



# Advent Term Newsletter

Welcome to Year One!

I am thrilled to welcome you all back and hope you had a wonderful summer. We have lots of exciting things planned for the children this year and I can't wait to get started on our learning journey.

Here are a few things to get us started;

## **Uniform**

Please name every item of clothing and footwear. We will name items that we notice don't have a name, but this is only in 'sharpie pen' and will wash out after a couple of washes. Shoes and no trainers please. Stud earrings and no hoops - for PE all earrings should be taken out or covered in tape prior to arriving to school.

We do have a PTFA sale of used uniform throughout the year – watch this space for dates and more info. If you would like to join the PTFA (please let the office know – we really do need help and support to raise much needed monies to benefit all our children).

## **Book Bags**

Book bags are just for the children's educational books please, no food or drink. As we place reading at the heart of all our learning, it really is important that we respect and care for our resources the best way we can.

If the children could please bring their book bags into school each day that would be fantastic, this allows us to work with the children as often as possible and note it in their organisers so you can be kept as up to date as possible.

If you would like your child to have an additional bag to carry any water bottles or suntan lotion etc, that is fine. They all have a peg for these items, and things can be left at school should you want to do so, for example PE kits, to save you carrying them to and from school each week.

## **Water bottles and snack**

Only water in the water bottles please. We hold the gold standard in being a healthy school and as part of this we adhere to no juice in water bottles. The children will be offered (unless otherwise already informed of any allergies etc) fresh fruit/veg every day so there is no need to bring their own snack unless you want to. We normally find that children will be adventurous and try new foods when their friends are doing so (and this could save you time in the mornings)! Again, please name any container you bring into school so that we can make sure we can send it home with them again without it getting lost. If your child would like milk and currently doesn't already have it, then please sign up and pay using the Cool Milk website. This takes up to two weeks to set up – please do let the office know if you have done this.

## **Homework**

Homework will be set throughout the year, when it adds value to the class learning. Any homework set will be set via Class Dojo, on the class story page.

**Reading – More information at our parent meeting on Wednesday 7th September in the Year One Classroom**

You will have noticed the children have come home with a library book – this is for you to read to your child and talk about together. We will change these weekly.

We have adopted a new and improved phonics scheme this year which does change things slightly. The teaching of phonics remains same but reading expectations will be different. We are having a meeting on Wednesday 7th September at 3.20pm in the Year One Classroom and will explain more then.

## PE

PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Children will be getting changed into and out of their PE kits at school. If you could help prepare your children for this at home by practising, that would really help them out. Our trained Sports Coach will be taking the session alongside the teaching staff. Again, please name everything – this is the time we tend to lose the most items of clothing with no names.

## Topic

Our first history topic this term is 'Changes within Living Memory' as we ask 'how were our grandparents' toys different to ours?' This links with our first RE topic, 'Families'. I am very much looking forward to hearing all about the different families within our class.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact me via Dojo, which I will check daily.

With best wishes for a wonderful term.

Miss Cattermole