



# St Paul's Reception Newsletter



January 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and an enjoyable New Year. A big thank you for all of the Christmas cards and gifts we received. It was extremely kind of you.

## **Mrs Barry is Back:**

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Barry back to RB following her maternity leave. Please do come and introduce yourself and your family.

## **This Half Term's Theme:**

Our theme this half term will be: **My Family and My Home**. As part of the topic we shall be thinking about our own families; who is in our family and what we do as a family and making comparisons with our friend's experiences. We shall be talking about where we live and comparing the variety of different types of homes found around Brentford and around the world.

To support us with our learning we would be grateful if you could send in the following photographs:

- Photos of your immediate family
- Photos of extended family members e.g. Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts etc.
- A photograph of your child when they were a baby and as a toddler

We shall be using the photos during our class discussions and as part of our focused activities during the first two weeks of school. Photographs should be clearly named and put into a named envelope and will be returned at the end of the unit. If you prefer to email photographs they should be sent to your Class Teacher via the School Office.

## **Trips and Visits:**

This half term we shall be visiting a number of local landmarks including Brentford Train Station, Brentford Library and Brentford Lock. We shall also be taking the children out into Brentford High Street to complete traffic surveys and to look at the variety of shops we have in Brentford.

We will require parent helpers to accompany us on these visits so please speak to your Class Teacher if you are available to help.

## **PE:**

This half term the children will require a PE kit, which will remain in school for the duration of the half term. The PE kits consists of:

- Plain black shorts
- Plain white t-shirt
- Black plimsolls

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named.

We shall be working on the children's gymnastic skills including balancing, travelling and climbing using a variety of equipment including the large apparatus.

RB has PE on Wednesday afternoon and RR has PE on Friday afternoon. Please ensure that earrings and other items of jewellery are removed on these days.

## **Reading Books:**

Reading books shall continue to be changed on **Monday** and returned on Tuesday. Please ensure that you have signed your child's reading log so that we know they have read.

## **Show and Tell:**

We shall continue to have Show and Tell on Friday. This half term our theme will be: 'My Favourite Toy' and 'Something I am Proud of'. Please encourage your child to think about what they would like to tell their friends about their chosen object and practice answering questions about it.

## **Parents Workshop:**

**We shall be holding a workshop for Reception Parents focusing on how we teach phonics and the homework menu on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 3:45pm.**

## **Curriculum Enrichment Day:**

We shall be taking part in the School's Enrichment Day on 17<sup>th</sup> January. On this day the children will have an opportunity to take part in a special workshop and will have a special school lunch. More details will be sent home shortly.

## **Internet Safety:**

We shall be taking part in the School's Internet Safety initiative. During this event we shall be talking to the children about how to stay safe online, including what they should do if they see something they do not like. A workshop for parents will take place on 31<sup>st</sup> January at 9:15am in the School Hall.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

10<sup>th</sup> January – Parents Phonics Workshop at 3:45pm  
17<sup>th</sup> January – Curriculum Enrichment Day  
24<sup>th</sup> January – Year Two St Paul Assembly in the Church  
31<sup>st</sup> January – Parents Internet Safety Workshop at 9:15am  
1<sup>st</sup> February – PTFA event and used book sale  
5<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day  
15<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day – School closed to children  
18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half Term Holiday

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

The Reception Team