



St Paul's Year 1 Newsletter



January 2020

Dear Parents and Children,
Welcome back to another new and busy term!

Firstly can we say Thank you for the very kind and generous Christmas gifts that we received. We hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break and a good start to the New Year.

Please find attached to this letter a copy of the curriculum overview for the half term.

Reading

The books will be changed once a week on Mondays for Class 1S and on a Wednesday for Class 1B

It is really important that your child brings their book bag on these days as we have a very compact timetable; there is very little time to change books other than on the designated day.

In your child's reading folder you will find three Oxford Reading Tree books, a Library book and a Reading log. 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.

The library book is a book that your child will have chosen themselves. This is something for you to read and enjoy together. We are not expecting the children to read the library book independently, however, if they do wish to read some of it to you then please encourage them

P.E

P.E will be on a Wednesday and Thursday for Class 1B and on a Thursday and Friday for Class 1S

Children need to be dressed appropriately in a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls (No trainers please). On these days, please ensure that children with long hair have it tied back, and that earrings are removed as we are unable to do this 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, they have a tendency to throw their clothes around the room, so it makes it easier to reunite the clothes with their owners.

School Trip

A big THANK YOU to those of you who helped on our trip to Syon House, without your support these trips are unable to go ahead, so we are very grateful to you for giving up your time to help us.

There will be more trips this year; details will follow as we get closer to the dates.

Homework

Children will be given their English book and will start to bring home some spelling homework.

The spellings will not be tested in school, the idea being, they work on a few spellings each week (taken from the list of Year 1 Common Exception Words), and this helps them to become more confident with their independent writing. The children are to complete a page each week from their English book - we seem to have strayed a little from the timetable at the front of the book, so please just complete the page that has been indicated by the class teacher.

We will be handing out the homework books on a Friday and will collect them back in on a Monday. This will be the same for both classes

Show and Tell

Show and Tell provides an opportunity for children to practise public speaking, effective listening and questioning skills and to expand their concentration. We will be doing Show and Tell on a Friday. Below is a timetable of when the different groups will be doing their show and tell. The children know which group they are in.

Date	Class 1B	Class 1S
Friday 10 th January	Florence Nightingale	Red
Friday 17 th January	Hospitals	Green
Friday 24 th January	Soldiers	Yellow
Friday 31 st January	Lamps	Blue
Friday 7 th February	Nurses	Orange

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 me, or if your circumstances change during the day, then contacting the school office by 3pm - 020 8560 3297. If I know who the children are going home with, dismissing them at 3.30pm becomes a lot quicker and easier.

If you do need to speak to us at any time, please write a note in your child's reading record or make an appointment through the office. You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Yours Sincerely

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