



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back Year 1!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful half term! All of the children have worked incredibly hard last half term and have adjusted so well to Year 1 learning. I am excited to see your progress this next half term and hear about all your holiday adventures!

Attached to this letter please find a copy of a detailed curriculum plan outlining what the children will be learning in the second part of the Autumn Term. You will receive a curriculum overview at the beginning of each half term.

Below you will find a reminder of information about the structure and routines for our class.

Reading

The books will be changed once a week on a **Thursday**. The books your child had the previous week and their Reading Log will need to be in your child's bookbag on this day; it will stay in school overnight and be returned to pupils the following day. Your child is expected to bring their bookbag into school every day. It is especially important that the book bag is in school on book change as we have a very compact timetable; there is very little time to change books other than on the designated days. In your child's book bag, you will find an Oxford Reading Tree book, a Library book, a RWInc. book and a Reading Log.

Another reminder, please comment in your child's Reading Log once they have read their books. This helps us to know that your child is reading and we can then change their books. If you do not comment we assume that your child has not read and gets the same books for another week. This makes a big impact on their progression with reading.

The library book is a book that your child will have chosen. This is something for you to read together. Of course, once your child becomes more confident they might read the entire book to you!

Homework

Children will be given a Maths and an English sheet. They are to complete this page each week as it is based on the learning we have done over the week. Weekly spelling words must also be practised and handed in on Tuesday as we complete our tests on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child's homework folder with their spelling book is in so that they may complete the test in their books. We will be handing out the homework folders on a Friday and will collect them back in on Tuesdays.

PE

Thursday and Friday

Your child's PE kit should include a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls as well as a neutral coloured (navy, black or grey) tracksuit for colder weather. Please try not to have any logos on them. Trainers can be worn for days when we have PE outside. Please ensure that on PE days, you send children with long hair in with it tied back, and that **earrings are removed** or your child knows how to take out their earrings. Staff cannot remove a child's earrings in school. Our school policy states that we are unable to allow children wearing earrings to participate in PE lessons for safety reasons. It is really helpful if all of your child's PE kit is named as it is very easy for pieces of kit to get mixed up.

Important Dates

Here are some of the important dates to remember:
October 31st - November 1st: Parents evening
December 18th: Christmas Lunch
December 19th: KS1 Christmas Party
December 21st: Early Closure at 1:25pm for holidays
Please note, Year 1 will be performing for the Easter assembly this year instead of the Nativity.

Birthdays and Invitations

We are happy to acknowledge children's birthdays in school, therefore pupils are permitted to bring in a small bag of sweets for each child in the class. We do not allow any form of party, cake or party bags to be distributed at the end of the day. Staff will be unable to hand out invitations where members of the whole class have not been included. We ask that parents distribute invitations in the playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

Collecting your child

If your child is going to be collected by someone else (a friend, relative or another child's parent), it is really useful if the school knows about this beforehand, either by sending a note to us, or if your circumstances change during the day, then contacting the school office - 020 8560 3297. **Please contact the school office by 2pm at the latest, so that collection alterations can be shared with staff before the end of the school day.** If we know who the children are going home with, dismissing them at 3.25pm becomes a lot quicker and easier. If you do need to speak to me at any time, please write a note in your child's reading record or make an appointment through the office. I am also available at the end of the day for straightforward queries. You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely
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