



St Paul's Year 6 Newsletter



April 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful Easter time (and didn't feel too full of chocolate!) The summer term is always busy so we are eager to get started.

Please remember that class teachers are available briefly at the end of each day **after** we have dismissed our classes. We can also be contacted via the school email, which is:

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 learning about Rio Carnival. This will be a largely Design and Technology based unit, with some learning about tourism in Rio too.

Educational Visits:

Year 6 will be attending the Syon Park Estate Countryside Day on **Monday 22nd May**. This is an event especially designed for local schools, which we have enjoyed in previous years. More details about the trip will be shared closer to the time.

If you are available to accompany us as parent helpers, please speak to your child's class teacher or email the office. We rely on parental volunteers to make these trips possible.

Important dates:

Monday 1st May: Bank holiday- school closed to pupils

Week of 9th May: Year 6 Assessment Week

During this week we will be completing the KS2 SATs. The morning timetable and groups for the week will be altered to support the running of the assessments but we strive to carry on as normal. Please note that as **Monday 8th is now a bank holiday**, the assessments will run nationally from Tuesday to Friday.

It is understandable that at this time your child may be experiencing some anxiety or concern. Please continue to reassure your child that they have no need to worry and that they should do their best. We work very hard as a school to try not to place undue pressure upon our children and to ensure they are happy and confident in themselves as they work through the assessments.

Friday 26th May- Mufti day- Last day of half term

Reading Books:

We encourage children in Year 6 to read for at least 20 minutes each day. It is important that children become fluent readers both when reading to themselves and to others.

We have noticed a decline in comments in some of the reading records last term. It is important that all children are completing their homework, especially their reading records. The expectation is that children will comment in their record independently at least four times a week, and have at least one parent comment a week.

Please continue to encourage your child to talk about the material they are reading and to write their own comments in their reading records.

Please note that even if children are reading home or library books we would still like to hear about them in their reading record.



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.

We will be doing Athletics outside in PE this half term so we recommend children bring a water bottle and cap to wear on hot days and have a tracksuit for cooler days. They should have black shorts and a white t-shirt as well as suitable trainers or plimsolls.

Learning at Home:

Children will be set regular Spelling, English and Maths homework. Please see the school website for further ideas and games to support your child's learning at home.

Thank you,

Mrs Little and Mr Johnston