

# St Paul's First School

## Nursery 2022-2023 Summer Newsletter



We hope you have all had a lovely Easter. We have loved seeing all of the children again this week and hearing about their holidays and we have also welcomed some new children into nursery.

Below is some updated information and reminders about the upcoming term as well as general information that may be useful for new parents. Please feel free to catch me on the gate or email me if you have any further questions.

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### Topic

Our topic this term is 'The Great Outdoors'. During this overarching topic we will have weekly topics including: growing, superheroes, people who help us, the woods, space, the weather, the lifecycle of a frog, my past memories and holidays. Our Bible stories this term will be The Feeding of the 5000 and The Parable of the Lost Coin. We will also be learning about the following celebrations: Father's Day and the King's coronation. Please see the attached 'Big Picture' for a breakdown of the areas of learning across the term. Please check the school newsletters regularly for information about special topic days or events throughout the term.

### Library Books

Children will continue taking out a library book of their choice every Thursday to enjoy with an adult at home for a week. Please bring your child's book in every Thursday so that it can be swapped for a new one. New children will choose their first library book on the first Thursday back. If you cannot find/remember which library book your child last picked then please ask me and I can let you know.

### PE

Our PE day is now a **Wednesday morning**. Nursery are expected to come to school on PE day with correct PE uniform on. Please ensure that all PE kit is clearly labelled with your child's name (especially black jackets as they all look identical!). No jewellery should be worn during PE. If your child has their ears pierced, please take out your child's earrings before school on PE days as we are not able to take them out for them. Children are not allowed to take part in PE with earrings in. Please also ensure long hair is tied back. If your child does not come to school in correct PE kit and we have no available spares then they will be unable to join in.

### Homework Scrapbooks

Thank you to those who returned homework scrapbooks from the Spring term. We loved looking through them as a class. Please continue to complete the tasks during the Summer term. New starters will have received their homework scrapbooks during the first week back.

### Passport Challenge

Our weekly 'Passport Challenge' in Nursery will continue this term. Each child has a paper passport and it is stamped by an adult if children complete certain activities each day in the learning environment. Two specific activities are chosen each day. Children who complete full days are challenged to complete both activities during the day to earn two stamps and children who are only in for half a day are challenged to complete at least one to earn one stamp. Children who collect all of their stamps by Friday receive a special certificate in celebration assembly. This is to encourage children to try out different areas and activities and to ensure they are working on basic skills.

### Teddy Bear Stickers

Our teddy bear sticker reward system will continue this term. Each child has an individual teddy bear poster up on the wall in our classroom. Children receive stickers when adults notice them following our star rules. Once your child has collected 5 or 10 stickers (depending on their age) on their bear they will have the opportunity to choose a prize reward from our class treasure chest. They will then get a fresh teddy bear poster to start again! Our star rules are: I can share and take turns, I can be kind to others, I can tidy up, I can listen to the person speaking and I can sit nicely on the carpet.

### Wow notes

A new set of WOW notes will be sent home over the first couple of weeks back for you to share any new achievements from home. We would really like all children to have at least one WOW note on our celebration wall so I do encourage you to please send them in as we love reading them. WOW notes can be anything that your child has done at home that has made you really proud.

### Phonics

During this term, our older nursery children will learn Read, Write, Inc Set 1 phonics sounds in preparation for reception. If you would like further information on this or some direction on finding resources to support with this learning at home then please let me know.

### Polite reminders

Uniform - Nursery children should be wearing full school uniform every day including school shoes, apart from when it is PE day.

Lunch boxes - Please ensure that only one unhealthy treat is included in your child's lunch box. This means that crisps OR chocolate can be included but not both.

**Thank you so much for all of your continued support!**  
**Miss Ball and Mrs Beason**