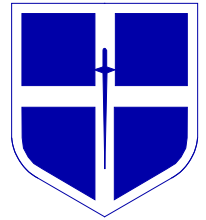


# ST PAUL'S C of E COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you had a lovely Easter holiday and are looking forward to the start of the Summer Term. We are excited to welcome Miss Baldwin back for her final placement term before starting her teaching career at St Paul's in September.

The following information is for you and your child so that they too can be responsible for preparing themselves for school each week.

We continue to value your support in ensuring that your child arrives punctually in the mornings to enable them to settle quickly into class. The gates open at 8:35am, and close at 8:45am. At the end of the school day (3:15pm) we will continue to dismiss the children from the outside of the Key Stage 1 corridor door. After school arrangements remain the same so, please continue to let us know in good time who is picking your child up each day from school, if this is not yourself. When there is a change to the routine, please send an email to the office or a note into school with your child detailing the change. If this is an adult who is not known to school, a password will need to be set up.

Your child needs the following items in school every day:

Water bottle, lunch box (if not ordering a hot/packed lunch) and reading books. Space in the cloakroom has become increasingly tight. Please be mindful that the bigger the school bag, the harder it is for our children to access their personal belongings quickly and safely.

The Summer Term will be full of opportunities to enjoy the wonderful environment St Paul's has to offer, where children will enjoy their learning both in the classroom and outside. Please make sure all clothes, especially jumpers and hats, are named as it makes them so much easier to get them back to the correct owner. This also applies to lunch boxes and water bottles.

While it remains cool in the morning, do make sure your child has a warm layer they can easily put on and remove as classrooms will continue to be well-ventilated and it may be needed for the classroom and outside play.

## **PE Kit**

PE remains on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Please send your child into school already changed for PE on these days. Where possible please wear Velcro trainers if your child is still learning to tie their laces. We will be doing PE inside and outside so the children may wish to wear a tracksuit when the weather is cooler.

## **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle filled with still water, in school every day especially as the weather becomes warmer.

## **Home learning**

I really enjoy looking at all the home learning. Thank you for making me smile each week 😊 Please ensure your child completes the home learning and that it is returned via ClassDojo by the following Friday. We will be encouraging children to bring their home learning for our class show and share.

## **Reading**

As part of your child's morning routine, they will place their reading books into the reading book box in the classroom on a designated day. This will either be **Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday**. Your child's changeover day can be found written on their reading folder.

Reading at home remains of the utmost importance. We hope you will be able to listen to your child read daily. Please ensure that you ask your child lots of questions about their books, ensuring that they have understood what they have read, as well as practising their decoding skills. Also, please check that all reading is accurately logged on BoomReader. Without this, we are unable to update books.

## **Topics**

Here are some of the topics we will be studying this term:

### **Science:**

Our 'Growing' topic will teach your child to name the basic parts of a plant, including seeds. They will have the opportunity to plant their own seeds and to make observations of how they grow over time. Children will also learn to identify, name and describe a variety of garden and wild plants as well as evergreen and deciduous trees.

### **RE:**

In RE we will be exploring special stories and special places.

In Summer 1 we will be learning about some special stories from the Bible such as Jonah and the Whale and the story of Joseph. In Summer 2 we will look at special places. We will discuss places that are special to us and then places that are special for different religions.

## **Environmental area**

During the Summer Term, every Friday afternoon we will be taking our learning into the Environmental Area. As we will be visiting in all weathers, please ensure your child has a waterproof coat, wellies or additional pair of trainers, and a change of trousers if they do not have waterproof trousers. I am hopeful that as the weather improves, there will be less need for the waterproofs however, please do send them in each week in a named bag.

**As before, check everything is clearly named and your child can easily identify their items of clothing.**

<b>Monday</b>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	PE – come dressed in PE kit
<b>Wednesday</b>	PE – come dressed in PE kit
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	Homework set/due

As always, please let me know if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wingrove  
Year 1 Class Teacher