



## Message from the Headteacher

### Changes to Website and Communication systems

We just want to let you know that we are currently working on updating our school website. We will be doing this work over the next few months and we will keep you updated for when it is live. With the new website, there will be a new school app that will allow us to do additional things that our current app can not do such as sending notifications for particular classes. There will also be an email system built into this that will allow us to email documents out to parents. Alongside this, the school will be starting its own twitter feed. In order to make sure this happens and so that you receive all communications, we will need to update our contacts and consent forms. We will be getting new forms for you to fill in soon. So I ask when these do come home that you complete and return them to school as soon as possible. In the meanwhile, all the current systems we have will continue to work.

### Chocolate Bingo Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

We hope you can come along to our after school Chocolate Bingo event on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January at St Paul's. The event is bingo with chocolate as prizes. It is a fun event for all the family. After you have picked up your children just come around to the front entrance to join in. One set of bingo tickets is £2. You are welcome to buy more than one set if you wish. There will also be light refreshments on sale.

### Funeral on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January

There will be a funeral on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> at Church that will be close to the end of the school day. Emma our vicar has asked if parents on this day can make alternate arrangements and not use the church car park in the afternoon on this day. Thank you for your support with this.

### E Safety Day

The whole school will be taking part in the National Safer Internet Day on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2019. On this day, all classes will be taking part in e safety work. We hope your children have lots to tell you about!

Dear Parent / Carer

Since November 2016, our school has taken part in a pilot of a project that ran jointly between Stalybridge schools and Greater Manchester Police. We wrote to parents at this time. This project is called Operation Encompass. It aims to support children who are affected by domestic violence by ensuring that their school is informed. This initiative will be extended on 21st January 2019 across all Tameside schools. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Operation Encompass, is a scheme that will ensure that we can better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to Police from their home.

Following a domestic incident, the Police will inform a nominated member of staff at the school to notify us that an incident has taken place. This will ensure that we are made aware, early enough, to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to.

Each school has a member of staff called the designated Safeguarding lead who is trained to recognise when a child needs support.

The initiative is being rolled out across all Tameside schools. It is a multi-agency project that includes the Police, local schools and the Council. It has been successfully implemented in other parts of the country and has helped schools and parents to help children deal with the impact that domestic abuse in the home can have on them.

You can find out more about Operation Encompass here:  
<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

We are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to safeguard and protect children in Tameside and to provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr S Wright (Head teacher)

## Save the Date

**31st January Chocolate  
Bingo 3.30pm**  
**Please come around to  
the main entrance after  
you have picked your  
child (ren) up from the  
playground.**

**31<sup>st</sup> January Phonics  
workshop for parents  
6pm (a separate letter  
has been sent for  
classes involved in this)**

**5th February National  
Safer Internet Day**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
last day of term. School  
finishes at 3.15pm**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February  
2019 School Reopens**

**The Holiday calendar is  
available on the  
school's website:**

**[http://www.st-  
paulsstalybridge.co.uk/](http://www.st-paulsstalybridge.co.uk/)**

**Perseverance  
Our Christian Values  
Focus this half term is  
Perseverance**

**Why not ask you child  
what they have done to  
persevere this week?**

**CHOCOLATE BINGO THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY**