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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 member of staff.

#### **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.

#### **Remembrance and Poppies**

We will take some time to observe a one-minute silence on **10<sup>th</sup> November** in school with some lovely reflections shared with the children. We are selling poppies, bracelets and keyrings for the Royal British Legions' Poppy Appeal. These are now available to be purchased via the school office.

#### **Individual and Sibling Photos**

Individual and sibling photographs will be taking place during the school day on **Friday 10<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 13<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.

### Pre-Loved Uniform

We have accumulated a selection of lost or unused uniform that pupils have grown out of and have been donated by parents. We would 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. If you would like to 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.

### 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.

### Shelter

I would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support with our Harvest Collection this year, our chosen local charity – Shelter were overwhelmed by the donations made by St. Paul's.

This Christmas, we are continuing to support our chosen charity to help support local families who are living in temporary accommodation to keep warm indoors. If you would like to join us, please bring any donations of gloves, hats, scarves, blankets, thick socks or other warm items into school by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

### Christmas Craft Fair

We are holding our Christmas Craft Fair this year on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 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 attached.

### Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. There is no need to go and buy a new jumper, we welcome innovative 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 | 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.15am |
| Year 3, 4, 5 and 6                    | 11 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 2.00pm |
| Year 3, 4, 5 and 6                    | 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 9.15am |
| Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 | 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 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 fundraising committee have organised a Christmas Disco on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. We request a £1 donation per child payable on Parent Pay and this will include refreshments and snacks. Times are as follows:

EYFS 1.15pm - 2.15pm

KS1 (Y1 and 2) 2.20pm – 3.00pm

KS2 (Y3,4,5 and 6) 3.00pm - 4.00pm

### Christmas Lunch

The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas lunch on **Wednesday 13<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 14<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 15<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30pm**. We reopen on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

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

