

CLASS ONE

Hope you had a great summer!

Welcome back:

Welcome back to all of our old pupils and hello to a few new faces! We hope you all had a great summer! This newsletter will hopefully give you a few ideas of the kind of things the children in Class One will be getting up to in the coming weeks.

Homework:

- All children will receive homework every night in the form of reading. The Reception children will also be given a piece of Literacy or Numeracy every Monday to Thursday, beginning next week. Please sign their reading and homework diaries each night to show that work set has been completed.

Tapestry:

Thank you so much to everyone who regularly checks in to their child's Tapestry account. It's great to be able to give you more of an insight into your child's learning. Please feel free to add as many of your own observations and comments as you like.



Developing independence

One of the things your child will learn in Class One is to be more independent. We help the children to take ownership of their own learning and well-being and actively encourage them to do many age-appropriate things for themselves, such as hanging up their own coats and hats, taking themselves to the toilet and carrying their own lunch boxes and book bags at the end of the day. We know that you are also keen to help your child develop this independence and we look forward to seeing them grow this year.

The children will also be expected to take more responsibility within the classroom, such as choosing their own resources when painting and, likewise, cleaning up after themselves. We aim to develop sensitive, free-thinking young people, able to care for both themselves and others. We look forward to working with you towards this goal.





General notices and reminders:

- We regularly take the children out on impromptu trips that fit in with their current topics and would like to continue to do so. Please ensure you have signed the relevant consent form for these trips. If you are unsure, then please ask a member of the team for a form. This also applies to the food allergy form which allows us to carry out food tasting and cookery lessons with your child. If you have already signed a consent form for this, please make sure that any allergy information previously provided is still up to date.
- If your child has been diagnosed as asthmatic, please make sure you have provided a labelled inhaler that is in date to be kept in school.
- Please make sure your child has their full winter uniform on and that it is all fully labelled.
- For any parents who are interested in learning more about the Early Years please visit www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage.

Snack time

We sent out a questionnaire towards the end of last year about how we are considering running 'snack time' in Class One. Although not many people were given the survey, due to a large number of children moving on to other classes and schools, those of you that did complete and return it were open to the idea of paying £1 per week towards the school purchasing a range of healthy snacks for your child. We would like to trial this new way of doing things and during the trial period, we will not charge you for the food.

We aim for the children to prepare their snacks with support from an adult early in the day and then will have a rolling snack time where the children decide when they are hungry and go and help themselves to a snack. They will then be expected to clean the plates, bowls and cups they have used and return them for other children to use. We will also have a small 'waiting area' for children who cannot fit round the snack table but are next in line to eat! The waiting area will have magazines for the children to read and talk about whilst waiting their turn.

Obviously we are aware that some children have allergies and with this in mind, we ask that everyone completes an allergy information form as soon as possible and return it to a member of staff so that we can make sure no child comes into contact with anything potentially harmful to them.

We are looking forward to seeing the children further develop their independence by using our new rolling snack time system and we will keep you updated with news on its progress.

