



## Making the Most of Everyone

### Welcome to Year 1 Croeso i Blwyddyn 1

We would like to provide you with some information so that you are aware of our organisation and teaching strategies.

#### The Year 1 Team

1W - Mrs Wright

TA - Miss Nicholson



1MG - Mrs Mawrey & Mrs German

TA - Mrs Millward

#### Aims



The Foundation Phase curriculum is statutory in Year One. The children will learn through practical activities and investigations using Indoor and Outdoor Environments. They will help to choose topics and be involved in planning and evaluating their learning.

#### Homework



Topic webs will be sent home per half term to let you know the focus for each subject and to provide you with opportunities to support your child at home. Reading books are changed weekly. We continue to encourage the three reads and ask you to sign the record book once you have read together. Please send in your child's reading book every day. In order to continue to develop reading, spelling and maths skills, we will send home weekly activities throughout the year. We ask you to work on these at home together.

#### PE

Each class will have two PE sessions a week. Pupils will need a white t-shirt, green shorts and black pumps. Please ensure all items are labelled. PE kits remain in school and will be sent home every half term to be washed. For health and safety reasons, jewellery should not be worn in school including stud earrings. A note is required if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Wellies are also required for working outdoors.

#### Reading

Pupils are grouped according to reading ability. However, these groups are flexible and, at the discretion of the teacher, movement between them is quite common. Pupils are expected to bring book bags daily and these are available at the office at a cost of £3 should you require one. They each have a Reading Record which should be completed as a diary of their reading. The children take part in Group Reading once a week, with reading skills also taught throughout the week during class activities. Children will also have opportunities to borrow books from the school library to share and enjoy at home. The most important factor is that children are either reading or hearing stories regularly. Encouraging children to enjoy reading is essential if they are to read independently.

#### Phonics and Spelling

Each week we focus on different phonic patterns and high frequency words. The weekly homework will enable you to practise these at home together. The pupils' Reading Record also contains a word list, please practise reading and writing these words regularly.

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Doors open at 8:45am and school finishes at 3:05pm. When doors are locked please enter through the front office. Please notify the school office if your child is absent or if someone different is collecting them.



### Dinner Money

£1.90 per day

£9.50 per week



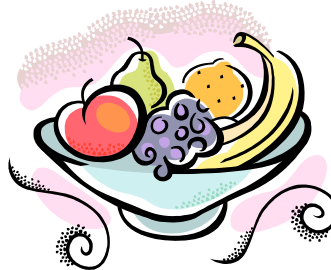
Please place dinner money in an envelope with your child's name and class clearly labelled.

Snack money:

50p weekly in Foundation Phase

### Healthy Eating

We are a healthy school. The children choose milk or water and a piece of fresh fruit each morning and water is available throughout the day. Through curriculum work, pupils also learn about how to create healthy meals and lunch boxes.



### Seeing your Child's Teacher

Success and happiness depend on both parents and teachers working together for the wellbeing of our children. If there is an issue of concern please do not hesitate to either send a note or make an appointment to come in and see your child's teacher.

Parents' Evenings will be held during the autumn and summer terms. A written report will be given in July.



### Mobile Phones

We would prefer the children not to bring mobile phones into school. However if your child does bring a mobile phone to school, it is at their own risk and must be handed in to the teacher for safe keeping until the end of the day.

### Bringing things to school

We encourage pupils to bring in items related to current topics to share with the class.

Pupils are welcome to bring in a birthday present to share during birthday service on Wednesdays.

Swimming, sports and other certificates from outside school can be brought to school to be shared in merit service on Fridays.

We discourage other items being brought to school in case they are lost.

### Pupil Clothing

Please label all items of clothing worn or sent to school to help relocate any lost items during the school term.