St Paul's Reception Newsletter

September 2020

Dear Parents and Children,
Welcome to Reception! We hope you had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year.

This Half Term:
Our theme this half term will be **Nursery Rhymes and Traditional Tales**. We shall be learning a selection of well-known rhymes and stories, thinking about the characters and creating our own versions of different rhymes and stories.

Reading Books:
We will be sending home a book from our reading scheme with your child on their first week. This is a talk based book, without words, for you to share with your child. We will be sending a reading book home with your child on Thursday and then these books will be collected back in on Mondays, to be put into quarantine as we have to adhere to coronavirus measures.

We will also send home a Reading Record for you to record any comments about your child's reading at home. Please ensure that you sign the Reading Record before returning it to school, as we will not change the books if it is not signed.

Your child's bookbag should only come into school on Monday, we will then keep it in school and send it back home on Thursday.

Library
We will also send home a library book. This book will be chosen by your child to share with you at home. Please encourage your child to talk about the things they see in the pictures and ask them questions about the characters actions.

Homework:
During the week of the 28th September we will be sending home a 'Homework Menu'. If you have any questions about the homework menu please see your class teacher.

Snacks
The school will continue to provide fruit and milk for the children. Your child will only receive milk if you have registered with **Cool Milk**. This is free for unders 5's, after they are 5 you will need to pay on the Cool Milk website.
Please can your child bring in a clearly named water bottle. This will be sent home each day. Due to Covid-19 we cannot provide cups of water.

Clothing:
Please ensure that all of your child's clothes and shoes are labelled clearly with their name. Whilst every care is taken to avoid mix ups the children will occasionally lose their jumpers.

It is important that your child comes to school appropriately dressed for all weathers. We will be outside in all weathers. We are happy for you to send your child to school in wellie boots, but please remember their inside shoes and a plastic bag for storage.

The Uniform is:
White polo shirt or purple school polo shirt with school logo, which is available from the school office.
School jumper or cardigan with school logo
Grey school trousers or shorts
Grey skirt, pinafore or lilac gingham summer dress
Black school shoes

P.E
P.E kits will not be needed until after the half term. In the first half term we do our P.E lessons in our school uniform and take our shoes and socks off.
P.E Uniform:
White t-shirt, Black shorts, Black plimsolls

Start of the Day:
The gates will be opened at 8:45am each morning and the children should be bought straight to their classrooms. Please encourage your child to come into the classroom by themselves and hang up their own belongings.

The gates will be closed at 8:55am. If you arrive after this time you will need to make your way to the School Office.

Home time:
At the end of the day the gates will be opened at 3:15pm.
To ensure that home time goes as smoothly, and as quickly, as possible please help us by standing back away from the door and waiting for your child's name to be called. It may take us a while to match children with adults so please bear with us.
Please ensure you contact the Office if another adult is collecting your child from school.

The gates will be closed at 3:30pm. Again, if you arrive after this time please make your way to the School Office.

Junk Materials:
Do you have any cereal boxes, clean yogurt pots or cardboard tubes that we could use for model making? If so please could you send them into school?

Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Reception Team if you have any queries.

Mrs Barry and Mrs Ezame
Mrs Lonsdale and Miss Hassan