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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you well.

As the half-term draws to a close, I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership. It has been a busy half-term and I am sure that the children and staff are looking forward to a break from school. I hope you manage to find some time too for a little relaxation. Let's hope that the days brighten up a little and that we begin to see the first signs of our long-awaited springtime! I hope this letter keeps you updated with school news.

Staffing changes:

As well as the general updates and diary reminders, I am writing to let you know that Mrs Cooke will be leaving St Paul's at the end of the Spring term as she has decided to make a career change and will therefore be leaving teaching.

I know that you will naturally be disappointed to hear this news. Mrs Cooke develops wonderful relationships with parents and families, and always puts her heart and soul into the well-being, personal development and education of the children. I am confident in saying that most of the children here at St Paul's will have very fond memories of Mrs Cooke. With the exception of any children who have not been in our reception class, Mrs Cooke will have taught your child and made a positive impact on their lives. She has developed strong professional relationships in school and is a friend to many. Like you, I will miss her enormously but wish her every success in her new career.

During the Summer term, Reception class will be taught by Mrs Craft, and therefore arrangements will be made over the coming weeks to ensure that Mrs Craft's current teaching commitments are covered. If this impacts on your child's class I will let you know of any changes before the end of the Spring term.

Attendance:

I am delighted to let you know that our current whole school attendance is at 96.1%. This is really positive and very close to our aim of 97%. I am most grateful to you for supporting good attendance and for letting us know if your child is unable to attend school for any reason. Our school team work exceptionally hard to ensure that our school is a great place to be, so that children really want to be at school. In return, the children bring with them each morning their cheerful smiles and enthusiasm. A positive mind-set, self-belief, resilience, and confidence ensure that they will be the best they can be – well done children and thank you to our parents and families.

Uniform Policy:

Our uniform policy has been updated and will be approved by Governors this week. Under the items listed as 'Accessories,' **school water bottles** have been added. This means that for children in Reception to Year 6, the only water bottles allowed at school are St Paul's School water bottles. After half-term, please do not allow your child to bring in a different type of water-bottle unless there is an exceptional reason. The water bottles are good quality and should be robust. They have been sourced and they are non-leaking bottles, which do not need caps to be opened and closed. If your child chews the top then unfortunately they may leak. Replacement bottles can be purchased at the school office at the cost-price of £3 (cash please). Thank you for your co-operation and support.



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Dates for your Diary

This week:

Wednesday 19th February – School Mass at 9.15am.

You are invited to join Year 4, 5 and 6 to celebrate Mass in our school hall. Please come into school via the main entrance on Wolviston Mill Lane.

Friday 21st February – PD Day – Children are not in school

**w/c 24th February – HALF TERM
(children return to school on Monday 3rd March)**

After half term:

Wednesday 5th March – Ash Wednesday – Fr Adrian will hold a service in school and share ashes (children and staff only)

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – please refer to the separate letter emailed home.

Thursday 6th March – Preloved uniform sale 3-3.45pm in the Wraparound (Childcare) building.

Wednesdays 19th and 26th March – Parent Consultation Evenings 3.40-6pm.

You have been invited to book an appointment with your child's class teacher on one of the dates. Please ensure you have made your appointment. Please let the school office know if you have any difficulties booking.

Wednesday 9th April – School Mass at 9.15am

**14th – 25th April – EASTER HOLIDAYS
(children return to school on Monday 28th April)**

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.
Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you need to.

Your sincerely,



Sheena Sinclair
Head Teacher



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