



EYFS Newsletter: Term 1 Sept- Oct 2023



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Welcome!

Welcome to Paulton Infant School! We are very much looking forward to you and your children joining our school and beginning an exciting journey together. We want to use these settling in weeks to really get to know your children and establish good relationships. If you have any questions at any point, please ask. If there is anything you would like us to know about your child, please share. ☺

Learning in school

To find out more about what we will be learning this term, you can look at our Term 1 Knowledge Organiser which includes ideas on how to support your child at home. In Term 1, a lot of our learning is centred around establishing the routines and learning behaviours necessary in school.

Water Bottles

Please bring a water bottle every day. This should be water unless discussed with the class teacher.

Bags

Every child needs a book bag in which to carry their reading books. They cannot have a backpack instead. Some children may choose to have an additional backpack but we recommend just bringing a book bag, water bottle, coat and optional fruit snack. If you think your child may need a change of clothes in school, it is best to put these in a named plastic or drawstring bag and this can be left in school on their peg. Please do not place water bottles in book bags as this can damage books. Snack pots or fruit can go in book bags.

Fruit Snack

Every morning we will have snack time. This is a time to eat fruit or vegetables. You can choose to have fruit from school or bring your own. If you bring your own, this must be fruit or vegetables. We eat snack sitting on the carpet and it needs to be quick and clean for your child to eat.

Pick Up Arrangements

It is essential that you inform us whenever someone other than a person with parental responsibility will be picking up your child. Please let us know whenever this changes by telling a member of staff at drop off or contacting the office.

P.E.

Named P.E. kits in a named drawstring bag will be needed from the third week of term. Children will be encouraged to change independently.

Reception Baseline Assessment

We will begin to conduct the statutory [Reception Baseline Assessment](#) while children are settling into school. You can find out more about this by reading the government document linked on our website. We still take lots of time to play with children and develop good relationships.

Evidence Me

You will soon receive an invitation to join 'Evidence Me' and to download the app. We encourage all parents/carers with parental responsibility to access this app. We will soon begin using this to share information and pictures from school. It can be fun to look at the pictures with your child and engage in conversation about their learning. We find this such a useful app in school and love that you can share learning from home with us too.

Jumpers and Coats

With new school jumpers and new coats, it can be tricky for some children to independently manage taking these on and off. Please could you encourage your child to practise this as much as they can. Often when a child takes off a coat they leave the sleeves inside out. We are teaching them to reach all the way down the sleeve, grab the end and pull it to put it the right way out again. Please ensure all uniform, including coats, is named.

PPA cover

Teachers are allotted weekly planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Seymour or Mrs Jordan will regularly cover PPA time in Reception. From week 4, they will begin releasing teachers for PPA so you may see them at pick up or drop off.

Stay and Play

We are keen to get parents/carers into the classroom. We are looking forward to inviting you to stay and play sessions on the last Monday of every term. These optional sessions will run for twenty minutes after school. First session: **Mon 16th October**

Open Door Fridays

Approximately every fortnight, parents/carers are welcome to pop into the classroom straight after school on a Friday to look around. Your child may want to show you what they have been doing.

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Upham, Miss Ireland, Mrs Gearing, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Seymour, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Dando, Mrs Wickens and Mrs McCartney