaced to offer a much more accessible area for the children to play, explore and learn. Our plans to reinvigorate this learning space will continue throughout the summer term and we are excited about how engaging this will be for our youngest learners.

Maternity Leave

Miss Riley, our deputy Headteacher, has now begun her maternity leave. She will be missed by staff and children at school, but we wish her all the best for the safe delivery of her baby, we will update you with any news as we receive it. We also welcome Miss Sims back to school this week. Miss Sims will be teaching Year 3 every Monday this half term and will return to her full teaching duties after the Whit half term.

New Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

While Miss Riley is taking her maternity leave, school will operate with an interim SLT.

Our Senior Leaders are:

Ms Knipe – Headteacher

Mrs O'Reilly – Acting Deputy Headteacher and KS2 Leader

Miss McLoughlin - EYFS/KS1 Leader

Mrs Marshall – SENDCO

An Other (to be appointed) – SENDCO

Mrs Ahmed – School Business Manager

Family Support and Pastoral Lead

Many of you know will know Mrs Blears, who has worked at St Paul's for many years. Mrs Blears works closely with our children and families to offer nurture support for our children and family support for our parents. Throughout the years, she has collated a range of resources that she can signpost families to if they need some additional support covering a variety of areas. Mrs Blears is available on the gate at St Paul's Road entrance most mornings if you would like to request some support from her, alternatively, you can email her with your request for support at office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk.

Statutory Assessment

The DfE have advised that all assessments planned for 2023 will continue. Teachers have been working hard with the children to prepare them for their assessments, please see below the time of when assessments will take place:

Year 2 - Key Stage 1 Assessment Period – May 2023

Year 6 - End of Key Stage 2 SATs 9 – 12 May 2023

Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check 12 – 16 June 2023

Year 4 - Multiplication Times table Check (MTC) 12 - 23 June 2023

We request that you do not take any term time holidays during these assessment periods. If at any time you wish to discuss the assessment process with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to meet with them through the school office.



His Majesty the King's Coronation

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023 at Westminster Abbey in London. The ceremony will see His Majesty The King crowned alongside Her Majesty The Queen. To help our children celebrate this important moment in history, a number of activities have been planned for Friday 5th May. The children can come dressed in their own clothes and we would encourage them to wear red, white and blue to mark the occasion.

Finally

School closes for Whit half term on Friday 26th May at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 12th June 2023.

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

