



St Paul's Year 5/6 Newsletter



October 2023

Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable half term and a chance to relax. The children seem to have settled well into the new routines for this year and we are looking forward to a busy, yet enjoyable half term.

We are available briefly at the end of each day once we have dismissed our classes and can also be contacted via the school office:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Our Learning this term:

Please see the Curriculum Overview for more specific details about our learning this half term.

In Topic this half term we will be studying a Geography-based unit called 'Germany'. This follows on from our 'Surviving the Blitz' unit and helps children to understand the geographical and human changes that happened after World War II as well as allowing a comparison between cities and landscapes in England and Germany.

Important Dates:

Tuesday 31st October: Parents' Evening (these will be held on the St. Paul's site)

Wednesday 1st November: Parents' Evening (these will be held on the St. Paul's site)

Thursday 2nd November: Sayers Croft Meeting (3.45pm)

Thursday 9th November: Year 5/6 leading a Remembrance Service in St. Paul's Church (10am)

Monday 13th November- Friday 17th November: Sayers Croft Residential Visit for some Year 6 pupils

Monday 18th December: School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 20th December: KS2 Christmas Parties

Thursday 21st December: End of term (early closure at 1.30pm)

PE:

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school for the start of each half term. Earrings must not be worn for PE.

Children should have black shorts and a white t-shirt as well as suitable trainers or plimsolls. We also recommend they have a dark, plain jumper and tracksuit bottoms in case of adverse weather. The classes have PE on either Tuesday or Wednesday.

Reading Records:

It is important that children in Years 5 and 6 read for at least 20 minutes each day. Please encourage your child to talk about the material they are reading (whether a school, home or library book) and to write their own quality comments in their reading records. These records are checked weekly by the class teacher.

However, reading records should be brought to school every day so children can also write it in during independent reading time.

Last half term there were some reading records not returned regularly, and with few or no comments in. Please encourage your child to show you their reading record at home to ensure they are writing in it. Reading is still a vital part of learning in Years 5 and 6.

Parent comments:

We ask that a parent or guardian comments/signs the reading records at least once a week. This is a brilliant way of keeping in touch with us and also allows your child to share their reading experience with you.

We appreciate that this can be more difficult when your child is an independent reader but would ask that you encourage your child to read to you or share what they have read.



Educational Trips:

We hope to arrange a visitor into school during this half term. We will share more information once something is confirmed.

Learning at Home:

Homework for Spelling and Maths is sent home on Fridays and should be returned by Tuesday. Each class has a short spelling test on Tuesdays, practising words explored in class and independently at home. Reading records are also due weekly- days can vary based on the individual class.

Thank you,
Mrs Little, Mr Kearney and Miss James.