

Homework

Children will receive homework from their pod teachers on a Wednesday. Homework will be given every two weeks and must be handed in no later than the second Monday from when it was sent out. This will take the format of 10 spellings, a grammar task and a written or comprehension activity. Maths homework will be a paper based activity and a Mathematics task. If you do not have access to the internet, please let me know as soon as possible and alternative homework will be arranged. Please ensure your child completes this to the best of their ability and their homework should be completed in a neat and organised manner (only using pencil please).

Swimming

This year, swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons for Year 4 and 5. As classes are mixed at St Paul's, all the Year 5 will access swimming at the same time as will the Year 4's.

Year 5 Sept–Feb

Year 4 Feb–July

For those children who are not swimming, they will have to attend the swimming session and watch from the balcony.

I am looking forward to teaching your child this year and working in partnership with you all.

Please remember to visit our class website for news and photos.
www.stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk

If there is any other information that you need, please do not hesitate to come into school or contact me through the school office.

Thank you.

Miss Cowgill

Welcome to Phoenix



Information for parents
2016 - 17

A warm welcome to Phoenix class!

Welcome to Phoenix class. Please find enclosed information that will guide you and your child through the academic year.

Teaching staff

Alongside myself (Miss Cowgill), the class is also supported by Mrs Nolan, who will teach Phoenix each Friday afternoon during my PPA time and Miss Peart, Miss Harrop. As your child is taught in Pods for English and Maths, they may also be taught by a different teacher.

The National Curriculum

Over the course of the year, the children will access a number of subjects through our creative curriculum. Each day, there is a focus on English, Maths, spelling, grammar and handwriting. Any class trips throughout the year will support learning within the new curriculum. Topic webs are written each half term to inform you of the class learning and can be found on the class page of the website.

In the summer term of 2017 (May 2017), all children in Year 6 will sit the end of key stage tests in English and maths. These will measure their learning throughout key stage two and will also be used alongside our own rigorous assessment procedures. Further information about these will be available later on in the academic year.

PE kit

As it is a requirement of the school curriculum, please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school at all times. This should be a white t shirt, navy or black shorts and suitable indoor footwear. For our outdoor session on Tuesday, children may wear plain navy/black tracksuit pants and a plain jumper. Again sensible footwear will be needed for the outdoor surface (playground/field).

Jewellery is not to be worn for PE sessions and earrings will need to be removed by your child. Plasters are no longer allowed to cover any piercings.

Medical information

Please ensure that if your child needs any medication within school such as inhalers, then they are up to date and the relevant medical form has been completed at the office. All medication should be clearly named and handed to the school office or class teacher as soon as possible. If your child takes part in after school activities, please ensure that they carry a spare inhaler in case of an emergency.

Reading

There is an expectation that children in Year 5/6 should be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes each night. All children have been given a reading diary and these should be signed whenever your child has read. If your child is a free reader, they may read books from home or the school library and reading recorded accordingly. If your child still accesses the books on the school reading scheme, these will be changed when placed in the basket. Reading dairies need to be in school each day, for guided reading.

Personal belongings

Your child is responsible for looking after their own belongings. Please make it easier for them by naming all items of clothing, including coats, uniforms and bags. If your child has a school bag/rucksack, please ensure it is small enough to fit onto their peg. Named PE kits should be left on their pegs and are sent home at the end of each half term.

Pencil cases maybe brought into school for use in the afternoon sessions, however these are not compulsory.

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone to school for emergencies, these should be kept in the school office. Under no circumstances are mobile phones to be kept in school bags or coat pockets.

Year 6 residential

We are once again organising a two day residential educational adventure activity course at Kingswood Centre, located in Colomendy, in North Wales. As in previous years, the Year 6 residential will take place at the end of the academic year. Further information about this will be sent out in a separate letter.