



**St Paul's**  
Primary School

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# YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

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**Autumn Term 1 September 2024**

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope that you and your families had a wonderful summer holiday and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready to learn in year 3.

This newsletter will give you important information about what we will be doing over the year including things that will happen each day/week. Please read it carefully to ensure you know all of the important information.

### **Curriculum:**

Please find attached two curriculum overview documents, one gives an overview of all of the things we will be covering over the year and the other goes into more detail about what we will be doing during this half term.

### **Reading:**

Reading continues to be a vital basis upon which so much other learning is based, this becomes particularly true in the junior years as the children will need to use their reading skills to carry out research and gather information in many of their subjects. As in all previous years it remains exceptionally important for your child to be reading daily at home and for you to be hearing them read regularly.

Please ensure book bags (with the red reading log and the reading books) are brought in **every day**. They will read with me or with another member of staff regularly and will be expected to do silent reading each day after lunch.

Book changing day is as follows:

**Monday:** Book bags and reading records will be left in school on Mondays afternoons and given back on Tuesday.

This year your child will begin reading longer books. If your child is not finished with their book on book changing day, please indicate that you would like to keep the book for another week before changing it.

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Your child should write a comment in their reading log every time they read their book both in school and at home. Parents should also write a comment about your child's reading at least once a week.

A list of recommended reading books "The Book Passport" for year 3 is included in the back of your reading log.

### **PE:**

PE lessons will take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. Children **MUST** have correct PE kit with them or they will not be able to take part in PE lessons. Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings on these days, or is able to remove them themselves.

PE kits will be kept in school and be sent home each half term to be washed.

PE kits consist of black shorts, plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls. Please clearly label every item of your child's PE kit (including the bag) so that it does not get lost or accidentally swapped with another child.

### **Swimming:**

Year 3 children will have swimming lessons once a week during the autumn term. (Starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.) Swimming is a vital life skill and I encourage everyone to make sure their child is able to take part each week. Letters with more information about swimming will be sent out in due course.

### **Homework:**

We will be sending out a spelling homework booklet with words for the children to learn every week. There will be weekly spelling tests on these words. Maths homework will be set based on what the children have covered in class that week. Children will be given red books to complete maths homework in.

All homework will go out in a purple folder on a **Friday** and is due back the following **Tuesday**.

### **School uniform:**

All children are expected to wear the correct school uniform (including black school shoes) every day. Please label your child's uniform (especially jumpers/cardigans) clearly so that we can avoid confusion and can easily return any lost items of clothing to their owners.

### **Trips:**

You will have already seen the letter regarding our trip to Stonehenge. We are currently planning exciting and unique trips/experiences for your child to take part in for the remainder of the school year. Further details will be shared in due course.

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**Volunteers:**

If you would like to volunteer in class to hear children read or to practise maths facts, please contact the school office. All volunteers in school are required to attend a briefing with the Headteacher.

**Drinks and Snacks:**

Junior children are not provided with a fruit snack by the school. Your child is welcome to bring their own fruit snack (no other snacks please) in from home to eat at morning break time. If your child is still receiving school milk this will be given to them.

All children should also bring a named water bottle into school each day.

**End of the day pick up:**

If someone other than the usual adult is collecting your child from school please make sure you let the office know before 2pm.

Please see below a timetable of weekly dates to help you and your child remember what needs to be in school each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Book bags, reading books and red reading records				
Book changing day			Swimming Kit	
	Homework due in			
PE kit			PE kit	

I am really looking forward to this school year. If you do have any questions or concerns please speak to me at the end of the school day or email the school office on [office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk](mailto:office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk)

Miss Browne

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