



Newsletter—September 2016



A WARM WELCOME

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday and managed to enjoy some of the lovely summer weather. A new school year is always an exciting prospect and there is so much to look forward to! May I extend a warm welcome to our new families—we are delighted you have joined us and we look forward to developing successful relationships over the coming years. I would also like to thank you for ensuring your children have returned to school ready for the year ahead. They are immaculately presented and we will try our best to ensure they stay that way! We always encourage the children to be respectful of their property and this includes uniform and other belongings. From time to time we are bound to find the odd jumper or cardigan left around and it is so easy to return it to the owner if it is clearly labelled so please could you ensure that all of your child's uniform is labelled. A reminder that outdoor PE Uniform is available for KS2 children from Rawcliffe's in Stockton. This is optional. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Mrs S Sinclair
Headteacher



A GREAT START



As you know attendance and punctuality are very important to help ensure that your child makes the best progress they can at school. This week we have an excellent attendance figure of 98.3% and everyone has been punctual which means the school day can get off to a prompt and efficient start. Many thanks.

Please remember to phone the school office before 10am (earlier if possible) if your child is going to be absent and to follow -up absence by completing the form in the school porch. Holidays and non-urgent medical/dental appointments should be avoided during school time. I am unable to authorise requests for holidays due to legal regulations (except in exceptional circumstances) therefore any absence would be recorded as unauthorised.

Teaching staff supervise the beginning of the school day (from 8.40am). Once you have brought your child to school we request that you leave the school playground so that duty teachers can supervise the children easily. At the end of the day please avoid coming into the school grounds before 3pm as lessons are often still going on outdoors, Dogs are not allowed within the school grounds and we also request that mobile phones and other electronic devices are not used within the school grounds. Many thanks for your co-operation.

HOME—SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

We know our best partners in education are you, our parents and carers. We always encourage open and honest conversations to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child therefore, if you have any queries or concerns then please do bring them to our attention by calling into school or you can telephone to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or speak to myself or Mrs Peacock, acting Deputy Head. Duty teachers at the beginning of the day can pass on general messages to your child's teacher.

Newsletters will be uploaded onto the school web-site in the Curriculum area and home-school learning activities will be arriving to support educational and social development. Thank you for your support.

POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS

Before the summer holidays I wrote to you to let you know we were working with the children to develop our Behaviour Policy. This policy is now available on our school website and this week it has been successfully implemented across the whole school. We have a school code of conduct which helps secure the values of our school mission statement. This policy will be used in conjunction with the Anti-Bullying Policy and Child Protection Policy to ensure our children have the best opportunities to develop healthy and positive personal, social and emotional relationships .



Our school display showing the Values of St. Paul's School.

Our School Mission Statement produced by our Art Club and proudly displayed in school entrance.

The school offices, meeting room, entrance porch and library have been refurbished over the holidays using a grant from the Diocese (for buildings). The Friends of St. Paul's enhanced the grant to ensure the renovation could take place. Thank you!

IMPORTANT DATES

After School Clubs: Clubs start w/b 12.9.16

Monday—Y1 & 2 Multi-skills (date to be confirmed)

Tuesday—R, Y1 & 2 Lingotots/Y3,4,5,6 Dance Club

Wednesday—Y3,4,5,6 Martial Arts

Thursday—Netball & Football (begin next week, letters will be given on Monday)

Friday—Y3,4,5,6 Multi sports (begins next week, letters will be given on Monday)

Diary Dates:

10th and 13th October—Parents Evenings (details to follow next week)

13th October—Photographer in School—individual & family photos (details to follow)

20th October—Roald Dahl 100th Birthday celebrations (details to follow)