

KEY STAGE 1 AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER 2017

A big 'Welcome Back' to all our Year 2 children, and a big 'Welcome' to the Year 1 children, who have now joined us in KS1.

Welcome back to Mrs Hanson and Miss Marshall-Clarke who have been on maternity leave. It is great to have you back in the team!

Please keep this newsletter safe as it has some important dates/ information in it which will help you to know what is happening this term.

Curriculum

Our topic for the first term is 'When we grow up...' It is a great topic because the children not only get the chance to explore what they would like to do when they are older, but they also get to hear interesting facts about jobs which you wonderful parents do too! Speaking of this- we will be sending out a letter shortly to ask about the job which you do and whether you would be willing to come and speak to our children about it.

Home Reading Books

We are currently reviewing how and when we listen to the children in school. We are also viewing how and when reading books are changed, so please bear with us whilst we make these changes.

Reading at home is very important, just a little time spent together each evening can really help to make the difference. We would also like to encourage the children to read other things, such as magazines, books from the library. Reading books will be sent home on Friday 8th September.



PE days

Deer and Badgers: Monday and Friday

Hedgehogs: Thursday and Friday

Rabbits: Monday and Tuesday

Please ensure long hair is tied up (if hair can go into eyes, this is long), no jewellery. Full kit must be kept in school. Thank you!

Diary Dates: What is happening and when?

22nd September-KS1 Dress up day- what would you like to be when you are older?

2nd October- KS1/EYFS Harvest Festival (9:15am) please donate items. Parents welcome to join us.

5th October- Open morning (9:30-12) please feel free to pop in and see what the children are learning.

16th & 19th October- Parents evening. Letters will be sent out nearer the time.

Please see the main school newsletter for whole school diary dates.

Year 2 Information

The Year 2 children will take part in the SATs where their reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG), Maths abilities will be tested. Writing and Science will also be assessed. SATs will take place in the later part of the year, therefore more information, including a meeting will be arranged nearer the time.

Something which has become an annual feature of Year 2 is the residential to Lea Green. As the children from previous years have stated this is great fun and creates memories that the children will always remember. This year the trip will take place Monday 25th June- Tuesday 26th June 2018. Lots more information will be shared nearer the time.

Towards the end of the term Year 2 children will take part in Sex and Relationship (SRE) lessons. If you do not want your child to take part please

Year 1 Information

In June 2018 the Year 1 children will take the National Phonics Screening Check, along with any Year 2 who did not pass last year. More information will be sent regarding this screening check, along with how we support the children through the Letters and Sounds programme and how you can help at home. Keep an eye on the website, where we will upload blogs.

Homework

Each fortnight your child will take home a homework book and a piece of homework. Please help your child with this work in order to get the best out of it. Within a term your child will take home one English, one Maths and one Topic based piece of homework. Once completed please stick the sheet into your child's book. This will really help your child as it will prevent the homework from being lost. Your child has one week in which to complete the work, unless stated otherwise.

Lea Green- what children said about the trip

Best Trip Ever!!

I want to go again!

What an adventure!!

I was scared about going, but I loved it!

I wish I could be in Year 2 again!

Buried Treasure- Home Activity

Every Friday the children in Year 1, along with some Year 2 children, will take home some words on a coin sheet. Please cut these coins out and encourage your child to sound and blend the words. They then need to decide if the word is real and can be placed on the treasure box, or fake and be placed on the rubbish bin. These need to be kept at home for your child to practise and build up his/her reading skills. If you need any more info, please ask a member of staff.

Other Important bits!

Home/school diaries- If you write a message in your child's diary, please ask them to pass it to their child teacher at the start of the day as we do not check every home/school diary in KS1.

Please keep a watchful eye on the school's website- we will be writing blogs to keep you all up to date with everything that is going on in KS1.

If you would like to offer your help, to hear children read, help the children in computers or don't mind sticking work into books we would love to hear from you- please speak to a member of the team.

Enjoy the term!

KS1 Team