

Dear Parent/Carer

Happy New Year to you all! We hope you had a super Winter break and a fun and relaxing time with family. We would like to welcome you all to a new term and remind you of a few important notes:

Water in water bottles

Please remember children should only have water in their water bottles, not juice or squash. Thank you!

P.E. changes

Year One will be taught one session each week by a sports coach, Nathan Baker. Mr Baker is familiar with the school as he started coaching at Alwyn last year and he also runs a lunchtime multi-skills club. The following days for both our P.E. sessions are;

1ME – Wednesdays (am) and Thursdays (pm)

1BE – Wednesdays (pm) and Fridays (am)

1AS – Wednesdays (pm) and Fridays (am)

1KM – Wednesdays (am) and Thursdays (pm)

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 and that they have their P.E. kit in school **all week** (shorts, tee shirts and plimsolls/trainers). Whatever the weather, we often take the children outside. If you wish to include tracksuit trousers in the P.E. kit, please do although children are not allowed to wear tracksuit trousers when doing P.E. inside as they may slip off climbing equipment and injure themselves. They should therefore have tracksuit trousers AND shorts so they are wearing appropriate clothing for specific P.E. sessions. Although we have set days for P.E. we may also have other 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. Children should therefore only take their kit home at the end of each half term or if you would prefer, at the weekend.

School dinners

Please look at the menu in the cloakroom with your child each morning so that they know what they would like to order. Please remember the school dinners are free of charge and we offer a meat option, a vegetarian option and either pasta or jacket potato (every other day) with baked beans, cheese or tuna mayonnaise.

Coats

Please remember to send your child to school with their NAMED school jumper/cardigan AND a warm coat. We have several spare coats and the weather is getting cold and wet so children will be expected to wear a coat when they are outside. Children will be outside for playtimes, unless it is pouring with rain.

As the weather gets colder, there are more runny noses so if you were able to provide a box of tissues to your child's class, we would really appreciate it.

Dates to remember

w/b 8th January – Dads/Uncles into school day. Please sign up on the sheet in your child's cloakroom should you wish to come along. Please be aware that we can only accommodate up to four additional adults in class each day.

w/b 15th January – Music Week. If you are able to sing or play a musical instrument and would be willing to share your talent with your child's class or in an assembly, please tell your child's class teacher as soon as possible. We would love this week to be as musical as possible.

Thursday 18th January – In the morning, Year One will be visiting St. Marks church as part of our R.E. syllabus. If you are able to help walk the children there and back, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

w/b 5th February – Book Week. We hope to visit Boyn Grove Library in Courthouse Road this week. If you are able to walk with the children to the library, please let your child's class teacher know.

Friday 9th February – Adults and children are invited to dress up as a book character for the day.

12th- 16th February – Half term

Monday 19th February – Inset day. Children are not in school.

w/b 20th February – Our topic for the week will be 'People who help us in the Community'. If you are or know of anyone who helps the community, eg a firefighter, police officer, nurse, dentist or dental nurse and you/they would be happy to talk to the children about your/their job, please do inform your child's class teacher so we can make arrangements for you/them to visit during this week.

Yours sincerely

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