



# St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back Year 1!

We're glad that the weather is finally warming up and hope that you have made the most of it over the half term. The children are now half way through Year 1 and have made great progress! I look forward to seeing them improve throughout this term.

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 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. This allows us to read with them at school and write our own comments into their reading journal. 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

Working with your children at home is essential to securing their success in Year 1. They must practise the skills they have learned at school so that it becomes a part of their long-term memory. Students will receive Maths, Spelling and Phonics homework every Friday. The children have until Tuesday to have all three completed and returned so that they may complete their spelling tests on Wednesday. Homework will be based on things learned in school that week so children can complete it independently or with some support from you. Please let me know if you need any clarification at any point.

## 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:

February 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evenings

March 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> - Reading Week

March 7<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day

March 21<sup>st</sup> - Easter Service

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> - Holidays begin

### 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](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

Yours Sincerely  
Miss Leavage