

Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a fantastic start to the year! Thank you to those parents already engaging with their child's reading and homework, especially those who have completed the summer holiday homework with their child.

Please find below key information. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

Staff

Class Teacher: Mrs Moran

Teaching Assistant: Mrs Phillips

Procedures for Contacting Staff

Parent Request Form: if you wish to speak confidentially to a member of staff about your child, please fill out a form in the office (or online from our website).

All enquiries will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff and we aim to contact you within 7 days to discuss the issue or arrange a meeting if necessary.

Pick up arrangements

Please ensure your child is aware of who is picking them up each morning.

Written permission is required if another parent will be collecting your child. Please send this in on the morning in question.

Children, their Uniform and Equipment

We expect every child to be dressed in correct uniform, especially sensible black shoes. Please note that jewellery and make up are not allowed.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that your child has the following equipment in school: PE Kit, reading book, pencil case (please include **a glue stick** and a **whiteboard pen**) – regularly checked and re-stocked.

Please check that labels are still present and readable on clothing items throughout the year.

Reading Records

All children should read daily at home and will start to receive 'Little Wandle' reading books from Week 2. Please do not worry if your child has a book they have read before as we will be assessing the children during the next few weeks. This can be the reading book from school, or their library book. Reading is not a race, it should be enjoyed; questions and 'book talk' is crucial in ensuring our children have understood what they have read. Children can change their library book every **Thursday**.

You can always supplement your child's school reading book with something else: magazines, comics, classic books, non-fiction books, kindles and audio books.

Our Values are reflected in our Healthy Lifestyle

Infants still receive a healthy snack every day from the government, however if you chose to bring in your own snack, it **must be one piece of fruit or a vegetable** inside a small labelled snack box or bag. Your child must bring in a labelled water bottle which can be refilled at school.

P.E

Our PE days this term will be: **Tuesday and Wednesday.**

Please ensure your child brings their PE bag into school at the start of the week and takes it home at the end of every half term for washing.

Homework

We are in the process of setting up Google Classroom which will be used to set homework. Children will receive Google Classroom logins in their reading records in the next few weeks. Children will receive a phonics/writing activity, a maths activity and a wider curriculum-based activity. Homework will be **set on a Friday at 3.10pm and needs to be returned the following Wednesday at 9.00am. Late work will not be marked.** The main homework focus for the next few weeks will be on establishing a good reading routine with your child at home.

Safeguarding Children

The safety of your children whilst they are in our care is at the forefront of our minds. The school has procedures in place to make sure that your children are safe at all time. We ask all parents to enter the school via the **main reception only**. Thank you.

If a child makes a declaration to a member of staff, concerning their safety, we will follow our school procedure and contact the appropriate agencies.

High Expectations

Behaviour

Neatness and Presentation

Quality of Work

Uniform – including PE kits which need to be in school at all times.