

2 November 2022

Dear families

## Term 2 Information for Year 1

Welcome back to school! We hope that you enjoyed the half-term break. Please see below for important dates and information which will be relevant for this term.

- **P.E.** will be on **Monday** and **Wednesday**. Please send children to school dressed in their PE kit. We will endeavour to be outside as much as possible, so please ensure children are dressed appropriately for the cooler weather.
- **Reading:** We will change children's reading books **every week**. Children should bring their reading book and reading record into school every day. Children will bring home one phonetically decodable book appropriate for their reading level which they will be able to decode and read independently, and one 'sharing' book to share with the family. Please record any reading or phonics learning your child does at home in their reading record, as these will be checked by class teachers on a weekly basis. This can simply be the date and a smiley face or signature.
- **Bookbags and backpacks:** Please can we encourage children to bring bookbags instead of backpacks into school. Bookbags fit into the children's drawers and helps to keep the garden room a trip-free zone. If your child needs spare clothes, they can bring a small backpack in and hang it up on their peg.
- **Books and biscuits:** We will be running a short afterschool reading club **every Tuesday and Thursday**. This is a chance to read with your child straight after school for 10-15 minutes, after which your child will get a biscuit. This is particularly beneficial for reluctant readers at home. Siblings are more than welcome to join, either reading quietly or using the resources available in the classroom. Teachers are on stand-by to answer any questions about phonics or reading during this time as well. This will restart from Tuesday 1 November.
- **Uniform** – Please ensure all uniform, coats, packed lunches, drink bottles, etc. are labelled clearly.

### Learning to Learn at home:

- **Reading:** Children are expected to read at least 4 times per week. Our reading raffle incentive is continuing this year and the children love having the chance to win a book! Every child who reads in a week will get one raffle ticket and if they read four times, they will get two. These raffle tickets will be drawn weekly and give the children the chance to win a book. Year 1 had some great success in the reading raffle during term 1 – let's keep it going!
- **Learning task:** We will set one ten-minute learning task every Friday. This could be handwriting practise, spelling practise using a newly learned sound, or a maths challenge.

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Important dates	
Monday 7 November	Nasal Flu Vaccine
Thursday 10 November	M&M Production of Aladdin
Friday 2 December	Lower School Open Door
Wednesday 7 December	Lower School Concert/Nativity
Thursday 8 December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 9 December	Lower School Concert/Nativity
Wednesday 14 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 16 December	End of Term
Wednesday 4 January	First Day for Term 3

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 1 team.

Thank you for your continued support.

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