



St Paul's Reception Newsletter



November 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable half term.

This half term's theme:

This half term our theme will be '**Machines and Me**'. We shall be exploring different types of machines including vehicles and light sources. The overview is attached to this newsletter.



We shall also be learning about the festivals of Diwali and Hannukah and will be thinking about why these festivals are important and how they are celebrated. We shall also be thinking about why people celebrate Bonfire Night and why poppies are significant during Remembrance.



The children will be taking part in a number of visits including the local train station and the Steam Museum (see below). If you are available to help on any of our walks/ trips please speak to a member of the Reception Team.

Steam Museum Trip:

As part of our thinking about boats and submarines we are planning a trip to Brentford Steam Museum on Friday 3rd December. During the visit, the children will take part in an interactive workshop and will have an opportunity to explore the museum.



The cost of the visit will be £4.50 and payments will be collected via the parentpay website. A letter confirming all of the details and requesting payment will be coming out shortly.

Events in School:

This half term we will be participating in a number of whole school events.

The first event, which will run during the whole of November, is **Number November**. This is a fantastic initiative aimed at promoting the children's mathematical knowledge.

Over the course of the month the children will take part in a number of activities and challenges including Maths Mufti Day which will take place on Friday 5th November. The children are encouraged to come to school dressed in a number themed costume.



On the 12th November children are welcome to come into school wearing **Children in Need** items with their uniforms. This is not a mufti day and a collection will not be taken.

During the week of the 15th November we shall also be taking part in **Road Safety Week**. During this event we shall be encouraging the children to think about how they can stay safe when out and about.

Christmas at St Paul's:

During the last few weeks of term there are a number of events planned to celebrate Christmas including our Christmas party and Christmas lunch. A list of these events can be found below.



If your child would like to send Christmas cards to their friends, a class list will be available for you to collect nearer to the time.

Reading:

It has been wonderful reading your comments about the learning that is taking place at home and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support with reading at home. We have seen the children's confidence blossom over the course of the first half term, and so many of them are becoming increasingly confident segmenting and blending.



Reading books will continue to be changed on

Wednesday's. Please try to send your child's book bag in every week and ensure that you have signed the red reading log.

If you require any support with reading at home, please speak to a member of the Reception Team. A video of Mr Lacey's reading talk is also available on the school's website.

Homework and Google Classroom:

Thank you to the children and parents who completed activities from last term's homework menu. It was lovely sharing these in class and talking about the children's experiences.

A new homework menu will be sent out shortly. Please encourage your child to select from the available activities. Work can be submitted via the School Office email, office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk or on Google Classroom.



If you require any support logging onto Google Classroom, please speak to a member of the Reception Team. Should the school have to close due to a lockdown this will be the main way in which work will be set for the children and daily meeting links published, so it is vital that you become familiar with the format now.

PE:

This half term we shall be completing a dance unit. During the unit we shall be working on the children's awareness of moving safely in the available space, counting to the beat of 8 and exploring how we can move different parts of our bodies.

This half term we will be encouraging the children to change into their PE kits. The children will require a plain white t-shirt, plain black shorts and black plimsoles.



PE kits will be kept in school until the end of the half term. PE takes place on **Thursday** afternoon.

Uniform and Clothing:

As we move towards the winter it is important that the children come to school prepared for all weathers. As well as being able to access the outside area in all weathers, the children also spend time outside in the main playground at lunch time. It is therefore vital that they have a coat in school every day.



Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled, including coats, socks and shoes.

Show and Tell:

Show and Tell will take place on **Friday**. Children can bring in a small toy/object to talk about with their friends.

Dates for your diaries:

Monday 1st November – **Number November begins**

Monday 1st November – **Parents Evening**

Tuesday 2nd November – **Parents Evening**

Friday 5th November – **Maths Mufti Day**

Friday 12th November – **Children in Need**

15th – 19th November – **Road Safety Week**

Friday 3rd December – **Trip to the Steam Museum**

Wednesday 8th December – **PTFA KS2 Christmas Disco**

Thursday 9th December – **Year 1 Nativity Service in the Church** (all welcome)

Thursday 9th December – **PTFA EY/KS1 Christmas Disco**

Wednesday 15th December – **Christmas lunch**

Thursday 16th December – **FS Christmas Party**



A list of events for the entire year is available on the school website and is updated frequently in the Friday Roundup. If you have not received the Friday Roundup via email please let the School Office know.

Learning at Home:

We love hearing about your child's learning at home and the experiences they have outside of school.



If your child attends any clubs or takes part in a new activity, please feel free to send us a photograph and a brief description which we can add to their learning journal. Photographs can be uploaded to the google classroom or sent via the School Office (see email address above).



If you require any further information or would like to speak to a member of the Reception Team, we are available at the beginning and end of every day or can be contacted via the School Office.

Thank you for your continuing support,
Mrs Riley and Mrs Ezame