

Please read the following information and share it with your child to make sure they have a smooth transition into their new class in September 2021.

Thank you for your continued support.

Information for Parents about Key Stage One

<p><u>Year 1</u> Miss Thompson (1T)</p> <p>Mrs Saunders Mon, Tues and alternate Weds & Mrs Johnson alternate Weds, Thurs and Fri (1L)</p> <p>Mrs Harrison All Day Weds across the two classes.</p>	<p><u>Year 2</u> Mrs Wright (2W) Mrs Harrison Tue am</p> <p>Mrs Burrows (2B) Mrs Hicks Tue All Day</p>
<p>Teaching</p>	<p>In Years One and Two the class teacher will be responsible for teaching all subjects, however they will be supported by a number of other teachers and teaching assistants throughout the year.</p> <p>The teaching assistants are deployed as follows: 1L Mrs Jones, 1T Mrs Murray, 2B Mrs Churchill, Mrs Ganderton Mon & Tue, Mrs Srebniak Weds, Thurs LSA SEN, 2W Mrs Lippett.</p>
<p>Reading books</p>	<p>Children will read at school in a variety of ways: 1:1, whole class and guided reading. Please ensure your child reads their book everyday and that you sign the 'Home School Link Book'. Each year group will have their own reward system that the children will be introduced to in September.</p> <p>Your child's reading is continually assessed throughout the year and they are moved on when deemed appropriate.</p> <p>You can access further books through: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/</p>
<p>Rapid Recall</p>	<p>Through this activity all children will be working their way through mental arithmetic skills three times a week. This will support their fluency and recall in mathematical concepts. Practice sheets can be downloaded from the school website.</p>
<p>Spelling test</p>	<p>This will not start straight away in September. A letter will be sent out to parents in the Autumn term explaining more about this.</p> <p>Year 2 will be following The No Nonsense Spelling Programme. Rather than spellings matching a child's phonics stage all children will learn strategies, knowledge and skills that pupils need to learn how to spell correctly. The focus of the programme is on the teaching of spelling, which embraces knowledge of spelling conventions - patterns and rules; but integral to the teaching is the opportunity to promote the learning of spellings, including statutory words, common exceptions and personal spellings. Spellings will be tested on a Thursday and new spellings will be given on the same day. Any incorrect spellings will be highlighted in your child's spelling book so you know each week how your child is getting on with their spelling test</p>

		and which spellings they need to continue to practise.
Homework	We really appreciate your support with the three key areas listed above and together we can ensure that all children are reaching their full potential. We have decided to move away from the weekly written, recorded homework you may have been used. Instead, we will issue an overview each half term of areas of the curriculum we will be studying and offer suggestions of activities you may want to carry out, places you may wish to visit (where relevant) and key vocabulary that you may wish to discuss with your child. Occasionally your child may have to do some research at home to support the learning taking place in school and be asked to present what they have found out in a variety of ways. We will always give you plenty of notice when we send these mini research projects home.	
Prayer bag	Each week a different child in the class will have the opportunity to take the prayer bag home. This is a lovely opportunity to spend some time as a family discussing the Catholic faith. The prayer bag should be returned the following week.	
Science Bag	The science bag is also taken home weekly and should be returned the following week. Ideas on what to do with your child are included in the bag. Every child will have the opportunity to have the science bag and some children may be chosen as their class 'Scientist of the Month.'	

P.E.	Children have P.E. twice a week. Children normally take their kit home to be washed at the end of each half term. If your child has medium-length or long hair, please make sure it is tied back. Also, please provide tape if your child has pierced ears as earrings need to be covered in PE lessons. Please clearly label all items of kit. All children will require pumps for both indoor and outdoor PE. Winter kit should include long bottoms and a warm long sleeved top.	
Playtimes Milk & fruit	Children have a 15 minute playtime in the morning, a 30 minute playtime at lunchtime and 15 minutes in the afternoon. During first play children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit. Fruit is provided by the school or children can bring their own fruit if they would prefer. (Please note that children are only allowed a piece of fruit and not fruit-based snacks such as fruit winders, fruit bars etc). If you would like your child to have milk you need to log on to www.coolmilk.com and register your child. Payment can either be made online or at one of the payment points.	
Water bottles	Children are encouraged to bring their own drink of water into school everyday. These can be refilled throughout the day, from our new water dispensers.	
Special	The children work towards earning 'Golden Time' for good behaviour throughout the week. This happens for one hour each Friday afternoon where they are able to choose activities to suit themselves. Activities include: role play, indoor toys and games, art and reading.	
Outdoor clothing	All children will have the opportunity to take part in 'Wild Woods' at some point in the year. The children will need appropriate outdoor clothes such as waterproof trousers and jacket, wellies, gloves, hat and a scarf. Please make sure all of the items are named and put into a named bag for storage. We will inform you when these need to be in school.	

Playtimes	Please make sure you provide your child with the appropriate clothing according to the weather. Warm hats, gloves, and a coat in winter; sunhats and suncream in the summer. Children will not be allowed out if they do not have suitable attire. Please make sure your child brings in a named coat.
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Remember to check the school website for curriculum information.

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These things will happen later in the year once we can send things home again.