



Dear Parents and Carers,  
I am sure you are as proud as I am at the way the children in the Nursery have settled back into normal learning routines as the lockdown restrictions have lifted. I would love to hear what your child is doing/learning 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](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

### **Our Learning This Term:**

Our theme this half term will be: **Magical and Mystical**. We will be reading lots of fantasy-based books and the children will have a chance to create their own characters and tell their own stories.

### **Times of the Nursery day:**

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

### **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:**

Below are some things you can do to start getting you 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?* You can also encourage them to identify the letter sounds that they recognise in the text and sound out words from the book for them to blend together. **Please use the teacher comments in your child's red record book for focused support for your child.** 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 outdoor conditions.**

### **PE:**

We have weekly PE lessons in the hall on Tuesdays, the children do **NOT** need a PE kit for these sessions, however please **send them in wearing shoes suitable for a PE lesson** (no boots/sandals). 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. The easiest way to share these with us is to email the school office on [office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk) Home Learning Tasks are set each Wednesday on Google Classroom and are due for submission on Tuesdays.