



KS1 Newsletter: Term 2 Oct-Dec 2022

Sycamore



Magnolia



Maple



Hawthorn



Hazel



Holly



Welcome back

We hope you have all enjoyed the half term and feel refreshed and ready for Term 2! The children have settled really well throughout Term 1 and we look forward to a wonderful Term 2.

Theme - Sweets Galore

This term our theme will have a focus on creative and imaginary worlds. We are hoping to make this as exciting and engaging as we can. This will also include the use of the stories 'Jack and the Jelly beanstalk' by Rachel Mortimer and 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' by Roald Dahl as a basis for our English and themed work. Towards the end of term our focus will shift slightly and we will of course move towards a Christmas focus.

Homework

Reading

At Paulton Infant School we aim for all children to be read with by a Teacher or TA each week with the hope that this is more frequent where possible. Therefore, we ask that **named book bags are in school every day** to allow for reading opportunities to happen whenever possible. Please continue to write in your child's reading record **every time they read with you at home** and remember we actively encourage rereading books and suggest that books should be read at least five times as this is proven to help reading development.

Year 1 Homework:

From this Friday Y1s will be bringing home word bags with Common Exception Words (CEW) to work on reading and spelling correctly.

Year 2 Homework:

From next Monday Y2s will be bringing home a homework book. This will alternate between English and maths task. We expect the homework to be returned on Fridays so it can be marked and new homework prepared by staff for the next week.

There continues to be the **ongoing themed additional homework tasks** for all children to do if they choose to on our termly theme please continue to use Evidence Me to share this with us as there isn't always space in classrooms to store larger items or models.

Colder weather

As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure that children come to school with a suitable coat and when possible hat, gloves and scarf. (All named please)

Swimming

This term **Year 2 children will swim on a Wednesday**. Please ensure that your child brings a complete kit on their swimming day that includes a *swimming hat, goggles, towel and trunks or swimming costume (tankinis are allowed)*. Please send your child to school dressed for swimming underneath their uniform. We ask that children wear trousers and avoid tights.

Please Note: A Parent helper with a DBS check will be required to support with walking groups to and from the pool including support with changing.

Forest School and Wellies

Each class will have two terms of Forest school per school year. This term it is the turn for Hazel, Hawthorn and Holly classes. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies and waterproofs with them on their day and they come to school in their Forest School clothes with their school uniform ready to change into.

Clubs

After the success of clubs in Term 1, we will be running clubs again. A letter will follow shortly with club information on.

Dates for your diary

Mon 31st Oct: Term 2 starts

Fri 11th Nov: Open door Friday begins on a two-week basis

Fri 18th Nov: Children in Need mufti day

Mon 5th Dec: Stay and read

Dates/Details to follow:

Nativity performances for Y1 week beginning 5th Dec

Year 2 carol service in church 14th Dec

Fri 16th Dec: Last day of Term 2

Wed 4th Jan: Term 3 starts

The full term dates for this academic year can be found on our website.

Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to help with reading, forest school and walking to swimming. If you are able to and would like to volunteer, please see the office for a Volunteer Pack. We are always incredibly grateful for volunteer help in school.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Butcher, Mrs Gearing, Miss Jones, Mrs Blacker-Willetts, Mrs Tanner, Mrs Kendrew, Miss Eden & Mrs Hitchens