St Paul’s Reception Newsletter





October 2017

**Homework Menu:**

We shall shortly be sending home a menu of activities for you to complete at home with your child. There will a wide variety of activities including maths and writing based tasks. You should aim to complete one activity a week.

More information will be available at the parent’s workshop.

**PE Sessions:**

We have begun to introduce the children to PE in the hall. The children are enjoying these sessions very much and are very confident with removing their jumpers and shoes.

After Christmas we shall require the children to have their PE kits in school. These consist of:

* a white t-shirt
* black shorts
* black plimsolls

**School Uniform:**

Please ensure that **every** item of your child’s uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

As the weather turns more unsettled please ensure that your child comes to school appropriately dressed. Your child should have their coat in school everyday.

**Parents’ Evening:**

A reminder that Parents’ Evening is taking place Monday 6th November and Tuesday 7th November. If you haven’t signed up for a slot please contact the school office as soon as possible.

**Christmas Events:**

As we move closer to Christmas we shall send home another newsletter with more details of the events taking place in school.

**Dates for your Diary:**

Monday 6th November – Individual Photographs

Monday 6th November & Tuesday 7th November – Parents Evenings

Friday 10th November – Samaritan’s Purse boxes due in

Thursday 23rd November – Parents Workshop

Friday 8th December – PFA Christmas Disco

Tuesday 12th December – Foundation Trip to Watermans

Tuesday 19th December – School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December at 10am in the Church – Year One Christmas Nativity – all welcome

Thursday 21st December – Foundation Stage Party

Friday 22nd December – School Closes at 1:30pm



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

Mrs Riley & Mrs Handley

Mrs Barry & Miss Hassan

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to another jam-packed term in Reception. This is an extremely busy time of year as we prepare for Christmas and all of the winter festivities.

**Our Theme:**

Our theme this half term will be ‘Colour, Light and Dark’. This is a fantastic theme, with lots of opportunities for the children to explore some great stories including Owl Babies and Elmer.



During the course of the term we shall be encouraging the children to explore different sources of light, it’s impact on human activities and animals and how light is used during different festivals and celebrations.

As we move towards Christmas there will be lots of opportunities for the children to take part in whole school events including the Christmas lunch and the Christmas Service. Dates and details can be found below and on the school website.

**Our Christmas Trip:**

On Tuesday 12th December we shall be taking the children to see the production of ‘The Nutcracker and the Mouse’ at Watermans Theatre. The cost of the visit will be £8.



We shall shortly be sending home a letter with more details about the visit and a slip for parent help. Each class will need a certain number of helpers in order to take part in the experience. Places will be allocated on a first come basis.

**Reading Books and Parents’ Workshop:**

Reading books will continue to be collected in on Monday and returned on Tuesday. Please ensure that you sign your child’s reading log so that we know that the books have been read. We are afraid that we will be unable to change books that are not returned on Monday.



On Thursday 23rd November at 3:45pm we shall be holding a Parents’ Workshop focusing on how we teach reading in Reception and to introduce the homework menu. All parents are welcome to attend with their children. A sign up sheet and more information will be on class doors.