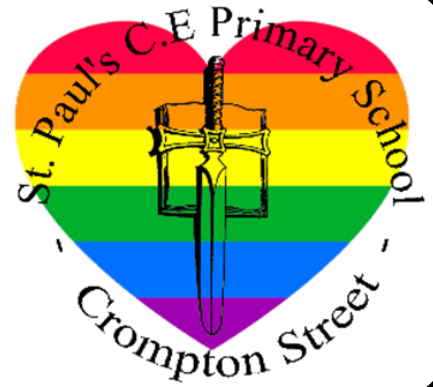


St. Paul's CE Primary School

Newsletter #179

Autumn Term 2 2021



Introduction

I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome that I have received since joining St. Paul's.

We are trying to keep parents/carers as informed and involved as possible and are continually updating our school website <https://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk/> **Class Dojo** and **Twitter** account. Your child's class will add any exciting learning to these sites, so you can log on to see what they have been up to - you may be surprised! If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how we can improve communication further, please let us know.

Uniform

The children are all looking very smart in their uniforms - thank you for supporting us with our uniform policy. As the weather becomes colder please remember that trainers and boots e.g.; Ugg Boots are **NOT** allowed in school, the correct footwear is black shoes. Children may walk to and from school in wellies/boots but they must change in to their school shoes when they arrive. For PE, children should also have a suitable PE kit in school consisting of shorts, a school PE top with pumps for indoor PE and trainers plus a jumper and plain tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE.

Punctuality and Attendance

It is vitally important that your child arrives for school at the specified time and **attends regularly** when it is safe to do so. Staff are working very hard to ensure all children progress and achieve their best and good attendance is key to this. If your child is going to be absent for any reason, please remember to telephone the school office before 9.15am.



Medical Appointments

Can you please try, whenever possible, to request medical appointments after 3.30pm. This avoids children missing their learning by being taken out of school for appointments.

Should there be any matters of concern regarding your child, you should first discuss these with the class teacher. They are the people who know your child best and who are aware of incidents that happen during the school day. Should you feel that your concerns have not been resolved, or if there is an urgent matter you need to

discuss with me, I am happy to speak with you at a convenient time that can be arranged via the office.

Remembrance

We took some time to observe the two minutes silence on 11th November in school with some lovely reflections shared with the children.

School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. I would encourage you to take full advantage of this. For parents/carers choosing to provide a healthy packed lunch, please note that large chocolate bars (e.g. Mars Bar) and sweets are not suitable items. A healthy drink e.g.; water or carton of fresh fruit juice is fine.

All children in school have access to fresh drinking water. Please note that children are **not** allowed any other drinks (e.g. fruit cordial) in water bottles. Children that are eligible for free school meal vouchers will receive vouchers for the October break and Christmas holiday together this half term. Please indicate to the school office if you are happy to receive these via email.

Odd Socks day

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks on Monday 15th November. During the week, children will be completing anti-bullying activities as part of their PHSE curriculum.

Children in Need

Children in Need is on Friday 19th November. Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes on the day and if parents would like to donate to the charity directly, teachers will share a link to do so on Class Dojo.

Parents' Evening

In order to keep everyone safe and well, your parents' evening appointment with the class teacher will be conducted over Zoom. You will be given a time slot by booking one with your child's teacher. The date for this is 16th and 17th November. Please use this opportunity to speak with your child's teacher to review their progress.



Christmas Events

We have been making lots of plans to ensure that Christmas in school, will be a magical and exciting time for the children. I have outlined the proposed Christmas celebrations and dates below.

**Christmas Card Competition**

Year 3 have been invited by Manchester Diocese to submit an entry for our annual Christmas Card competition. Mr McCarthy has worked with Year 3 to produce a picture that shows some part of the Christmas story. Bishop Mark will choose the winner so we will let you know how we get on.

Wood Street Mission

This year we are supporting the Wood Street Mission Christmas Appeal to help support struggling families and children across Manchester and Salford. If you would like to join us, please bring any donations into school on **Thursday 9th December**. Please find more details on their website.

<https://www.woodstreetmission.org.uk/our-projects/christmas/>

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers to school on Friday 10th 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 Disco

Our school fundraising committee have organised a Christmas Disco on Wednesday 15th December. We request a £1 donation per child and this will include refreshments and snacks. Timings are as follows:

EYFS 1.30pm - 2.15pm

KS1 (Y1 and Y2) 2.20pm – 3.00pm

LKS2 (Y3 and Y4) 3.10pm - 4.00pm

UKS2 (Y5 and Y6) 4.15pm – 5.15pm

Christmas Lunch

The kitchen staff will be serving Christmas lunch on Wednesday 15th 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 Performances

The children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be presenting a production of the nativity story, "Our First Nativity 2". There will be two performances of this, at 9.15am on Monday 13th December and at 2.15pm on Tuesday 14th December. Tickets, charged at 50p each, will be available on Parent Pay in due course and are limited to two tickets per family due to covid/space restrictions. The office staff will send out further details closer to the time.

The children in KS2 will be performing a Christmas Carol Concert, one in school on Tuesday 14th December at 9.15am and a second performance at St Paul's Church on Thursday 16th December at 6.00pm. Tickets for the performance in school, charged at 50p each, will be available on Parent Pay in due course and are limited to two per family due to covid/space restrictions. The office staff will send out further details closer to the time. Please note, the performance at church will not be ticketed, but any donations collected on the evening will be given to Church.

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

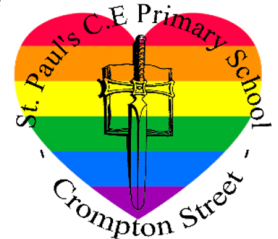
Finally

School closes for the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 21st December at 3.30pm. We reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms R. Knipe

Headteacher



"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

Charlie Mackay