

Homework

Homework will be given on a Friday. This will take the form of ten spellings using Spelling Shed which is an online spelling programme and an online Maths Timetables homework using TT Rockstars. Please let me know ASAP if you are unable to access the internet and I can provide an alternative. Children are also expected to read every night as part of their homework. Please let me know if you have any further questions regarding homework.

Start times, Break times and Lunchtimes

Elders will begin school at 8:50 am. They should enter via the classroom door.

Break times will be taken with the KS2 bubble.

The children will eat their lunch in the classroom from 12:05pm to 12:30pm and will have their lunchtime playtime after this on the yard with the KS2 bubble.

Snacks

At break time your child may bring fruit or a healthy cereal bar to eat during play time. In the afternoon, children can also bring fruit for a snack, after we have completed run a mile.

REMINDER—no citrus/nuts or sesame seeds

Novel around a Theme

Our novel this half term is Beowulf by Michael Murpurgo. It would be most helpful if the children could have their own copy of the book for this half term in order to access it at home and at school. All local libraries will happily order in books at no charge but it is worth giving them a phone call in advance.

We are really looking forward to teaching Elders 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 call into class

Thank you.
Mrs Nolan

Welcome to Dazzling Elders



Information for parents
2021-2022

A warm welcome to Dazzling Elders!

Welcome back to you all. I hope you have had a lovely summer and have been able to enjoy the break. Please find enclosed information that will guide you and your child through the academic year. The last school year has shown how quickly guidance can change, so I will do my best to keep you updated if anything changes.

Teaching staff

Teacher - Mrs Nolan
Teaching Assistant - Mrs Smith (mornings)
Teaching assistant - Mrs Blake (afternoons)
PPA - Mr Burke (Friday afternoon)

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, hats and scarves. We will be using the corridor cloakroom this year so this is very important.

Pencil cases will be provided by school. Your child may bring in a small pencil case if they wish with their own colour pencils and felt tips. This should be kept in their tray. Your child will need a spill proof water bottle that can be refilled during the day. If your child has a packed lunch they may bring a small bag to carry their lunch in.

PE and Forest school

Our PE session is on **Monday** afternoons. On PE day, please send your child to school in a blue/black tracksuit, white T shirt and trainers. Jewellery is not to be worn for PE sessions and earrings will need to be removed before school.

Forest School will be every other **Thursday** afternoon, starting on Thursday 9th September. Children will need waterproof trousers, jacket and wellington boots or sturdy walking boots. They also need tracksuit pants and a long sleeved t shirt to wear underneath. These will get very dirty so please ensure they are suitable for all weather! Children are to bring their kit to school on their forest school day and hang it up in the garage on arrival before entering school. The children will go home in their kit with their uniform in the plastic bag.

Medical information

Please ensure that if your child needs any medication within school such as inhalers, that they are in 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 myself as soon as possible. **Please note, it is the parents responsibility to ensure medication is in date.**

Reading

There is an expectation that children in Year 4 and 5 should be reading for a minimum of 15-20 minutes each night. This includes their school books and books from home. Another alternative is reading magazines and comics.

Please ensure your child shows a good understanding of the text and can answer questions about what they have read.

Library

Our class library day is on **Tuesday**, when your child will have the opportunity to select a book from our fabulous school library. Please ensure books are returned by Tuesday if they are ready to change. We will also be using the class library for children to read a wide range of books during quiet reading time.

Newsletters

In order to protect our planet, weekly school and class newsletters will be posted on our school website unless a paper copy is requested.