



# P7 Curriculum Meeting 2020/21



## Key Times

- School begins at 8.45am every morning. This year all children enter the school building after having their temperature checked at the gate.
- School ends at 2.45pm, except on Friday when we finish at 2.25pm. Children will be walked to the bottom of the hill by their teacher. We ask that parents wait here if collecting children.

# Attendance

- It is better to come late to school than not to come at all. Attendance is closely monitored throughout the academic year. We ask that the parents phone the office (028 90 328968) or write a note to the teacher to explain absences.

# Uniform

- We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for keeping your children looking so well and ask that you continue to provide the school jumper, polo shirt, navy trousers / skirt (summer dress also available for girls) and **black shoes**.
- Please note that due to safety considerations only stud earrings and watches are allowed as items of jewellery. Rings, necklaces, bracelets and earrings other than studs are **not** allowed.
- All items of school uniform should be labelled to avoid unnecessary confusion.

# Healthy Eating

- In line with the school's healthy eating policy, we encourage children to bring in a healthy snack at break time (and a healthy lunch, if applicable) in a disposable bag.
- It is also requested that children bring a bottle of water to keep them hydrated.
- **We wish to remind you that St Paul's is a NUT FREE school. Please be aware of nut allergies and be careful not to send anything to school containing nuts. If anything is sent into school that may contain nuts, it will be removed. There is no exception to this.**

# Discipline

- We ask parents to work with us to ensure that their children maintain good behaviour. We encourage children to:
- Come to school
- Do their best
- Allow other people to have their opinion
- Show kindness and consideration
- Take care of their own property and respect other people's property
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- St Paul's is a Rights Respecting School. Each class follows a code of conduct and as a whole school we follow a positive discipline policy, with rewards as well as sanctions in place.

# Homework

- Homework will be given via Google Classroom and includes work in Numeracy or Literacy (alternate), Linguistic Phonics and Reading
- Occasionally a topic-based or weekly project homework may be sent home, as well as additional revision
- P7 children are expected to spend up to **one hour** on their homework each night
- We ask that children are given the opportunity to complete their homework in a quiet space free from distraction (where possible)
- Homework's should be checked each night

# Reading

- Children will take part in daily shared, independent and guided reading sessions. Guided reading will be at instructional level with the teacher, where texts are selected at a suitably challenging level. It is within these sessions that reading is taught. The main overall aim is to foster an interest in reading and to make children independent readers. Children will explore six novels and three picture books throughout the year.



## Accelerated Reader (Home Reading)

- Children complete STAR reading tests (up to four times per year). The results from this indicate each child's reading age and ZPD. Children then select books within their 'level' and record their reading in their Reading Record. When they have finished reading their book, children will take a quiz. Each child should aim to score above 85% in each quiz.

# Curriculum

- **Communication:** Talking & Listening, Reading and Writing
- **Using Mathematics:** Number, Shape and Space, Handling Data, Measures, Problem Solving and Oral & Mental Maths
- **Using ICT:** Explore, Express, Exchange, Evaluate, Exhibit
- **The Arts:** Music, Drama, Art and Design
- **The World Around Us:** Geography, History and Science & Technology
- **PDMU:** Personal Development and Mutual Understanding
- **Physical Education:** Swimming (Term 2 only), games, athletics and gymnastics
- **Religion:** Grow in Love
- -Please note PE and ICT are dependent on COVID-19 restrictions.

# Assessment

- Children are assessed on an ongoing basis by teachers. At various times throughout the school year, they will complete formal set assessments. Within class, children will complete daily assessments and termly assessments within Literacy and Numeracy.

# Meetings

- There will be a one-to-one meeting with the class teacher later in the year.
- Pupil reports will be sent out at the end of the academic year.
- If you have any concerns and wish to contact your child's teacher, please make an appointment via the office.
- **Thank you for your continued support.  
We look forward to working with you throughout the school year.**