



As the roots spread so the tree grows

Welcome to Year One

We hope you have had a relaxing, fun-filled summer holiday and are ready for the beginning of an exciting year in school.

Staff in Year One -

1ME - Mrs M Evans (class teacher and team leader) and Mrs N Maine (teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor)

1AS - Mrs A Shaw (class teacher) and Mrs E Macey (teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor)

1BE - Mrs S Barnes (class teacher on Monday and Tuesday) and Mrs M.E Evans (class teacher on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) and Mrs Y Lawrence (teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor)

1NS - Miss N Stallibrass (class teacher) and Mrs J Lancaster (teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor)

Home reading books - Your child will read to an adult in class at least once a week. If you would like their reading book changed more often, please place the reading book and the yellow comments book in the basket on the shelf in your child's cloakroom. The majority of the children will begin in Year One by reading the same colour band as they were on at the end of Reception however we constantly assess the children and will change their colour when appropriate. Listening to your child read is an essential part of their homework. Just ten minutes every day will be of great benefit to them. Please ensure you write a short comment in the yellow comments book.

Show and Tell - As part of speaking and listening in English, we will be inviting the children to take part in sharing presentations. There will be a notice in your child's cloakroom to inform you when it is your child's turn. Of course if your child has some exciting news to tell or something to show from a weekend away, we will be happy to allow them some extra time. Show and Tell sessions will operate group by group on a weekly basis this term. Children will be encouraged to talk for up to three minutes about any subject they wish, although we would like you to encourage them to prepare it beforehand, eg talk about an interesting book, a favourite outing they have been on or something that really interests them.

Water bottles - Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. Filtered water is available should a refill be necessary. If necessary, they can bring it in on Monday and take it home on Friday in order to ensure they don't forget it during the week. It is very important children drink throughout the school day and they should have water in their water bottles, not juice or squash. Thank you!

P.E. - Children will have two P.E. lessons per week in Year One. It is important that children have a full P.E. kit which includes plimsolls that fit. Please note that although we do have Alwyn P.E. tee shirts available, children are allowed to wear any sensible shorts and tee shirts. Please do ensure your child has a full NAMED P.E. kit, with plimsolls or trainers in school every day all term. We do have P.E. coaching sessions and all children are expected to wear a P.E. kit in all P.E. sessions.

Uniform - Please remember to label everything! We had an astonishing amount of lost property at the end of last term so please label your child's uniform, water bottles, sunhats, gloves, scarves, coats, vests etc etc.

Helping out - We have already had several parents/carers volunteering their time to come in and work with the children. This is really beneficial for all the children and we thank you for offering your help. We have learning activities in the morning from 9.00am - 9.30am and would appreciate adult help during this time to hear children read or to help with pencil control activities. Afternoon volunteers are also appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available to help.

School dinners - In order to make the mornings run a little faster, we ask that you look at the menu with your child so that they know what they would like to order. Please make sure they are aware if they have brought in a packed lunch. Many parents carry the packed lunch on the way to school so children are not entirely sure what they are having. We have a few children with nut allergies in school and therefore ask parents/carers not to send in any nuts or products containing nuts to school in lunch boxes.

Communication - Our door is always open and we look forward to working in partnership with you. As you may appreciate it can be tricky to discuss issues with you at the beginning of the day, however things are more flexible at the end of the day and short meetings after school can be arranged if necessary. Please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher should you have any queries regarding your child in school.

In order for you to hear about all the different things we do in school, we will send out text messages and letters and there will be notifications updated on the class notice boards in the cloakrooms. Also, remember to check the school website.

Independence - Please encourage your child to say goodbye to you in the cloakroom and to walk in to class by themselves. Many children enjoy this independence and like to wave at their parents through the classroom window. Thank you.

We look forward to working with you over the year,

Mrs Evans

Mrs Shaw

Mrs Barnes & Mrs Evans

Miss Stallibrass