



# St Paul's Year 4 Newsletter



September 2017

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! I hope you had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year as much I am. I am always available at the end of each school day for any questions or to discuss any concerns that you may have. Longer appointments can be arranged by contacting the school office using the following email:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

## Class Routines

### **Reading:**

The children will choose up to four books at a time, which will be changed once a week on a Friday. It is useful, if once you have read with your child, you record it in the reading log, this way we know that your child has read and we will then be able to change their book. Please feel free to comment on how your child read - did they struggle with any specific words? Did they enjoy the book? Did they read well? Your child is also welcome to make comments too!

If your child has chosen a longer book and would like more time to finish reading it, please let us know in the reading log and feel free to keep it until they have finished. Similarly, if your child is not enjoying the book they have been given let us know and we can change it!

### **Homework:**

Homework will consist of maths and English activities. It will be sent home on a **Friday** and collected in on **Wednesday**.

It is expected by the end of year 4 that children are familiar with, and can recite, all times tables to 10. We will practise this in class throughout the year and your support in practising at home would be greatly appreciated!

### **PE:**

PE sessions will take place on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for all PE sessions (many parents find it easier to keep PE kits in school, taking them home at the end of half terms to be washed). It is important that children are not wearing jewellery / earrings on these days. The school PE kit is black shorts, plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls.

## **School Uniform**

Please label all school uniform and PE kit to avoid items being misplaced. Ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform to school each day. If your child wears boots to school, please ensure that they have their school shoes to change in to for the school day.

## **Recorder Lessons**

This year your child will be having recorder lessons on Fridays, which are taught by an experienced music teacher. In previous years, children have enjoyed these lessons and have made wonderful progress over the year. Children may take the recorders home to practise, but they **must** ensure that they have them in school each Friday.

## **Collecting Your Child**

If your child is going to be collected by someone else, it is essential that the school knows in advance. You can either let the class teacher know at the start of the day or inform the school office on 0208 560 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.**

## **Academic School Visits**

To support the work that takes place in school we plan to visit the following:

Autumn term - British Museum (Ancient Greeks topic)

Spring term – Museum of London (Romans topic)

Summer term – Hounslow Urban Farm (Farming and Food topic)

These trips are subject to confirmation. I will update you with further information at a later date.

If any parents or carers are available to help on any of these trips please let me know!

Many thanks for your support,

Mr Johnston