

ST PAUL'S WALDEN NEWS



THE LATEST NEWS AND UPDATES FROM ST PAUL'S WALDEN PRIMARY
SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS ADSHEAD

I would like to welcome all the new pupils and parents to our school community.

It has been a delight to see all the children back in school. They have all settled back in amazingly well and should be very proud of their achievements so far.

Each class teacher has written a curriculum overview for this half term, these can be found on our website. Please don't forget to check the class pages on our website to see what your children have been doing in school.

We also post messages on our school Twitter page so please take a look!

I would like to remind you that should you have any questions please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff when you drop off or collect your child.

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Remember!



PUPIL PLANNERS!

We are very excited to announce that all pupils will be bringing home a pupil planner on Monday. It is packed with lots of information, helpful tips and reminders that the pupils can use when they are completing work at home.

It is our hope that the planners, with your support will continue to improving home school links. We will be asking for your view in the spring term, giving us plenty of time to edit the planners for the next academic year.



READING

Reading books will be coming home with the pupils next week if they have not received one already!

Books going home has raised concerns from some parents. I would like to reassure everyone that we are taking precautions to limit the contact other people will have with the reading books. Adults and other pupils in school, will not handle the book once it has been issued to a pupil. All books will be stored for at least 72 hours before being read by anyone else. Adults will use gloves when handling books in our library to ensure every precaution is taken.

The Planners are replacing the traditional reading records that we have used in school. When you read with your child we would like you to write your comments in the planner. We would also like parents or guardians to sign the planners at the end of each week, this ensures that the teachers know they have been looked at by an adult at home. Teachers will be signing planners on a Monday to acknowledge your comments from the previous week.



THE NEW NORMAL

Everyone has settled into the new routines very well. One class has opted for a hand washing hand conga, ensuring that pupils wash their hands for the recommended length of time and to make it fun.

While traditional group working is not able to take place, teachers are working hard to ensure that pupils can work together in different ways.

The dinner rota and one way system is taking everyone a little while to get used to but is working well.

Pupils from Year 1 through to Year 6 will be asked to complete their homework using Google Classroom, this will be available every Monday and pupils will have till the following Monday to complete the work. Pupils will be given more details by their teacher on Monday.

With help from our Chair of Governors and her sewing machine, pupils from Year 1 up will be getting chair sacks next week. This will ensure that pupils can store their own belongings safely while keeping them easily accessible.

We also appreciate all the parents support with the staggered start and finishing times, we will continue to review and refine the way that this works.

TERM DATES 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

School starts: Thursday 3rd September

Half Term: **Monday 26th to Friday 30th October**

Last day of term: Friday 18th December **finishing at 2pm**

Occasional Day: **Monday 23rd November**

Inset Days: Wednesday 2nd September & Friday 20th November

Spring Term 2021

School starts: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: **Monday 15th to Friday 19th February**

Last day of term: Thursday 26th March **finishing at 2pm**

Inset Days: Monday 4th January

Summer Term 2021

School starts: Tuesday 13th April

Half Term: **Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June**

Last day of term: Wednesday 21st July **finishing at 2pm**

Inset Days: Monday 12th April & Thursday 22nd July

Bank Holiday: **Friday 8th May**

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

For general enquiries, report of an absence or to inform the school of pupil collection arrangements please contact the school office by email :

admin@stpaulswalden.herts.sch.uk

or telephone on: 01438 871241. The office is open between the hours of 8:30am and 4pm during term time only.