



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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WELCOME TO THE INFANT UNIT

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and a warm welcome from all the Infant Unit. We hope you have all had a lovely summer.

STAFFING

For your reference the Infant Unit classes are as follows:

Brilliant Berries: EYFS, Y1 and Y2 Mrs Taylor
Amazing Acorns: EYFS Miss Bliss
Awesome Ashes: EYFS and Yr1 Miss Fielding
Super Sycamores: Yr1 and Y2- Mrs DeBoutemard
Outstanding Alders: Yr2- Miss Cavaney

We would like to remind parents that we have a clear policy in terms of dealing with any queries/concerns with reference to your child's learning. Please contact your child's class teacher, or, if you feel that this has not been dealt with sufficiently, then you are welcome to arrange an appointment with Miss Fielding (EYFS Lead) or Miss Cavaney (KS1 Lead).

MORNINGS

Please note, the timings to the start of our school day have changed. Classroom doors will open at 8.40am so pupils are able to make their way into school. At 8.45am all external classroom doors are then locked and any child arriving after this time will need to enter school via the main office. We would like to remind parents that class teachers will be available at the doors once they have been opened should you need to talk to pass them a quick message. Please be mindful that this is not always an appropriate time to discuss concerns and a separate appointment should be made if needed.

UNIFORM

There is an expectation that all our pupils are wearing the correct school uniform at all times. Our school uniform list can be found at <https://stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk/school-uniform> Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled. Please note, trainers must not be worn other than during a PE lesson. Our PE kit consists of a white tee shirt with/without school emblem, blue or black shorts/blue joggers and school PE hoody/school jumper in colder weather.

JEWELLERY

As in previous years, children are not to wear jewellery in school except stud earrings and watches (no smart watches please). Please remove earrings for PE days. If a child is seen wearing jewellery, a member of staff will ask the child to remove this and will place this in a secure drawer/ locker for the child to take home at the end of the day. Children are also reminded that they are not allowed to wear any nail varnish.

PE

Children will have two sessions of PE a week (more details on each class welcome booklet). For PE lessons in Acorns and Ashes, your child can wear their kit to school. For PE lessons in Sycamores and Alders, a PE kit must be provided for your child to change into. For whatever reason your child is unable to take part in PE, we ask that you send in a parental note, otherwise there will be an expectation that your child participates in the PE session.



A PE session may not go ahead due to unforeseen circumstances or because of special assemblies/visits. If this does happen then we do tell the children that this time will be made up later on.

Fruit/Snacks/Milk/Water

Your child will be able to choose a piece of fruit to eat every day. There will also be an opportunity for your child to purchase a piece of toast costing 20p per day (EYFS will be notified of the start date for this soon). Payments for toast are made half termly on ParentPay. Please speak to the school office if you require any further information regarding toast. Your child may bring their own fresh fruit to eat (however we ask for nothing containing citrus, sesame seeds or nuts due to severe allergies). If you would like your child to have daily milk, please sign up via 'cool milk' online. Children should bring their own water bottles into school which are clearly labelled (bottles can be purchased from the office). Water fountains are available in the Infant Unit/Junior Unit for your child to refill their bottle throughout the day.

READING

Reading is an important part of our homework and something that we encourage children to do on a daily basis. There is an expectation that children will read every night. Information about days when your child's book can be changed will be shared in your class newsletter or welcome booklet. However, your child needs to bring their book everyday so children can read with an adult if required. Please provide your child with a book bag (no backpacks/large bags please) to take home reading books and letters.

HOMEWORK

Homework will be set by the class teacher on a Friday. Each week the children will receive spellings which support our work in phonics. We are continuing to learn to write with a cursive script. Your child may bring home handwriting homework.

CREATIVE CURRICULUM

Topic webs are always available on the website, on class pages, so that you can see what your child will be learning.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer some time to change books/listen to readers, please speak to a member of staff. We are always grateful for any time that could be shared.

MEDICATION

If your child requires any medication or has any medical concerns, please contact your child's class teacher ASAP so care plans can be updated. Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure your child's medication is in date and replaced if needed. Any medication, including inhalers, can only be administered once a medical form has been completed by parents/carers. These are available from the school office.

APPOINTMENTS

All parents/carers must use 'Entry Sign' at the office to sign your child in/out for any medical appointment. Please show your child's appointment letter to the office staff.

AND FINALLY...

Let us hope we all have an enjoyable and productive year!

From all the staff in the Infant Unit.

