



EYFS Newsletter: Term 1 Sept- Oct 2021

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Welcome! - The First Week

Welcome to Paulton Infant School! We have been so impressed by how the children have been coming into school, settling in and learning the rules and routines. We have already seen lots of kind behaviour and good choices. ☺

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 learning behaviours necessary in school.

Water Bottles

Please bring a water bottle every day. This must only contain water and not anything else.

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

A big thank you for informing us whenever a person other than someone with parental responsibility will be picking up your child. Please continue to let us know whenever this changes by telling a member of staff at drop off or contacting the office.

Wellies

Please can children bring in a named pair of wellies to keep in school? We will open our mud kitchen soon. (EYFS will begin forest school in term 2 and more information will be shared before then).

Reception Baseline Assessment

We have begun to conduct the new statutory Reception Baseline Assessment while children are settling into school. (A link to the government document about this assessment can be found on our Term 1 website page). We still take lots of time to play with children and develop good relationships.

Zoom Calls

Thank you to everybody who has signed up for their parent/carer - teacher zoom call. These are in place of home visits and are a chance for you to share information about your child and discuss how they have got on in their first week. You can see a list of the questions we cover through the link on the website. Teachers will be setting up the zoom calls on Monday afternoon so this is when you will receive your invitation.

Evidence Me

Thank you to all of you who have downloaded the app Evidence Me and accepted your invitation. If anyone is having trouble with this, please let us know and we can help. Next week, we will begin using this app 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.

PPA cover

Teachers are allotted weekly planning, preparation and assessment (PPA) time. Mrs Hitchens will cover the Class while the teacher has PPA. Mrs Hitchens is part of the EYFS team and is spending the first 3 weeks getting to know the children alongside class teachers and TAs. From week 4 she will begin releasing teachers for PPA.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Upham, Mrs Seymour, Mrs Bryant, Mrs Seymour,
Mrs Bryant, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Dando and Mrs Hitchens