

Key Stage 1 Newsletter

It has been so lovely to have all the children back at school and to see them back with their friends. They have all settled back in so quickly. Thank you to parents/carers for your support during lockdown and for joining your children while they were learning on Microsoft Teams.

Reading

As a team, we can't stress enough the importance of hearing your child read at home every day. Unfortunately, we have noticed so many children are not reading regularly to an adult at home. There is a significant difference in the progress the children make in reading when they read to an adult regularly at home. It is also really important to check their understanding of what they read through detailed and thorough questioning. We still ask that you write in the title of the book the child has read and that you sign your child's reading record, when you hear your child read. This tells us whether they have read the book so that we know if they can change it on a Monday. Reading a broad range of books is essential to help children develop as readers, please record any reading your child does at home, not just the reading scheme books. Reading Records need to be in book bags every single day so children, when possible, can be heard read in class.

P.E. Reminder

Every class has P.E. lessons each week. These may be indoors or outdoors and the day they do PE can often change so please can we ask that all children have the correct P.E. kit in school and leave it at school for the half term. Unfortunately, we have noticed so many children do not have the correct PE kit. Your child must wear navy blue shorts and the white school t-shirt. A dark coloured tracksuit top or hoodie can be worn when it is cold. If your child wears tights, please ensure they have a pair of white socks in their PE kit. Please ensure all pieces of clothing are **clearly labelled**, this includes their school uniform, as with clothes looking so similar they often get muddled up!

Water bottles

Can we remind all children to bring in a named water bottle as we would prefer that the children do not use the cups in the classroom. During snack time, the children are offered a free piece of fruit to eat. We understand that children may have been used to snacking more regularly while they were home learning so we have allowed the children to bring in a snack that can include breadsticks, cereal bars or plain biscuits (please NO nuts!). However, we have found that some children are now bringing in an entire picnic so please just be aware they have about 10 minutes to eat the snack!!!!

End of school day

Please can we remind you that children in Year 1 and 2 finish school at 3pm and we ask that all parents are here on time to collect their child. Children will be taken to the office at 3:10pm if they are not collected as staff often need to attend meetings. When dismissing the children, it is often hard to see you, if you are in cars or sat behind the wall, especially at the front gate. Please can you make yourself visible so that we can dismiss children safely and promptly before the Lower Junior children finish school. Parents need to be wearing a mask unless you are exempt.

Thank you once again for all your support. If you have any concerns, please can we ask you to call or email the office and they will then pass on any messages and a teacher will then call you back after school.

Mrs Brech and the KS1 team.