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KS1 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you have all had a lovely summer. It was so nice to see so many happy, smiley children yesterday looking so smart in their uniforms!

Beginning and End of the School day

Year 1

Parents with a Year 1 child in Mrs Haigh's class will pick up and drop off at the Year 1 classroom from the back playground. Access from the back alley. Older siblings can also be dropped off and collected from this playground. Please bear in mind that the school day finishes at 3.05pm for KS2 children so there may be a little wait before they join you. The gate to the Year 1 playground will be opened at 2.55pm at pick up time.

If your child is late to school, then they will have to be taken to the main office at the front of the school as the gate at the back will be locked.

If your child has a sibling in Reception or they are in Mrs Carver's Year 1 class then they may be taken to and collected from Reception.

Year 2

A bell or whistle will sound at 8:40am in the big playground. At this time Year 2 children will line up with their class and be taken into their classroom. They can be collected at hometime at the main entrance.

Attendance

Unless your child is unwell please make sure that they come to school every day so that they do not miss essential input from their teacher(s). There will be awards for good attendance as last year.

Please make sure that your child is on time (line up 8.40am ready for an 8.45am start), so that they do not miss essential input from their teacher(s).

Uniform

Many thanks to all of the children who are wearing their school uniform every day. A reminder to parents that children are expected to wear full uniform every day and have full PE kit in school at all times.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am and is free of charge.

Reading and Homework

Reading is such an important skill for your child and we do our best to ensure children leave KS1 as fluent readers. Reading with your child at home really helps us do this, 5 or 10 minutes reading at home each day has a real impact.

Reading workshops will be organised for parents later in the school year. In the meantime, if you need any help or advice on how to support your child at home with their reading - please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

Additionally, to reading Year 1 children will take home key words to learn and Year 2 will have spellings and maths fortnightly.

Read Write inc

As most of you should be aware our new scheme for teaching Reading and Writing is Read Write Inc. Additionally to reading books your child will bring home either letter sound books or Read Write Inc books that they have been practising in class. **Please make sure that your child has their reading folder every day so that they can take it to their Read Write Inc group.**

As a result of our work last year implementing Read Write Inc, our school has been awarded the 2017 - 2018 Ruth Miskin Training Accreditation Badge. Details below:

We are a “*Get Reading. Keep Reading. Change Everything.*” school.

We use the highly successful *Read Write Inc.* Phonics programme to teach our children to read, write and spell. Our children do well in the phonics screening check and by Year 2, the majority are fluent readers with the best chance of success in the KS1 tests.

Ruth Miskin Training recognise us for teaching the programme with fidelity and passion – we know what it takes to make reading and writing pleasurable and rewarding for our children.

This badge recognises that we:

- Raise standards in reading and writing for our children
- Are all expertly trained by Ruth Miskin Training – including our headteachers.
- Gain the latest programme updates through regular visits from our Ruth Miskin trainer
- Support our most vulnerable readers with extra one-to-one teaching every day.

To visit the parent pages on the Ruth Miskin Training website go to: <http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

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Dates for your diary		
When	Who	What
Wednesday 3 rd October 2018	Whole school	Parents Evening
Friday 12 th October	Year 2	Golden assembly 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	Whole School	Harvest- details to follow

PE Timetable:

(P.E kit - Plain white t-shirt, navy blue shorts, trainers or plimsoles)

Year 1 PE	Wednesday Afternoon
Year 2 PE	Tuesday Afternoon

In the event you wish to discuss anything further please contact the office to arrange a time.

Yours sincerely

J Conner
KS1 Phase Leader