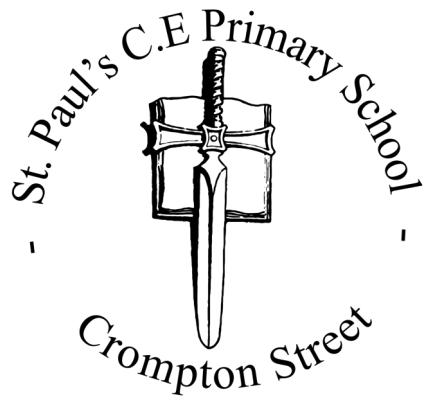


# St. Paul's CE Primary School

## Newsletter #159

### Spring Term 2 April 2020



#### Stay home, stay safe

We hope you are all keeping well and safe and we thank you for all your support over the past 2 weeks. We really do appreciate some of the lovely messages and concern for everyone in school. We hope you are receiving the twice weekly emails from teaching staff. If you aren't please email: [office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk](mailto:office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk) and we will ensure you are added to the distribution list.

#### Keyworker provision

The teachers and support staff are all keeping well and doing an amazing job with only the necessary staff in school to resource the Keyworker provision for the children that absolutely need to be in. These children are also being brilliant. Despite knowing that all the other children are at home, and being in a very different environment to normal, they have come in each day with a smile on their faces and behaved amazingly. Many thanks to the staff in school who are providing this and those working from home who are ensuring the children continue to have activities that they can do whilst not in school.

#### Activities to do at home

We hope everyone is managing OK during this challenging time, as we do appreciate this is difficult for everyone in different ways. Teachers are doing a fabulous job of sending out tasks to give some support to children and parents and these can be done in conjunction with some of the things that you may not usually have time to do, maybe singing, drawing, dancing, baking, cooking and exploring the garden. Keeping everyone mentally and physically healthy is just as

important as academic work at the moment. Washing hands and staying at home, obviously being amongst those most important things currently.

#### Year 6

When we finally get back to school, whenever that is, we don't know if we will be in time to say a proper goodbye to our Year Six class with the whole school, however we will be making sure that, no matter what happens, the children get a leaver's party where parents and children have the opportunity to get back together, even if by then they have moved on to pastures new. They were so wonderful on Friday and we know that they all were equally concerned about what will be happening, at a time full of unknowns. A whole class photo was kindly taken by one of our governors and parents, Mr Anguige, just in case, and this will be made available to parents as soon as we can. Many thanks to Mr Anguige for this.



### W/C April 20th 2020

As things currently stand we anticipate that we will be continuing after the Easter break with our current arrangements in school and what has been happening over the past 2 weeks, unless we are given further guidance at which point I will of course send further updates.

Tomorrow your children will receive their usual Easter project letter where they can begin to do some research into their new topic for after the holidays.

After the holidays the teaching staff will continue to send emails on Wednesdays and Fridays with English activities and Maths activities.

On a Wednesday there will be an activity sheet for each of the other curriculum areas with links for music, art activities and other curriculum areas and a mental health and wellbeing activity task (usually a picture news activity).

On a Friday there will be a sheet with links to daily exercises and ways to stay healthy. This may include links to, for example, Joe Wicks, Oti Mabuse and other games that can be played to encourage exercise and a healthy lifestyle.

These two emails are for guidance only to support you at this time, they can be done at any time and a home schooling timetable over a usual school day may not be the most appropriate for your child. Please do whatever works for your children at this time and if you have any concerns, email: [office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk](mailto:office@stpaulscrompton.org.uk) and we will do our best to support where we can.



### Supporting children in understanding and looking for the positives during this difficult time

Please can I encourage you to talk to your children about being hopeful in these times.

If your children are worried about anything, please encourage them to tell a trusted adult and let them keep that worry for them.

There are lots of scary things being discussed in the media at a time when the children have already experienced changes to theirs and their family's routines.

Please try and encourage them to look for the good, like the clap for carers at 8pm this evening, and the rainbows and bears in people's homes. These are to support all those working on the frontline, including some of our parents and family members to tackle the current pandemic, for which we are all really grateful for their hardwork and dedication during this time.

### Finally.....

Things are changing every day and maybe these changes will impact positively for the future in focussing on what is important in our lives. Maybe we will begin to see different ways of doing things that may have a positive impact for many, even during these challenging times.

In the meantime, all of the teachers and staff in school wish you and your families good health and encourage you to stay safe, stay at home and save lives, in line with the Government guidance. Each and every one of you are an important part of the St Paul's Community and we look forward to seeing you as soon as it safe and we are able to do so.