



St Paul's Nursery Newsletter



Spring Term 1

Dear Parents and Children,
I am sure that you are as pleased as I am with the progress that the children in Nursery made over the Autumn Term. I would love to hear what your child is doing at home, you can send an email and/or photos marked for my attention via the school email which is:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Our Learning This Term:

Our theme this half term will be: **Homes and Families**. We will be learning about our families, homes, communities and people who help us. We are hoping to have visitors from the police and fire services and will also learn about taking care of our teeth.

Times of the Nursery day:

Nursery sessions run from **9am-12noon**. Please ensure that you drop off and pick up your child on time.

Trips:

We have planned the following curriculum trips for this school year – further details will be sent out once bookings have been confirmed:

Spring Term 24th March : Hounslow Urban Farm

Summer Term: Hampton Court Palace TBC

Drinks and Snacks:

Children are provided with fruit and milk throughout the morning at Nursery. Please also send in a water bottle, these will be sent home daily for washing. **Don't forget you need to pre-order your child's milk.** Please do not send your child in with any drink other than water and do not send in any additional snacks.

Getting Ready For Reception:

Don't forget you must apply for a place (via the local authority) for a place in our Reception classes for September 2020. You need to apply even if your child attends our Nursery and has older siblings in the school. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2020.

Below are some things you can do to start getting your child ready to move into Reception:

- Make sure they can put their own coat on and do up their zip.
- Make sure they can take off their own jumper.
- Make sure they can use the toilet completely independently.
- Help them to recognise their name.
- Help them write their name. (**not** in capital letters)
- Encourage them to hold their pencil between their thumb and 2 fingers.
- Encourage them to talk in full sentences (in English or in your home language)

Library Books:

Library books are sent home once a week. Books should be returned to school in a bookbag on Wednesdays and a new book will then be sent home.

Please encourage your child to talk about the things they can see in the pictures and think about why events happen e.g. *Why did Goldilocks's eat the porridge? Why was baby bear sad?* Please also help your child learn the importance of looking after books by ensuring they are taken care of whilst they are at home.

Clothing:

Please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed each day. They will need comfortable clothes which they can manage without adult support e.g. Velcro fastenings on their shoes, elastic waists. We will be outside and using paint and messy materials and whilst aprons are always available accidents will happen. A spare set of clothes should be kept in a named bag on your child's peg. **The children will learn outside in all weathers so please ensure they have shoes and coats suitable for the weather.**

PE:

We have weekly PE lessons in the hall on Tuesdays, however the children do **NOT** need a PE kit for these sessions. Please note that children who come to school wearing jewellery will not be able to take part in PE lessons.

Learning at Home:

We would like to find out about your child's experiences outside of Nursery including any clubs they attend and any trips/ visits you take. Attached to this newsletter are some new "Learning at Home" slips for you to record these on.

Junk Modelling Materials

If you have any cereal boxes, clean yogurt pots or cardboard tubes that we could use for model making, please send them into school.

As part of our learning about families we would also love to have a baby picture of each of the children. Please either bring these in (we can photocopy them) or email to the office address marked for my attention.

Miss Browne