



St Paul's Year 6 Newsletter



September 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! We are so excited to get to know our new Year 6 cohort better. Year 6 is a very special time in Primary School so we hope your child is enthusiastic about the year ahead. We have a lot of work to do but there is also a lot of fun to be had!

We are available briefly at the end of each day when we have dismissed our classes and can also be contacted via the school email, which is:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Changes to routines:

Further information about the guidelines within school will have been shared with you by Mr Wright. We are so pleased that many of our pre-pandemic routines are back in place, such as carpet time, group tables and shared assemblies, as well as the children in Year 5 and 6 sharing the whole playground.

Any further adaptations will be shared with you when applicable.

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 learning about Surviving the Blitz. Whilst also learning about other aspects of the war, this is mainly a Design and Technology unit in which the children will plan and build a model bomb shelter. It is great fun!

Educational visits:

We are hopeful that we will be able to resume educational visits during this year. Initially, these will be in the local area and linked to our various topics. More details will be shared once confirmed.

Swimming:

Due to the pandemic lockdown, our current Year 6s missed some of their swimming lessons at Brentford Fountain Leisure Centre. We are thrilled to say that Year 6 will be going swimming during the Autumn term as part of their PE cycle. Lessons will begin from Thursday 23rd September.

Please look out for a separate letter soon for more detailed information about these swimming lessons.

Reading Records:

It is important that children in Year 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 comments in their reading records. These records are checked weekly.

Reading records should be brought to school every day. Unlike most years, your child will not bring their reading record home until the middle of Week 2 as we wish to establish firm routines so that the records are useful for both the children, the parents and the school.

Parent comments:

We also 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.



Walking home alone:

If you would like your child to walk home alone after dismissal, please contact the school office by email on: office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk, as soon as possible to inform them in writing of this.

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. Pupils must be able to remove earrings independently. PE kits will be taken home at the end of each half term.

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.

Learning at Home:

Regular homework for Maths, English and Spelling will be sent home over the next couple of weeks, with further information about changes we have made to homework routines.

We look forward to working alongside you this year and hope to see many of you on the gate to say hello.

Thank you,
Mrs Little and Mr Lacy