



*We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together*

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## **Class Information Letter – Year 1**

Welcome to the new school year. It has been lovely getting to know our new classes. We hope that you will find the following information useful.

### **Behaviour and Rewards**

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In year 1 the reward systems include merit points (Miss Culkin) and sunshine behaviour chart (Mrs Heath).

### **Curriculum**

Here is information relating to the Autumn Term curriculum. If you look on the school website you will see how this fits into the curriculum for the entire Key Stage. This may help you to plan interesting visits that match your child's syllabus.

**In RE** we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. This term, beginning with Ordinary Time, leads up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Our themes are **God's Great Plan** and **Mary our Mother**.

Each term you will also receive a termly RE Newsletter which will help you to support your child's learning and faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

**English** This term Literacy will focus on predicting stories and focusing on characters and looking at simple punctuation. We will also cover a poetry unit about our senses as well as non-fiction, linking text to their own experiences. Phonics is taught daily and we will begin by revisiting phase 3 and 4. We will also be looking at spellings and handwriting.

**Maths** Positional Language Including Ordinal Numbers ,numbers to ten – Finding Patterns in Numbers Counting and Comparison Addition and Subtraction Estimating and Ordering, 1 More and 1 Less Numbers to Twenty – Doubling and Halving Numbers to Twenty – Odd and Even Numbers Names and Properties of 2-D and 3-D Shape

**Science** Looking at animals including humans.

**Computing** In year 1 we use the purple mash scheme of work.\_We will be looking at online safety and grouping and sorting.

**Topic.** Our topic this term is '**Animals all around the world.**' We will be looking at different countries and the animals that live there.



## **Physical Education**

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt. This should be kept in a small PE bag.

Children will need their P.E. kit every Tuesday and Thursday but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take home each half term.

**Please name all personal belongings**

## **Home Learning**

Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Home learning will include reading, handwriting practice, spellings, numeracy activities and occasional RE or topic research. Later in the term spellings will be given out on Monday and will be checked the following Monday. Please ensure your child brings in their reading book each day and continue to read with them each day.

## **General information:**

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018: 3.30pm – 7.30pm**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018: 3.30pm – 5.30pm**

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must ONLY contain water, NO juices.

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free piece of fruit or vegetable every day. Children in other year groups may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish.

Jewellery: NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Lost property is now in a blue box directly outside our main office area and is accessible at all times.

Thank you in anticipation of your customary support throughout the year. We look forward to working in partnership with you over the next three terms.

**The Year 1 team**

