



St Paul's Reception Newsletter



February 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! This is another short, but jam-packed half term with the Reception Easter Performance leading us into the Easter holidays.

We shall be saying goodbye to Mrs Barry on Friday as she begins her maternity leave and are looking forward to the arrival of her baby. We welcome Miss Jenkins, who will be joining us for the rest of the year. Please do come and introduce yourself to Miss Jenkins.

Our Theme:

Our theme this half term will be 'Our Favourite Authors'.



We shall be focusing on some well-known authors including Julia Donaldson and Eric Carle and will be finding out about space, growth and lifecycles.

Superhero Dress Up Day:

On Friday 23rd February we shall be holding a superhero dress up day for Reception. The children are invited to come into school wearing a superhero costume or their own clothes.

Please do not buy an outfit – a homemade mask and a coloured t-shirt will be fine. This is a fun event just for our children.

Trip to Kew Gardens:

We are very excited about our trip to Kew Gardens, which will take place on Tuesday 20th March. This will be an amazing experience for the children. We shall be travelling by bus down to Kew and will spend the day exploring the plants and features there.



The cost of the trip will be £2, which can be paid via the ParentPay website. Please speak to a member of the Office Team if you have any problems accessing the website.

We shall shortly be sending home a letter, requesting parent volunteers for the visit. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis so do be quick if you wish to attend.

Reception Easter Performance:

Later in the term we will be inviting you and your family, to come and watch our Easter Performance in the Church. This is a special performance led by Reception.

The performance will take place on Wednesday 28th March at 2pm. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

World Book Day:

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 1st March. On this day the children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book characters. During the day the children will have an opportunity to share their favourite stories and complete activities based on well-known books. All of the children will receive a £1 book token, which can be used in local bookstores.



Parents' Evening:

Parents' Evening will take place on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th March on the Alexandra House Site. Letters will be sent home shortly for you to select an appointment time.

Please note that these letters should be returned to the School Office as they allocate places on a first come first served basis. We cannot accept them at the classroom door.

Reading Books and PE:

We shall continue to collect reading and library books in on **Monday** and return them on Tuesday. Please ensure that you sign the reading log so that we know your child has read.



PE kits should be returned to school as soon as possible. Please remember to label all items of your child's clothing and ensure that earrings are removed. RB has PE on **Wednesday** and RR has PE on **Friday**.

Homework and Show & Tell:

Show and tell will continue to take place on **Friday**. Please try to discourage your child from bringing toys into school other than on Friday.

Weekly phonics or maths homework will be sent out on Fridays. Please continue to complete activities from the homework menu sent out last term.

Dates for your Diaries:

- Friday 23rd February – Mrs Barry's last day & Superhero dress up day (Reception Only)
- Wednesday 28th February – Hand washing workshop
- Thursday 1st March – World Book Day
- Monday 12th & Tuesday 13th March – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 20th March – Kew Gardens Trip
- Wednesday 28th March – Spring Performance at 2pm
- Thursday 29th March – School closes at 1:30pm
- Monday 16th April – Return to School



Mrs Riley & Mrs Handley
Mrs Barry, Miss Jenkins & Miss Hassan