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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. 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 [www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk](http://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk) with information and news.

### 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. 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. Our whole school target is **96%** and at the end of last term we achieved close to our target with **95.3%**, 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.

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.

### Year 5 – Robinwood

Planning is well underway for the Year 5 residential trip to Robinwood in March 2024. Based in Todmorden, Robinwood offers an action-packed, two-night stay that the children will love. Mr Toshach will be holding a meeting for parents, please see the calendar attached for the dates.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This year's theme is **'My Voice Matters'**, which is about empowering children by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Children's well-being is our top priority, on the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024, we will hold a variety of activities to promote children's mental health. Activities will cover fitness and healthy eating as well.

## Emotionally Friendly Schools

At St Paul's we are currently working towards the Bronze Emotionally Friendly Schools Accreditation. This involves meeting a number of criteria around promoting emotional wellbeing for our children and staff as well as supporting individual children and families. For more information please visit [www.emotionallyfriendly.co.uk/](http://www.emotionallyfriendly.co.uk/)

## Young Voices

Year 4 will be going to the Young Voices Concert on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

At Key Stage 2, homework will now include a Grammar task alongside the Maths and Reading Comprehension. There will be a support sheet sent home to help with any new terminology. As always if you have any concerns about your child's homework please contact the class teacher through Class Dojo.

## Fundraising and Christmas Appeal for Shelter

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of your support for our Christmas Collection this year for our chosen local charity, Shelter. We are so grateful for your generous donations of 'warm things' that will be very much appreciated throughout the winter by struggling families across Salford and Manchester.

Thanks to your support in the summer term with Year 5's fundraising efforts, we have sent a significant donation of £1647.00 to Cancer Research. A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our Christmas Fair. Thank you for your contributions, supporting with setting up and attending on the day, we had an amazing turn out and managed to raise £1230.30, this money will be spent directly on our children.

## Finally

School closes for half term on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 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

