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RE: Autumn 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

A warm welcome back to you all and a special 'welcome' to all our new families this term. 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 is 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 new class teacher introducing themselves and highlighting the learning they will cover this term so you can help support them further at home. Teachers will be available each day at drop off and collection to receive any messages or for a quick catch-up.

Parent-Teacher Consultations will be organised in October (see calendar attached) and March. You will receive an End of Year report in July.

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.

Our Senior Leaders are:

Ms Knipe – Headteacher

Miss Delisser – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs O'Reilly – Assistant Headteacher/KS2 Leader

Miss Mc Loughlin – EYFS/KS1 Leader

Mrs Marshall – SENDCO (Mon-Wed AM)

Mrs Storey – SENDCO (Wed PM – Fri)

Mrs Ahmed – School Business Manager

Miss Armstrong will now be known as Mrs Storey as she got married during the summer holidays.



Meet the Teacher

Look at the calendar attached for your child's day next week.

Updating School Systems



We ask that you inform the office staff if and when there are any changes in your child's details including – first contact details, address, telephone number and notification of medical conditions. It is vital that these are kept up to date so we can contact you in case of an emergency at school. You should also inform school if you wish to change the adults you have listed to collect your child.

If you wish to check these details, please contact the school office and a member of staff will run through what is on our system.

Attendance and Punctuality

School attendance is one of our school's highest priorities. 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 with an Attendance Officer from the Local Authority 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.



St. Paul's C.E. Primary School
Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

| If your child's attendance during the school year... | Your child would have lost approximately... | or they would have missed approximately... |
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| was 95% | 9 Days from School | 50 Lessons |
| was 90% | 19 Days from School | 100 Lessons |
| was 85% | 29 Days from School | 150 Lessons |
| was 80% | 38 Days from School | 200 Lessons |
| was 75% | 48 Days from School | 250 Lessons |

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Good punctuality is also very important. 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.

Uniform

It is wonderful to see our children back in school looking splendid in their full school uniform today. Please refer to our uniform policy on the website to ensure that your child is wearing suitable uniform for school and thank you for your ongoing support. <https://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk/uniform>

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.

Reading Workshops for Parents/Carers

You are invited to attend reading workshops with your child's class throughout this half term, please check when your child's class workshop is on the calendar attached.



Harvest

Our School Council have selected to support St. Paul's Church's harvest appeal this year and will be collecting items for our Harvest Festival, more information to follow.

PE kits

All children in Years 1-6 come to school dressed in their full PE kit to wear on their PE day. Nursery and Reception children must bring their PE kit to school and will change for PE on their allocated day, this is to support them with the skills of dressing themselves which makes up part of their curriculum. If a child does not have a PE kit it means that they cannot take part in these curriculum sessions - it can be disruptive for the class and also upsetting for the child.

Lledr Hall – Y6

On 18th November 2024, Year 6 will visit Lledr Hall in Snowdonia National Park, Wales, for a 3-day residential trip. Mrs O'Reilly will be in touch this term to share important information about the trip with Year 6 families.

Robinwood -Y5

Planning is well underway for the Year 5 3-day residential trip to Robinwood on 11th December 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.

Bikes/scooters on the playground

At St. Paul's we love to encourage our children to bike or scoot it to school. Please can I request that both adults and children dismount and push bikes/scooters when on the school grounds to avoid any accidents or collisions with other parents and children. I would like to also remind you that school does not accept any responsibility for any bikes/scooters left on the school premises. We strongly suggest that all bikes/scooters are locked securely if left on school premises.

Lost Property

Sometimes children's uniform can be left behind in places around school. All items with names in are returned to their owner and not stored in lost property. **Therefore, we encourage all parents to ensure that EVERY item is clearly labelled with your child's name.** If your child has lost an item please speak to the class teacher initially and if this is not within the classroom they will direct you to check with the school office. If your child brings home an item that is not theirs by mistake, please return this via the class teacher.

Water Bottles and Snacks

All children are encouraged to drink water during the day. Children are able to re-fill their water bottles from safe water points around school. Children may also bring in healthy snacks to have during their break times (both am and pm). We try to encourage healthy eating habits so ask that children bring a healthy snack to school. Children in Key Stage 1 and Early Years are provided with fresh fruit daily.

Play Frames

The school has a number of play frames on the school playgrounds to help encourage safe adventurous play. All frames are regularly checked to ensure that they meet safety requirements and are age appropriate. The children are also informed on their safe use and are closely supervised during use. The school cannot accept any liability for any accidents that occur when used before or after the school day and without school staff supervision. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO PLAY ON THE PLAY FRAMES BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.

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.

I am looking forward to working with you towards another successful year at St. Paul's Primary School.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. R. Knipe

