



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Children,

Happy new year Year 1!

I hope you have all had a very restful yet exciting holiday season. The children had a great first term in Year 1 and have already made great progress. They have settled in so well and are becoming increasingly independent. We have lots to look forward to this new year!

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

Below you will find 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.

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 book and an English sheet. They are to complete a page each week - following the timetable inside the front cover. We have also put in a sticky note tab on the page to be completed, please only complete this sheet so that your child has homework for every week. If you would like additional tasks, I would be happy to discuss what your child can practise developing. We will be handing out the homework books on a Friday and will collect them back in on a Monday.

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. 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 and children are unable to tape over them. 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.

Dates to Remember

These are the dates that the school has events planned for Year 1:

January 18th - Curriculum Enrichment Day

January 29th - 150th Anniversary Celebration

February 6th - Internet Safety Day

February 9th - Mufti Day

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
Miss Leavage

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