



ST PAULINUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn 1
October 2021

Dear Parents,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our returning families, as well as our new ones. We really hope the children have a joyful and productive year in nursery and we look forward to working with you all in a partnership in educating your children. We are very impressed with how the children are settling back in to nursery life and for the twelve new starters who are settling well to. They have all been very brave and we are really enjoying getting to know your special little people. It has been lovely to watch new friendships forming and old ones being renewed.

This term we will be focused on settling the children in to the nursery routines and following their interests. We have been talking about Autumn and learning about harvest time. We also have a topic for each half term. This one is 'Why am I special?' We have started talking about why we are special, our families and who looks after us. We will also look at our homes. Please can you send a photo in of your child's house and a family one of who lives in their house.

The introduction of wearing slippers in the classroom this year is working well. The children are trying very hard to get their slippers and shoes on an off independently. As independence is something we need to develop this year, it's really important that you assist us in this at home too. Please try not to put their shoes and coats on for them but rather help them.

All the children have a new clear bag to bring in to class each day. They are getting really good at putting their creations in there to take home each day. We originally asked for spare clothing for your child's peg. We actually have an over flowing store of spare clothes here and a very cramped coat area. We are in the process of sending all spare clothes home now and we will use ours from now on. We know that accidents will happen but the children have all tried really hard with using the toilets.

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We are going to start letting the children borrow a book each day to take home and read that night. I am sure it will become a routine of swapping the book when they first come in on a morning or afternoon. We cannot stress enough, the importance of reading to your child every night. It improves the functioning of the brain and fosters concentration. It stimulates their imagination and expands their understanding of the world around them.

Our wonderful outdoor learning space has already been a favourite space for many. It would be great if every child could have a pair of wellies so if you haven't sent any in yet please send them in as soon as possible. Come rain or shine, the children will have access to outside so a coat is needed everyday and hats and gloves when the weather changes. If you have any waterproof over trousers or an all in one waterproof suit please send them in and they can be left in school.

We are in the process of trying to attract the fairies back to our outdoor environment. They appear to have packed up and gone! We are hoping to enhance the area with a new bug hotel and pretty things. If you have any small plants, interesting stones, feathers, wind chimes or shells they would be very gratefully received. We are lucky to have a large outdoor area but it is tricky to maintain. If you or a family member, possibly a grandparent, enjoys gardening and has some spare time it would be much appreciated. If anyone has any expertise in sorting out ponds that would also be appreciated.

We are looking for some loose parts to develop some outdoor areas. Cable drums, tubing, guttering, nuts and bolts, slices of tree trunks would all be useful.

Finally, we have started the weekly pound fund and the tin is just by the door. This small contribution will allow us to provide really exciting additional resources to support the children. We are wanting to provide seasonal produce for the children to experience, flowers for the mud kitchen and plants for the garden. We are also wanting to buy a new reading den for the classroom. We intend to share with you how we have used the money throughout the year.

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If you have any concerns about your child which you would like to discuss please don't hesitate to catch us at the door or make an appointment.

Thank you in anticipation for your support this year.
Kind regards,

Miss Mallam and Mrs Ellis.

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