



St Paul's Reception Newsletter



September 2018

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Reception! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming weeks and beginning their Reception adventure.

This Half Term's Theme:

Our theme this half term will be Nursery Rhymes. Each week we will be focusing on a selection of well-known rhymes; looking at alternative versions and thinking about the main characters and events. We shall be encouraging the children to retell and perform well-known rhymes and use a wide variety of materials to create their own representations of the main characters.



We shall also be focusing on Harvest; finding out about where our food comes from and how harvest is celebrated around the world. The children will also have an opportunity to watch the Year 5 Harvest performance in the Church.

Reading Books:

We shall shortly send home two books for your child to share with you at home. The reading book will introduce the children to our reading scheme and has no words. It is designed to encourage your child to create their own story using the pictures as a prompt. The second book is a library book chosen by your child for you to read to them.



More information about the reading scheme and ways to help your child at home will be sent home in your child's book bag. Please ensure that you sign your child's reading log once they have read.

Reading books will be collected in on **Monday** and sent home on **Tuesday** each week.

Clothing:

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct uniform and that every item of clothing has your child's name on it including their coat and shoes.

You are welcome to keep a spare set of clothes in a named bag on your child's peg.

Water Bottles:

Please send in a named water bottle for your child to use at school. We operate a rolling snack in Reception, which means that the children can have fruit and drink whenever they choose. Bottles will be washed and refilled each day.

Arrival and Collection from School:

Each morning the gates will open at 8:45am and will remain open until 8:55am. Please encourage children to enter the classroom on their own and take responsibility for their own belongings.



In the afternoons the gates open at 3:15pm and we shall begin to dismiss the children at 3:20pm. Please stand back from the doors, as it can be very intimidating for the children to be faced with a sea of unknown adults.

If you are running late or someone different is collecting your child please let the School Office know on **0208 560 3297** as the children can become distressed if they are the only ones left or if we have to delay their exit. We cannot let the children leave with another adult unless you have given permission.

Trips and Visits:

We have planned a number of exciting trips for the year. At Christmas we intend to take the children to Waterman's to watch the Christmas Show and are also hoping to visit Kew Gardens in the Spring Term. More details about these trips will be sent home once they are confirmed.

Learning at Home:

We are always excited to hear about the amazing things your child does at home. Learning at Home slips are available from the classrooms and you are welcome to email photos for us to share with your child and their friends. Emails should be sent to the School Office and should be clearly marked for the attention of your class teacher.

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Events and Notices:

Dates for the entire school year can be found on the School's website and each half term we shall include a diary at the bottom of the newsletter. Occasionally we will place notices on the classroom door so please keep an eye out.

Dates for your Diary:

3rd October – Visit to St Pauls Park to observe flowers
11th October at 10am – Year 5 Harvest Performance – all parents and families welcome
12th October at 2:30pm – Parent's invited into Reception for a Harvest celebration (more information available shortly)
22nd – 26th October – Half Term (school closed)
29th October – INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Please do speak to a member of the team if you have any further questions or queries.

The Reception Team