



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> October 2016

## **Mr Dalton**

Mr Dalton will be leaving us at the end of Christmas for personal reasons. This will be a great loss to the school, and I know you will all join me in wishing him all the best for the future. Due to his personal circumstances, he will be working only three days a week after half term. I am delighted to tell you that we have already appointed a new deputy headteacher, Miss Crannitch, and she will be working for two days a week from half term, assuming the full time position after Christmas. I hope you will all be able to meet her as soon as possible. She is very excited about working at St. Paul's.

## **Sweatshirts and Cardigans**

If you have been waiting for a new sweatshirt or cardigan, they have now arrived. Please come and get your new sweatshirts so nobody is wearing the incorrect uniform. Thank you!

## **Spectacles**

We have got quite a collection of glasses that children have lost. If your child has lost a pair of glasses, please come and check, as we may well have them. They are in the School Office.

## **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the parent teacher meetings yesterday. As usual, it was very busy! It is such a valuable opportunity for you to learn about how your child is doing in school, and what you can do to support their learning. We are developing some "how to" videos for the school website. Some are already on there – we have focused on maths methods to start with, but we are adding to them every week. This will help you if you think that the methods we teach are different from those you learnt at home. We also want to help you learn how you can help your child with phonics and reading – these videos will be the focus after half term.

## **Black History Week**

This week the focus of the learning has been black history, and this has taken many different forms. It has been good to see the younger children learning about Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela, and of course Barack Obama has also been a focus of study. It is good to see the children learning that they are living in historic times too. I hope parents who came to Parents' Meeting managed to look at the display. Many of the children have also participated in African Dance sessions today.

## **Girls' Football Team**

The Girls' Football Team played a friendly match with Keyworth School last night and drew. The league matches start after half term, and this is a good start for our brand new team. Congratulations to them!

## **Half Term**

We break up for half term today. Children return to school on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October.