



# ST PAUL'S C of E COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to (Swifts (Year 2)! We hope that you had a lovely summer and that you are looking forward to this year as much as we are. The following information provided in this letter is for you and your child so that they too can be responsible for preparing themselves for school each week.

Mrs Jones will be teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs Robinson will be teaching on Thursday and Friday.

We value your support in ensuring that your child arrives punctually in the mornings; the gates open at 8.35am for the children to start their day with our soft start. At the end of the school day (3:15pm) we will dismiss the children from the outside door of the Year 2 classroom. To ensure the safety of the children, your child will only be dismissed to you or any designated childminders. With this in mind, please let us know who is picking your child up each day from school, if this is not yourself. When there is a change to the routine, please send an email to the office detailing the change. If this is an adult who is not known to school, a password will need to be set up.

Every morning please ensure that your child is equipped for the day. Your child needs the following items in school every day:

A water bottle and lunchbox (if not ordering a hot/packed lunch) and their reading folder with their reading books. The children may also like to bring in a reading book from home to read during the day when we find time. Please ensure this book is named.

If your child is having hot lunches, then please ensure this is ordered well in advance of the day so that the office don't need to chase up missing meals.

## **PE Kit**

PE will be on a **Tuesday and Friday**. Please send your child into school already changed for PE in our PE school uniform on these days. They do not need to wear regular school uniform that day. Where possible please wear Velcro trainers if your child is still learning to tie their laces. We will be doing PE inside and outside so the children may wish to wear tracksuit bottoms when the weather gets colder.

Please ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name. As you can imagine there is a lot of similar sized uniform and by having it labelled means that we can ensure the correct uniform is with its rightful owner.

We will be visiting our school woodlands very soon. We will provide you with more information about this shortly, but in preparation for this could you please send in a pair of named wellies that can be kept at school for your child to wear when they need them.

It would also be helpful to provide a puddle suit to keep the children dry and warm when they visit the woodlands. Alternatively, waterproof trousers and a waterproof coat also do the same job. Ideally, these can stay at school (and will be sent home for washing periodically) or can be sent in weekly if necessary.

### **Water Bottles**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle filled with still water, in school every day.

### **Reading**

As part of your child's morning routine, they will place their reading books into the reading book box in the classroom on a **Wednesday**. They will be having an Oxford Reading Tree book and a decodable phonics book and these will be changed on this day if they have been read. They will have a chance to choose a library book and a home reader on a Tuesday.

Reading at home is of the **utmost importance**. We hope you will be able to listen to your child read daily. Please ensure that you ask your child lots of questions about their books, ensuring that they have understood what they have read, as well as practising their decoding skills. Please update BoomReader after each time your child reads with you as we will be monitoring your child's reading progress.

### **Home learning**

In a few weeks we will upload, to Class Dojo, the home learning grid. Please ensure your child completes a home learning task and that it is returned via Class Dojo by the following Friday at the latest. We will be setting weekly spellings in the coming weeks too. We will introduce timetables to the children this term and will start testing them when we feel they are ready. We will send details of this shortly.

### **Topics**

Our priority in the first instance will be focusing on settling the children back into school after the holidays. Here are some of the topics we will be studying this term:

Science: We will start the year learning about everyday materials.

History: The Great Fire of London

RE: In what ways is the synagogue important to Jewish people?

<b>Monday</b>	Spelling tests
<b>Tuesday</b>	PE – come dressed in PE kit Library books and Home Readers changed (if read)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Reading Books changed
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	PE – come dressed in PE kit Woodlands Visit Home learning due in via Class Dojo

We hope that this information will help your child to transition into Year 2 smoothly. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any concerns or questions.

We look forward to meeting you at the Meet the Teacher evening on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jones, Mrs Robinson and the Year 2 team

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