



Year 1 Newsletter

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Dear parents,

Welcome to Year 1! Children have been really busy these last few days but coping well with all the change and the new routine. Thank you for encouraging them to be independent in the mornings.

We are asking children to wash their hands frequently during the day and we are not using hand sanitisers on their delicate hands. Please reinforce the message that even if they have not long washed their hands, they might have to do it again and it is especially important to use soap.

Please remember to send a coat into school for days when it is wet. We try to go out even when it is raining. We will be spending a lot of learning time outside therefore children will need wellies. If they have wellies, they will be able to go into the spinney at playtimes too. Please name everything clearly! Thank you for all those parents who have already sent in wellies.

Children with packed lunch: please remember to avoid nut products as we have children in school with severe nut allergies.

Children can bring in their own snack for the morning but please make sure this is only fresh or dried fruit/veg. We have had a few yo-yo bars and other fruit bars which we are trying to avoid. Equally please do not send in crackers, or cheese, **just fruit/veg**. The school will continue to provide a fruit/veg snack each day.

Children have their milk in the afternoon. If your child would like to be on the milk register, please be aware that you have to sign up and pay. Further information is on the website.

PE lessons in Mrs. Ban's class are on Tuesdays and Fridays and in Mrs. Pruitt's/Mrs Droniuk's class on Mondays and Thursdays. On PE days please ensure that children have trainers on - they can wear these with usual uniform or with comfortable leggings or jogging bottoms. PE shorts are fine currently but may be chilly later on in the term. For the upper body, usual school uniform is required.

PPA time for Mrs. Ban will be on Fridays and Mrs. Sutcliffe will teach the class while Mrs. Ban is planning, assessing and resourcing. Mrs. Pruitt and Mrs. Droniuk cover each other for their PPA time on Wednesdays.

If you have any reading books from foundation stage, please return them to school. Please note that we are not checking children's book bags; if they have something important to hand in, ask them to hand it to the teacher in the morning.

Homework:

Please have a look at the homework grid.

Children should choose one task from each line going horizontally. (One literacy task, one numeracy and one topic). Homework can be brought in any time and we will share it with the class. Any homework needs to be handed in by the 21st of October. Thank you for your support.

Reading books will be sent home next week. The children choose their own books so if you feel that they might not be right for their level, please let us know. We cannot always monitor that they have taken the correct resource. Please try and read with your child daily. They will not have read in school, the book that is going home with them.

As you have noticed, we are opening the doors at 8:35 but closing them promptly at 8:50. Please make sure you arrive to school within this 15 minutes interval. Once the front door is closed, please walk with your child to drop them off at the office.

Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to meeting you at the parents evening. The sign-up sheets for this event will be left outside the classrooms from Monday.