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## Autumn Newsletter – Year 1

### Key Dates for your Diary

<b>4<sup>th</sup> September</b> – Autumn Term Begins	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> – Christmas Fair
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b> – Meet the Teacher (more info to follow)	<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS1 Christmas Performance (AM)
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> October</b> – School Disco	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS1 Christmas Performance (PM)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> October/November</b> – Half Term	<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS1 Craft Afternoon
<b>8<sup>th</sup> November</b> – Stay & Read Friday starting	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b> – KS1 Christmas Party Day
	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b> – End of Autumn Term

### Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This year, the Year 1 team is made up of Miss Diack (Owl Class and KS1 Phase Leader), and Mrs Smith and Miss Cubbon (Panda Class). Mrs Smith will be teaching Monday and Tuesday, and Miss Cubbon will be teaching Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Classes will be supported by Miss Stokes.

Reading books and records need to be in school every day. Please read a variety of texts with your child at home alongside their school books.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to help keep them hydrated all day and a healthy snack for mid-morning. No nut products are allowed due to allergies in school and ideally the snack provided should be fruit or vegetables where possible.

### PE Kits

The Owls will have PE lessons on Wednesday and Friday, and the Pandas on Monday and Wednesday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of each half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

### Outdoor Learning

As a school we are delighted with our Outdoor Learning Area and we incorporate this into our learning as much as possible. Every Thursday in Year 1 we will be utilising our outdoor space to further develop team building, resilience and life skills. Therefore, on a Thursday, Year 1 need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is needed on a Thursday for Year 1.

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## **Home Learning**

There will be Maths and Phonics activities uploaded weekly onto 'Teams'. Additional activities and links will also be available for anyone who would like to complete extra learning at home. The first Teams activities will follow in a couple of weeks as we await logins. Until then, please continue with home reading and Mathletics (see below).

There will also be optional 'Mathletics' tasks set, which will support the in class learning that has taken place. Children's Mathletics logins (where permission has been given on Arbor) will be attached to children's reading records.

After October Half Term, Phonics Learning Logs will be sent home on a weekly basis, following a similar format to Foundation Stage.

## **Weather (Autumn 1 focus)**

During the first half term we will be learning all about Weather! This will cover topics such as examples of weather, seasons and weather forecasting. The theme will then develop to look at different climates, weather dangers and climate change. We hope the children will enjoy learning about this topic and will be able to share their experiences of different weather and seasons.

## **Fire and Water (Autumn 2 focus)**

After October half term we will be learning about Fire and Water! This is an exciting theme which will cover the Gunpowder Plot, Great Fire of London, The Fire Service and the RNLI. Again, one which we are sure the children will be fully engrossed in!

If you have an information or resources which you think could be useful for either of the above themes, please do let us know!

## **Christmas**

You will notice Christmas dates listed above. There will be more information closer to the time.

## **Home-School Communications**

If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office at [onchanEnquiries@sch.im](mailto:onchanEnquiries@sch.im) and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all.

If you have any questions, please just ask.  
Miss Diack, Mrs Smith, Miss Cubbon and Miss Stokes

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