

Year 1 Spring Term Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a very good holiday and we welcome you back to school for what we hope will be a happy and healthy 2017.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Well done' to the children for their enthusiasm and hard work in the KS1 Christmas production. We hope you enjoyed it as much as they did.

Just a reminder that the Year 1 team is:

Miss O'Brien - 1JO, Mrs Ahmad - 1ZA, Miss Campbell - 1CC, Miss Newall 1KN

Reminders

We would like to remind you that the school day begins at 8.55am. Please try to ensure you are there a few minutes before as this makes the morning routine for the children much easier. Please ensure that your child is supervised until the teacher opens the classroom door. Please could you also try not to knock on the classroom windows as this may disturb the children in booster groups. The school day ends at **3.15pm** and children will be sent to After School Club at 3:30pm, where charges will apply. Thank you for your cooperation in not coming into the building with your child.

Class assemblies

There are a number of class assemblies taking place this term:

1JO- Thursday 12th January

1ZA- Thursday 19th January

1CC- Thursday 26th January

1KN- Thursday 2nd February

Topics for the Spring Term

The children will be learning about different topics this term (see below). If your child has any books, pictures or photographs linked to these topics, they may bring them in to show the class. Please label them clearly. You can support their learning by the supervised use of the internet, and by visiting the local library.

Science: Materials & plants

History: The Victorians

Art: Drawing skills and investigating materials

DT: moving pictures

R.E: Festivals

Theatre workshop

This term we will be visited by a theatre workshop. The focus will be 'fairy tales' as this one of our literacy topics this term. On this day we will ask the children to dress up as a fairy tale character to help make the day feel really special. The date of this visit is Friday 17th March 2017. We will send a letter out closer to the time with more details.

All assemblies take place in the downstairs, Infant Hall, beginning at 9.05am and finishing by 9.30am. There are refreshments afterwards in the hall.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Booster groups

If your child attends a morning booster group it is very important that they arrive on time at 8:25. The sessions are short so we need to make the most of the time we have. If your child does not attend their booster group on consecutive weeks, then their place will be given to another child. The children will be picked up from the front reception at 8.25am. We do ask that parents do not walk the children down to year one but wait at the blue front reception chairs.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Reading mornings

We would like to invite the parents to take part in our reading mornings. These will run on set dates and will give the parents and children to opportunity to read from a wide selection of books. This will run in class from 8.30-8.55 on the dates below.

1JO- Tuesday 17th January & Tuesday 14th March

1ZA - Tuesday 24th January & Tuesday 21st February

1CC - Tuesday 31st January & Tuesday 28th February

1KN - Tuesday 7th February & Tuesday 7th March

Please also feel free to bring in a selection of books from home.

Reading

Please continue to hear your child read every day for about 10 to 15 minutes. When they have finished reading to you, have a discussion about the book. The more opportunities that they have to read, the better readers they will become. Continue to learn and review the word lists given to the children. Your child will also benefit from regular visits to the local library. Our school Library is now open. Please check the dates that your child can attend. The nearest borough library is **Harlington Library** in Pinkwell Lane (telephone: 020 8569 1612).

PE kits

Can we please remind parents that every child is required to have a PE kit in school. The kit should include a white t-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, shorts and plimsolls. Last term we had a significant number of children who were not bringing in kits and therefore were unable to take part in PE. The weather is getting colder so it is vital that the children all have tracksuit bottoms.

Cooking money

As we are starting a new term, could I please remind you that if you would like to make a small donation of £2 to support our arts, crafts and cooking activities in year 1, then please hand this into your child's class teacher. Thank you in advance.

How to help your children at home.

The year 1 teachers will be running 'how to help' sessions this term. They will be based on maths and phonics.

Maths- Tuesday 10th January at 6pm (letter to follow)

Phonics- Thursday 30th March at 9am (letter to follow)

With regards,

**Miss O'Brien
(Year 1 Team Leader)**

Mrs Ahmad

Miss Campbell

Miss Newall

