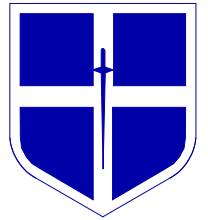


# St Paul's Church of England Nursery



## NURSERY WELCOME LETTER

### Wren Class

### September 2024



We are so excited to welcome our new children to St Paul's Nursery and for those of you returning after a fun and relaxing summer break we are pleased and happy to welcome you back! We are now called Wren Class!

#### Topics and Learning

This half term we will be exploring 2 main topics. Firstly, 'All About Me', will include a variety of activities that will help the children learn more about their bodies and how to keep them healthy, the way they look and the similarities and differences we have compared to others. We will learn about families and how they are the same or different from others and think about where we live and who we live with. We will also be planning activities **specific to the children's learning** to help to develop their next steps.

To help with our first topic please could all children bring in a picture of themselves as a baby and a picture of their home from the outside.

We will then move on to thinking about Autumn and Harvest. We will explore with the children the changes that come with the season, animals that hibernate and autumnal colours. We will also use nature at Autumn time to enrich learning in all of the seven areas.

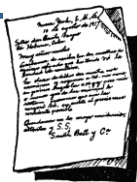


#### Settling in

As always, our main priority is to settle the children into Nursery in the first few weeks as quickly as possible. Please get to know us and speak to us about any valuable information that may help us to get to know your child better. We also love the children bringing in their own favourite books from home so that we can share them with the class. Please name these so we can return them. A reminder that the morning nursery session starts at 8.45am, however we will be letting children in from 8.35am to aid congestion in the mornings and hopefully provide a calmer start to the morning. Please ring the door bell if you arrive before 8.45am.

#### Absences

If your child is away for any reason, please phone on the day to let us know the reason. We need this information for our records. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, please ensure that they are away from Nursery for 48 hours after the last bout.



#### Lunches

If your child is staying for lunch please provide a lunch for them with no nuts, sesame seeds, pesto or hummus included. We are a nut free school and this will help us to keep the children safe.

#### Picking up reminder

If someone else is picking up your child then we need to be informed via an email to the school office. If it is someone we have never met before then a password needs to be given to the person collecting and us so that we can be sure we are releasing your child to the correct person. We will be sending out more information soon regarding people who may collect your child on a regular basis.



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## Home-Nursery links

Our relationship with you is hugely important to us as positive links between home and Nursery are hugely beneficial for your child's learning. There will be several different ways that we will work with you to help enrich your child's early education. There will be a Meet the Teacher evening on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September**. We urge you to come to this to receive important information about the ways we communicate with you about your child's learning and also help you to support your child's learning at home. Timings will follow soon.

## No Small Toys

We are happy for the children to bring in comforters and cuddly toys to Nursery if they are helpful when settling in. However, please refrain from bringing smaller toys and items as these are very easily lost, leaving children very upset. The best policy is to leave them at home where they are safe.

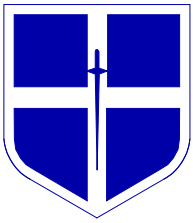


## Our family album.

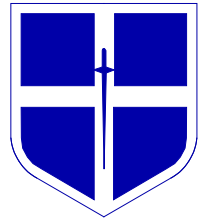
**In Nursery we want to make sure that all children feel welcome and valued. We also want them to have connections to their home as well. One way that we want to do this is by creating a family album to put in our home corner that we can share with the children regularly. It is important for us to help the children to understand that they belong to many small communities and we hope that this book will help them to understand more about themselves in their family community and the Nursery community; through other activities we will help them to learn more about the wider community too. However, this half term we will very much be focusing on your children and the immediate world around them.**

## ParentMail and Class Dojo

**We use an online platform to send letters and newsletters home called ParentMail. If you have not yet seen a letter about this in your welcome pack, please see the school office to ensure that your email is accessible to receive communication and check your emails regularly to ensure that you don't miss any important information or letters. We also use an app called Class Dojo. There will be more information about this at the Meet the Teacher evening.**



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## St Paul's Parents have Talent!

We would love to welcome parents into Nursery on a regular basis for planned sessions and you will receive information every half term regarding any planned opportunities for parents to come into Nursery. However, if you feel that you have a job, hobby, talent or interest that would enrich the children's learning and our curriculum, we would love to welcome you in to talk to the children. Please see a member of the Nursery Team if you have anything to offer. It could be anything from playing an instrument to a keen interest in baking.



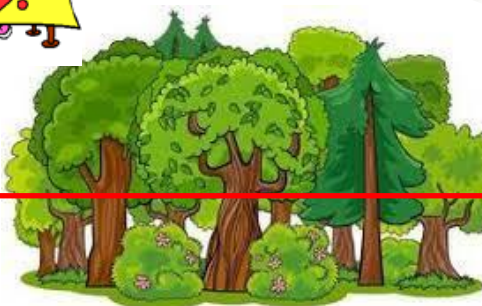
## PTA Representatives

**There are always 2 PTA Reps for Nursery each year. There will be an information letter about who the reps are and how to contact them to receive reminders, information regarding PTA events and fundraising opportunities displayed in nursery entrance. Please ask if you would like any more information. You may also be interested in becoming part of the PTA yourself and can gain more information about the meetings from the reps as well.**



## Collecting your child

If you are collecting your child at 11.45am, we will bring the children to the front entrance to collect their own bags and coats, developing their independence further. We will then dismiss the children one at a time to you out of the front door from the cloakroom. However, if you need to speak to us at the end of the morning, we are more than happy to see you once all the children have left safely. If you are collecting your child after an afternoon session, then we will get the children ready to go before story time. We will bring the children to the door just before 3.15pm to be dismissed by a member of the Nursery team. If you need to collect your child early to pick up children from another school then please let us know and we can arrange earlier collection with you.



## Save the date

**Macmillan Stay and Play Coffee Morning  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**A letter will come out soon with more information about this event.**

We are extremely fortunate to have a woodland area on the school site located at the back of the school field. We will be taking the children over there this year regularly to enjoy all of the exciting opportunities that an outdoor classroom has to offer. More information will come out soon in a letter explaining what the children need to wear and bring on the days that we will be out exploring.