

Rusthall St Paul's Primary

School Newsletter



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School News

I hope everyone has had a very restful and enjoyable Christmas and you are all looking forward to your new year celebrations. This newsletter is a shortened version to let you know about the return to school and updates in preparation for our return (our normal format will resume in the first week back). The new school term begins on Wednesday 3rd January as we have an INSET day on the 2nd. The children will be visiting our local library and they will also have to opportunity to visit Seal Community Farm as part of their curriculum this term.

We have short reports coming out on Friday 12th January. This will show you the level your child achieved at the end of the summer term, what they are currently on track to achieve by the end of this year based on their assessment results in term 2 and the target they have been given. You will be invited to attend Parents Evening the following week to discuss these results with the class teacher and any support that is being provided to ensure your children is on track to meet their full potential.

I look forward to welcoming you all back on Wednesday 3rd January.

Mrs Smurthwaite
Head of School

Events and Dates

Wednesday 3rd January	START OF TERM 3
Friday 5th January	Open morning for prospective parents of September 2024 Reception
Tuesday 9th January	Rochester Library visit
Friday 12th January	Attainment progress reports out to parents
Wednesday 17th January	Parents Evening
Thursday 18th January	Parents Evening
Tuesday 23rd January	Exeter Library Visit
WB 22nd January	Rusthall Children Begin Visiting Seal Community Farm (all children will visit over the course of the term)
Thursday 25th January	Mrs Smurthwaite out at Head Teacher Meeting – contact Miss Sheldrake for any issues arising
Tuesday 30th January	Winchester Library Visit
Friday 9th February	END OF TERM 3 (Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February HALF TERM)

School Uniform

WINTER (from the Rusthall School Policy)
 Grey school skirt or tunic, grey school-type trousers
 White cotton shirt – long or short sleeve but should be buttoned up to the top and not open neck.
 St Paul's School Tie (available from the school office)
 St Paul's School jumper or St Paul's School cardigan (available to buy online). No other navy cardigans or tops are permitted.
 Grey, Navy or Black tights or plain socks
 Plain black shoes (**please note that trainers are not allowed for school**)

PE Kit

I have written previously about school uniform expectations. PE kit continues to be a problem, especially in KS2. **PE days are not home clothes days and children need to be in school clothes.** Due to the number of children not in school PE kit, the school have invested in some kit so that children can borrow this on the day. If you are having trouble buying uniform, please let the school know and we are happy to support families with this.

Forest School

This term year 5 will be having forest school. Therefore, Year 5 pupils will need to come to school in their forest school kit and bring school uniform to change into for the afternoons.

Attendance

Attendance is vital and a legal requirement for children of statutory school age. The school will contact families if a child is not in and we do not have a message or email explaining why this is. We really want to work with our families to improve attendance – if you are having difficulties getting your child to school, please pop in for a chat so that we can work together to ensure good attendance.