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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

1st February 2018

Dear Families,

We look forward to welcoming you into school next week for our Parent/Carer consultation evenings on the 6th and 7th of February 2018. If you have not yet made an appointment, there are still spaces so please send in the slip or catch your child's teacher at the end of the day. If you are unable to join us on either of the evenings, please let your child's teacher know and we will make an alternative appointment at a mutually convenient time. The consultation evenings are a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and share their Maths and English books, however as always, if parents and carers need to talk with a teacher at any other time over the course of the school year, we will always make time to meet with you.

Next week on the 8th February, we are looking forward to hosting our first ever Dance Festival. All our children have enjoyed practising in PE sessions and we have seen them grow in confidence and ability. There are still a small number of tickets left for the 1.30pm performance, so please enquire at the office if you would like to attend.

Thank you to our families who are following us on our school website and Twitter and who have enjoyed us sharing what is going on in school on a day to day basis. There is never a dull moment! If parents and carers have not given permission for photos of their children to be taken for use outside of school, then we will of course, never feature these children. If you wish to review the permissions you have given to school regarding photographs or if you specifically do not want your child to appear on the website or on Twitter, please fill out a new form, available in the entrance lobby and hand to a member of the office staff. Thank you.

We have been asked by West Yorkshire Police to forward the following information to all our families, regarding children who are reported as missing:-

Dealing with Missing Children

'Within the Leeds District the Police deal with an enormous amount of missing children every week. Every incident is distressing and traumatic for the family involved. The police are asking if you could help reduce the number of missing children by ensuring that when your child's friend stays overnight at your home address, you have personally spoken to the friend's parent/carer/guardian to ensure they know where their child is staying. We want to keep young people safe and avoid the upset of having officers attending at your address in the early hours to find a young person who has been

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reported missing. Young people do not always tell their parents where they are staying, they may have said they have permission when in fact they don't. West Yorkshire Police would like you to assist in being vigilant and responsible, helping to reduce the number of missing children with just one short phone call to the child's carer to ensure everyone is aware. Should you need to report a missing person, please contact 101. On behalf of West Yorkshire Police I would like to thank you for your assistance with this and let us all work together to keep your children safe.

Following on from this, If your child is poorly and you are unable to bring them to school, please inform us as soon as possible – by 9am at the latest, so that we can authorise the absence, knowing that they are safe.

Although warmer weather is just around the corner (we hope), during the cold weather spells, in line with recent Health and Safety advice, when the school yard is icy, please stick to using the footpaths, which will have been gritted to walk children into school. We will cordon off areas which are particularly icy and we ask that you do not allow your children to walk or play on these patches before school.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to a great February at Whinmoor St. Paul's, as we continue our learning journey through the spring term.

Miss McBride

Head teacher