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RE: Summer 1 Newsletter

Dear parents and carers,

We warmly welcome our children back to school and hope they had a peaceful Easter holiday; it has been lovely to see our children return ready for the summer term. This half term, we will be focusing on the Christian value of **Peace**. In our first collective worship, I discussed the importance of being able to take some quiet, peaceful time to reflect and think of the valuable things in our lives.

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, please do have a look on there.

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. Last half term we met our target of 96%, with a half term total of **96.6%**, well done everyone! 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.

School Uniform

We have very high expectations of our pupil's presentation and therefore we regularly check that all pupils are adhering to the school's policy on school uniform. Please refer to our website page which outlines the expectations for school uniform at St. Paul's. <https://www.stpaulscrompton.org.uk/uniform>

Maternity Leave

Miss Blair, our nursery teacher, is expecting a baby in June. She will begin her maternity leave after the half term break in May. Preparations are underway to support the transition of a new teacher to work with our fantastic nursery class in the final half term in June and July, more information will follow.

Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

Our Senior Leaders are:

Ms Knipe – Headteacher

Miss Riley – Deputy Headteacher

Mrs O'Reilly – KS2 Leader

Miss McLoughlin - EYFS/KS1 Leader

Mrs Marshall and Miss Armstrong – SENDCO

Mrs Ahmed – School Business Manager

Autism in School's Project

At the beginning of the Spring term we launched a new project in school working closely with agencies from the Local Authority. The project is called the Autism in School's Project and we are one of only three Salford schools who have been chosen to participate. We are delighted to be working alongside Salford's Learning Support Service (LSS), CAMHS, the Primary Inclusion Team (PIT), Salford's Educational Psychologist Service and Salford Parent Carer Forum, to support autistic people and neurodiversity across the school. We will communicate with you if there are any further opportunities for you to participate in the project as it progresses through the summer term.

Family Support and Pastoral Lead

Many of you know will know Mrs Blears, who has worked at St Paul's for many years. Mrs Blears works closely with our children and families to offer nurture support for our children and family support for our parents. Throughout the years, she has collated a range of resources that she can signpost families to if they need some additional support covering a variety of areas. Mrs Blears is available on the gate at St Paul's Road entrance most mornings if you would like to request some support from her, alternatively, you can email her with your request for support at office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk.

Statutory Assessment

The DfE have advised that the following assessments will take place in 2024. Teachers have been working hard with the children to prepare them for their assessments, please see below the time of when assessments will take place:

Year 6 - End of Key Stage 2 SATs 13 – 16 May 2024

Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check 10 – 14 June 2024

Year 4 - Multiplication Times table Check (MTC) 10 - 21 June 2024

We request that you do not take any term time holidays during these assessment periods. If at any time you wish to discuss the assessment process with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment to meet with them through the school office or Class Dojo.



Finally

School closes for Whit half term on Friday 24th May at 3.30pm. We reopen on Monday 10th June 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

