

22nd October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your child for the past three weeks. We hope they are sharing with you what we are doing in class. This week and next week we will be going back in time and looking at toys from the past. Please talk to your child about the toys you or your parents used to play with and invite your child to think; *How are they different from toys today? How are they similar to toys today? Why are there differences? What materials are they made from?* If possible, we would like your child to complete the questionnaire overleaf with you or their grandparents. Children will need help reading the questions and writing the answers. It is absolutely fine to write the answers for your child. The aim of this questionnaire is for your child to have a discussion with an adult about toys from the past and to be able to share information with the rest of the class or a small group.

Water in water bottles

Please remember children should only have water in their water bottles, not juice or squash. It is really important children have a drink during the school day and although we will give plastic cups to use, we have had a number of spillages in class so bringing in a water bottle with a lid would be appreciated. Thank you!

P.E.

Very important: It is important that children have a full P.E. kit which includes plimsolls or trainers that fit. Please note that although we do have Alwyn P.E. tee shirts available, children are allowed to wear any shorts and tee shirts. The important thing is that they get used to getting changed for physical activities. Please keep a P.E. kit in school all week (shorts, tee shirts and plimsolls/trainers) and only take it home at the end of each half term or if you would prefer, at the weekend. Although we have set days for P.E. we may also have sports coaches coming in and these sessions do not always fall on our set P.E. days. The children will be expected to get changed for any additional sporting activities.

Coats

Please remember to send your child to school with their school jumper/cardigan AND a warm coat (all named clearly). Children will be outside for playtimes, unless it is pouring with rain.

School website

Please look at the website for recent letters and updates. There is a photo gallery displaying your child's class art work. Although we do not put names on the art pieces, your child will be able to point out which one is theirs.

Dates to remember this term

3rd and 5th October – Year One only. A text will be sent to you so you can book a parents' evening appointment online. Please select a time slot between 3.40-6.20pm on either day. Please advise Mrs McCarthy in the school office of any new mobile numbers so that our records can be updated.

w/b 9th October – We will be taking the children for a walk around the local area to look for human and physical features during our Geography Week. If you are able to accompany us, please let your child's class teacher know.

Tuesday 10th October – 1ME and 1KM

Wednesday 11th October – 1AS and 1BE

Please complete the medical form and return as soon as possible.

20th October – We celebrate Harvest with a festival of songs and poems, starting at 2.30pm. All parents welcome.

If you have any other queries, please do not hesitate to see your class teacher.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Evans
Year One Team Leader