



St Paul's
Primary School

EARLY YEARS NEWSLETTER

4th November 2024

Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a restful holiday and are excited for another busy term in Early Years.

This half term's theme:

Our theme this half term will be **Let's Celebrate!** Over the course of the half term, we will be learning about different celebrations including Diwali, birthdays, christenings, weddings and Christmas.

We will be reading a selection of well-known stories and learning about different traditions. We will be talking about our own experiences and finding out about the lives of children around the world. We will also be cooking different foods commonly associated with these celebrations. A copy of this half term's overview is attached to this newsletter.

Reading Books:

We shall continue to collect in reading books and reading logs on **Wednesday**. Please ensure that you are signing and commenting in your child's reading log each week.

Each week your child will have an opportunity to read with one of the adults in the setting so please ensure that your child has their reading log in school every day.

Phonics:

The children are doing amazingly well in phonic lessons and are becoming increasingly confident.

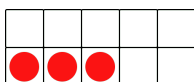
This half term, the Nursery children will be focusing on identifying different sounds heard all around them and on matching sounds.

The Reception children will shortly complete the set one sounds. We will be splitting into two groups this half term. A letter explaining which group your child is in will be sent home very shortly.

Maths:

In Maths lessons we shall continue to work on the number bonds to 5 and will be exploring 2d shapes and patterns.

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In lessons, we use tens frames and part whole models to show the children the make-up of different numbers and how numbers can be made in different ways.

Reception PE:

Reception PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday** afternoon. They will need their PE kits which consists of:



Black shorts

White t-shirt

Plimsols

No leggings or tracksuit bottoms please.

Nursery PE lessons will begin after Christmas. More information will be sent home in the new year.

Christmas Performance:

This year Nursery and Reception will be performing the Christmas Nativity for parents and families on Tuesday 17th December at 10am. The performance will take place in the school hall.

We will send home lines for the children to learn so please help your child to practise using a clear, loud voice.

We shall shortly confirm the date and time of our Christmas party and will let you know.

Dates for your Diaries:

5th & 6th November – Reception Parent's Evenings in the classroom

7th November – Flu vaccinations (please see letter sent home before half term)

13th November – Nursery Parents Progress Meetings

28th November – Book Fair (more details to follow)

12th December – Christmas jumper day

17th December – Nativity Performance at 10am and Christmas party at 1pm

20th December – Last day of term. Reception children finish at 1:30pm

6th January – Children return to school

If you have any questions please speak to a member of the Early Years Team.

Many thanks,

Mrs Riley, Mrs Ezame, Miss Weeks and Mrs Kellay

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