

Key Stage 1 Newsletter 2019

Autumn 1

Useful reminders

Homework

We will give children homework every **Thursday** and they need to return it by **Tuesday**. There is also a choice of Project Homework. If your child has a sibling in school and they contribute to their homework this is counted as one piece.

Reading at home

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's record / planner each time your child reads at home. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones! Children are expected to reach 50 reads by Christmas.

Packed lunches

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

Bikes and scooters

For health and safety reasons while inside the school site please can children push scooters and bikes.

School uniform

Please ensure your child wears: black school shoes; white polo shirt; royal blue jumper or cardigan; black/grey school trouser/shirt/pinafore; hair accessories – school colours; no nail varnish or make-up.

Star of the Week

A reminder that your child can only be eligible for Star of the Week if they read 4 times in a week at home, follow the golden rules, wear correct uniform, have full attendance for the week and have no late marks.

Dates

Thursday 19th September – Y1 Phonics Meeting 3:20pm in Miss Firman's classroom

Monday 23rd September – photograph day

Thursday 26th September – KS1 Open Afternoon 2:00pm

Week beginning Mon 14th October - Parents' evening

Wednesday 23rd October - Harvest Festival Reception/KS1 9:30am, KS2 11:00am at school – parents/carers welcome

Friday 25th October - Break up for half term

Friday 25th October – Halloween disco Reception/KS1 – 4 til 5 KS2 – 5.15 til 6.15

Saturday 26th October – Baby sale 10am – 12.30pm (run by APPI) dinner hall

Monday 4th November – Back to school

A big **welcome back!** We hope you have had a fantastic summer break and are ready for the year ahead!

The **Key Stage 1 staff** this year are:

Miss Firman: Year 1

Miss Burnett: Year 1/2

Miss Jackson: Year 2

Miss Ghafoor: Year 1 (mornings)

Mrs Carter (teaching assistant): Year 1

Mrs Sinclair (teaching assistant): Year 2

Our topic this half term is **Wriggle and Crawl!** We will be exploring minibeast habitats in our Science lessons and learning about what they need to survive. There may be a minibeast hunt or two in our schools woods!



Other information

PE:

Miss Jackson's class: Tuesday afternoon

Miss Burnett's class: Tuesday afternoon

Miss Firman's class: Monday afternoon

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit. Hair must be tied back, and for safety the school advises that no earrings are to be worn on this day.

Singing: Singing will take place on a Tuesday afternoon with our music teacher Mrs Norris. The children this half-term will be focusing on harvest songs.

Spellings:

This year we will be sending our weekly spellings home using MarvellousMe. You will receive a message from your child's phonics teacher on the Thursday (the day homework books are sent home) with the words we would like your child to practise. Your child can practise the spellings in their homework book (there will be a template of how we would like them to be presented). Homework books are to be returned to school on Tuesday. Spellings tests will take place on a Wednesday.

MarvellousMe: If you need a reminder of your MarvellousMe code to gain access to our messages, please contact the school office.