St Paul’s Year 1 Newsletter





 Spring 2 – February 2019

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back to another busy term. Hopefully the really cold weather is behind us and we can start to look forward to lighter and brighter days!

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

Reading

The books will continue to be changed once a week. Monday for Class 1B and Wednesday for Class 1S.

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!

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.

Speaking to the Class Teacher

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.

It can sometimes be very difficult to speak at the end of the school day when we are trying to dismiss all of the children, however if you make an appointment we will be very happy to speak to you.

You can email the school office on office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

PE

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

Children need to be dressed appropriately in a white T-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls. Please can you check your child’s footwear to make sure it fits correctly? Some children have been trying to do PE in shoes which are to big – this presents a danger to them and other members of the class. On PE 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.

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.

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| Date | Class 1B | Class 1S |
| Friday 1st March | Houses of Parliament | Red |
| Friday 8th March | The 02 | Green |
| Friday 15th March | Tower Bridge | Yellow |
| Friday 22nd March | London Eye | Blue |
| Friday 29th March | Buckingham Palace | Orange |

Dates for your diary

* Thursday 7th March - World Book Day
* Monday 18th March – Parents Evening 5pm – 7.30pm
* Tuesday 19th March – Parents Evening 4pm – 6.30pm
* Friday 5th April – Last Day of term. School closes at **1.30pm**

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. If we know who the children are going home with, dismissing them at 3.30pm becomes a lot quicker and easier.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs C Bradley Miss A Scott

Class 1B Teacher Class 1S Teacher