

Welcome to Year 1!

Who will be teaching?

Class teacher - Miss Gregory

Teaching assistant - Mrs Davies

Teaching assistant- Miss Seddon also supports us in class.

Other staff who will teach.....

Mrs O'Neill teaches music in Year 1 on a Tuesday afternoon (Starts October)

Miss Hynes teaches MFL in Year 1 on a Tuesday afternoon

Mr Perkins teaches PE in Year 1 on a Thursday afternoon

Dance specialist teaches Dance in Year 1 on a Monday- Autumn 2, Spring2 & Summer 2 only

Life in Year 1 - what goes on...

- ▶ We start each day with a **S.O.D.A activity**- **S**tart **o**f the **D**ay **A**ctivity- a chance to consolidate and practise skills and knowledge from lessons we have done.
- ▶ There is more structure to Year 1 lessons than in Reception. After carpet time for whole class input of a lesson, children go to a set activity and stay there. There is still some 'choosing' time built in during the first half term.
- ▶ Phonics is taught daily as well as Guided Reading - both using the Little Wandle Programme.

THINGS TO KNOW.....

- ▶ Healthy Snack - School piece of fruit available at morning playtime. Children can bring in a tub/piece of fruit for afternoon play. Must be healthy please! Toast and Milk are available - letters will come home regarding paying for these.
- ▶ Uniform - Please ensure every item has your child's name clearly on it- especially jumpers! No jewellery! Earrings are a safety risk and can get caught on clothing these need to be removed. Children should have a school bookbag, no large rucksacks please as they are too big for our small cloakroom. No key chains on bags please as they stop the bags fitting in trays and are a distraction. Now it is getting colder can you please send a coat in for your child.
- ▶ PE - Please ensure trainers are Velcro if your child isn't able to fasten their laces!
- ▶ Water bottles - Please ensure your child has a full fresh water bottle every day and that their name is written on their bottle.
- ▶ Book bag - Your child will need their book bag with their diary and reading books EVERYDAY!

- ▶ School dinners - please ensure dinners are ordered AT HOME through EVOLVE ready for the week - this takes up valuable teaching and learning time if we have to order dinners in class time.
- ▶ Reading homework - We expect children to read A MINIMUM OF 3 TIMES PER WEEK AT HOME WITH AN ADULT. We award a dojo for each home reading. Your child will get 2 books per week plus a Guided Reading book, which we will have shared in Guided Reading sessions in the previous week. Books will be changed on a Friday.
- ▶ Independence - I know they are your babies!!! But..... We want to encourage and develop your children into independent, confident young people! Please help us with this by teaching your child (as I'm sure you do!) to dress themselves (especially in taking their jumper on and off) and how to use a knife and fork.

Home School Agreement

- ▶ AS A PARENT/CARER I/WE WILL
- ▶ Support the School's Christian ethos and encourage my child to take part in the full life of the Church School.
- ▶ Ensure that my child attends school regularly, on time and with everything s/he needs.
- ▶ Inform the school immediately of any absence. Do not arrange holidays in term-time.
- ▶ Let the School know of any concerns or problems that might affect my child's learning, behaviour or well-being.
- ▶ Ensure the school is notified of any change in emergency contact numbers or medical information.
- ▶ Regularly attend parents' consultation meetings to review my child's progress.
- ▶ Support the School's rules and high expectations as set out in the Behaviour Policy, Parent Code of Conduct Policy, Home/School Agreement, Visits and Visitors Policy, Uniform Policy.
- ▶ Ensure that my child wears the correct uniform each day. No earrings for health and safety reasons.
- ▶ Ensure that my child's homework is completed and returned on time.
- ▶ Ensure that my child adheres to the school's mobile phone policy. Follow the school's mobile phone policy and respect the need for phone's not to be used in school where pupils are present and only for personal use to record or photograph school events.
- ▶ Support the school in the teaching of safe and secure internet use at school and home.
- ▶ Follow the school's online safety policy, rules and regulations.
- ▶ Agree to use personal apps (e.g. WhatsApp, Facebook) with care when discussing school life and understand that I may be contacted if school information is used in an inappropriate manner.
- ▶ Use Class Dojo appropriately to communicate with class teachers. The Class dojo parent link is not to be accessed or used solely by children. It is the parents' responsibility to ensure this link is used appropriately.

Inhalers

- ▶ If your child requires an inhaler can you please bring one in to school and complete the form at the office. This will be kept in school at all time in our first aid bag should they need it.
- ▶ The same applies for any medications needed.

Rewards and Sanctions

- ▶ We are a positive, happy class and we love to reward the children!
'Catch me being good!' - our motto!!
- ▶ We give lots of praise, dojos, stickers if we see/hear the children behaving well, using good manners, being helpful, being a kind friend.
- ▶ We also reward hard work! If a child has tried their best they will be praised!
- ▶ Dojos - in Year 1 and throughout the rest of school, we use dojos as our reward system. The child with the most dojos on a Friday each week receives a certificate in the Friday Achievement Assembly with Mr Atherton! Dojo scores are then reset for a fresh start each Monday.
- ▶ The children work towards a value each month and receive rewards for this. This month is Respect.

- ▶ At times, there is a need for sanctions. We use a 'Sun, Rainbow, Sad Cloud' system, in line with the rest of the school.
- ▶ Every child starts every day in the Sky surrounding the Sun!
- ▶ Step 1 - name moves to the Sun (a friendly warning)
- ▶ Step 2 - name moves to the start of the Rainbow - lose 1 minute off Playtime
- ▶ Step 3 - name moves to the middle of the Rainbow - lose 5 minutes off Playtime
- ▶ Step 4 - name moves to the end of the Rainbow - lose a full Playtime
- ▶ Step 5 - name moves to the Sad Cloud - by this point a child will go to see a member of the SLT and parents will be informed.
- ▶ If a child continually ends up on the Sad Cloud, we will monitor their behaviour closely, inform parents and look at a target chart to help..... this is the extreme and we very rarely ever end up at this point!!

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- ▶ School day starts at 8.40. Children are marked as 'Late' at 8.50 onwards. This 10 minutes is our SODA time and is crucial learning time.
- ▶ School day finishes at 3.15.
- ▶ No holidays in term time please....Every child needs to be in school if they are going to fulfil their potential!
- ▶ Attendance is really closely monitored by schools and Ofsted now. Anything below 90% raises a 'cause for concern'.

R.S.H.E

- ▶ The RSHE policy is on the school website.
- ▶ We are looking forward to continuing our revised RSHE scheme of work this year.
- ▶ Some of the RSHE sessions will be delivered using the Archdiocese approved scheme 'Journey in Love'. The Guide for Parents and Carers will be shared with parents on class dojo private messages.
- ▶ RSHE information is shared on the half termly parent overviews.
- ▶ Relevant reminders will be sent to parents prior to the delivery of certain topics.

Finally.....

Don't be a stranger!

- ▶ If you have the slightest worry or concern please don't hesitate to contact me! My number one priority is that your child is happy!
- ▶ Dojo - I will always try to reply ASAP on Dojo but not when I'm teaching or in the evenings/weekends...
- ▶ Please make sure you read any updates on dojo story.
- Phone - if need to get a message to me urgently, or anything to do with attendance or lunches, please phone the office.

....And finally I am a teacher, but also a parent, and will always treat the children like I would want someone to treat my own!

Trust me, be kind, it's going to be a great year!