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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 – New Beginnings**. In our 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](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. 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 on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 is only three 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 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 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.

## Red Nose Day

For 2024, Comic Relief proudly presents the funniest Red Noses yet. There will be four fun characters to collect and a chance to get your hands on a limited edition Rare 'Gold' Nose! The Noses are made from plant-based materials meaning they can be recycled at home and are suitable for children aged 3 and above.

Red Nose Day is on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, children can wear their own clothes on the day. We are selling red noses at the school office, they are available to purchase now and cost £2.00 each, all money raised will go directly to the Red Nose Day campaign.

## Chicks for Francis House

In 2023, we supported Francis House Children's Hospice through the sale of knitted chicks for their Easter Chick Appeal, you were overwhelmingly generous and we raised a whopping £240.30 for the appeal. We aim to repeat this support again this year, we will contact you closer to Easter to give you details of how and where to purchase this year's knitted chicks.

## Easter Bingo

We are continuing our school fundraising this year by having an Easter Bingo event at school. On Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm, we will host a session of bingo, where you will have a chance to win some delicious Easter eggs, just in time for the Easter holidays. Further details will follow.

## New Parent Governor

I am pleased to inform you of the result from our recent parent governor election. The successful candidate is Mr Bei Chen and they have been elected unopposed.

## Miss Riley's return

Miss Riley, our Deputy Headteacher, will return from maternity leave on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024. She has missed us and is keen to get back to St. Paul's, she will be working across the school with our children, staff and families.

## Parent's Evening

Parent's evening is planned for 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. You will receive information on how to book an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher closer to the time.

## 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.



**Finally**

School closes for Easter on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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

