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RE: Spring 2 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We warmly welcome our children back to school and hope they had an enjoyable half-term. It has been lovely to see our children return ready to learn and eager to show their best work to their teachers. We have lots of events coming up this term and your child's class teacher will share their newsletters with you to show you what the children in their class will be doing.

This half term, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **Creation**. In our first collective worship, I discussed Lent with the children and how Jesus spent 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness, he was challenged by temptation, but overcome this.

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.

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. 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.

Curriculum

At St. Paul's we are constantly working on revising and invigorating our curriculum, please see our curriculum pages on our school website for up-to-date information on what your child will be learning, please click classes on the top tabs for a wide selection of information – <https://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk/classes>

Year 5 – Robinwood

Year 5's residential trip to Robinwood in March 2023 is only two weeks away and excitement is building! Mr Toshach has held a meeting for parents in the build up to the trip, if you have any further questions for Mr Toshach, please do not hesitate to contact him.

World Book Day

It is World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March 2023 and our children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Reading is one of our golden threads, so there will be lots of activities during the day to celebrate our love for reading.

Parent's Evening

Parent's evening is planned for 21st and 22nd March 2023. You will receive information on how to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher closer to the time. **Please note – Year 4 Parent Evening will be arranged for an alternative date due to availability of staff, more information will follow.**

School Council - Committees

This year we decided to reinvigorate our School Council model. Our School Council now comprises of a variety of committees which work on a range of priorities within school and link to our Whole School Golden Threads - Reading, Emotional Well-being and Caring for All Creation.

During the planning phase we had discussions with staff and pupils about the focus for these committees and who should be involved. It was agreed that each committee would include 2 children from Year 2 up to Year 6, similar to our original school council model. There would also be a designated secretary, a linked school governor and a staff member to oversee and support the committee.

Our School council is really well established now and the children on each committee are really taking their responsibility seriously. They have regular meetings and are busy completing actions to improve things for our pupils and others in our community. Well done everyone!

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.

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.

Finally

School closes for Easter on Friday 31st March at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 17th April 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

