



KEY STAGE 1 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

It gives me great pleasure to welcome everybody back to a new academic year at Wraysbury Primary School. I hope you all had a relaxing summer break and that the children are ready for an exciting year with their new teacher. I would especially like to welcome all those children and parents who are joining us for the first time and look forward to getting to know everyone as the term progresses. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Wight and Miss Wise who will be teaching Year 1, alongside Mrs Broadway.

Curriculum

This term sees the start of an exciting curriculum. Year 2 started with a transition unit all about Snail and then are moving on to a new topic called 'Fabulous Food!' where they will explore among other things healthy eating. We are lucky to have a trip booked to Pizza Express where the children will have the opportunity to make a pizza. Please look out for the trip letter. Year 1 will soon start their new topic, 'Investigators'.

School Clothing

Please can we remind you that **all** clothing, especially jumpers, cardigans and coats, needs to be clearly named. All children need to wear black sensible school shoes. Trainers are not allowed! We would like to remind you of the changes to our uniform policy: long hair (girls and boys) **must all be** tied back with a black or blue hairband and bows should be blue or black and **small** in size. The children must come to school with a warm waterproof jacket. The Year 1 curriculum is taught with an inside and outside approach to learning. As Winter approaches we ask Year 1 parents to provide a named pair of wellington boots to be worn whilst outside.

<u>Girls Uniform (Winter)</u>	<u>Boys Uniform (Winter)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey pinafore dress/skirt or black trousers• Sky blue polo top with logo• Blue sweatshirt/cardigan with school logo• Plain tights in a dark colour (navy blue, black or grey)• White socks with skirt or pinafore• Black socks with trousers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grey trousers• Sky blue polo shirt or blue cotton shirt• Blue sweatshirt with school logo• Black or grey socks

PE Kit

It is important for reasons of hygiene and safety that children should always have PE clothing available in school. Children's clothing needs to be clearly named. Children need to wear a white t-shirt, navy shorts and **velcro** trainers. During cold weather dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and a dark coloured hoodie or sweatshirt will be needed for outside games. For safety reasons, jewellery must **not** be worn at school except for small stud

earrings (no hooped earrings) but these must be removed for PE lessons. **Please ensure that earrings are not worn on your child's PE day.**

PE clothing needs to be kept at school in a clearly named bag. Teachers will send PE kits home every half term to be washed. All of the items with a school logo may be purchased from www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk or their shop in Staines.

PE Days

	<u>Miss Wight/Miss Wise</u>	<u>Mrs Broadway</u>	<u>Miss Alexander</u>	<u>Mrs Brech</u>
Indoor	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Monday
Outdoor	Friday	Monday	Wednesday	Tuesday

Morning routine

We are always trying to encourage the children to be independent in the mornings by hanging up their own coats, putting their water bottles away and putting their book bags in to their trays. Mrs Broadway and Miss Wise/Miss Wight's Year 1 parents need to say good bye at the outside blue door to both classrooms, while Mrs Brech's children need to say goodbye to their parents at the bottom of the ramp and Miss Alexander's class at the outside blue door to her classroom. We do understand that it may be necessary to occasionally speak to the teacher in the morning with a very important message otherwise teachers are nearly always available after school to talk to or a meeting can always be arranged if you speak to the office.

Healthy Eating

Infants have free fruit provided for them daily. However, you are welcome to provide an extra piece of fruit in your child's lunchbox if you think this will encourage them to eat fruit mid-morning. Children concentrate better when they have something to eat and water to drink. Please make sure that children's lunch boxes are filled with healthy snacks, which give them energy and help them to focus in lesson time. We discourage sweets and chocolate. If your child has any special dietary requirements could you please discuss these with their class teacher, particularly the Year 2 children as our topic this half term will be based around food and children may be trying different foods or cooking in class.

Please note we are a nut free school so no peanut butter, Nutella or any other nut products please.

Drinking Water

Children are encouraged to bring drinking water into school that can be sipped throughout the day. Water bottles can be purchased from the Office at a cost of £1.50 each. Please ensure these are named as children often have similar bottles. Squash is not allowed!

Dinner Money

A copy of each week's menu is displayed on the website. All Infant children are entitled to a FREE school meal. This is a great opportunity for your child to try new food.

Book bags

Please ensure all children have a blue book bag in school. They do not need to bring in a pencil case and please can we remind you that children should not bring in any toys to school.



Reading

Every child will continue to bring home 2 school reading scheme books to read at home, which will be changed every Monday. Please record in the Reading Record Book when you or somebody else hears your child read. This lets us know whether or not to change a child's book. These records are extremely useful and please feel free to write comments regarding how you felt your child read a book, e.g. that they found it a little difficult or that they really enjoyed it! We assess the children regularly to ensure they are on the correct level book. As they progress through the reading scheme, the emphasis moves from decoding words to comprehension. It is important to encourage your child to retell the story in sequence, summarise the main points and answer questions about what has happened. These questions should be a mixture of literal questions (they can locate the answer from the written words) and inferential questions (they need to think beyond the words to gauge what the author is suggesting).

Homework

Homework is an opportunity for your child to share with you what they have been learning at school that week. It will be given out on a Friday and will need to be in by the following Wednesday. It is important that every child completes the homework each week. Each child will have their own homework folder and will need to remember to take it out of their book bag and hand it in when it is complete. Please make sure all homework is completed in pencil unless otherwise stated.

Weekly Homework

<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Reading (every day please)	Reading (every day please)
Alternate weeks Maths and English/Topic	English or Topic based activity
	Maths

Spellings

Your child will be given spellings every Wednesday, which will be stapled in to their Spelling book. Please ensure your child practises these three times in the book. They will be tested the following Monday and they need to remember to bring their spelling book in on the Monday.

Year 2 spellings will start within the next couple of weeks and Year 1 will follow on shortly.

Please remember, if you have any queries or questions the class teachers are very happy to meet with you after school and answer them. If you have something that you would like to discuss in more detail then please make an appointment. We look forward to an exciting school year and we are very grateful for all your support.

Mrs Brech,

KS1 Phase Leader