



## Year One Parent Information

A warm welcome to Year One! It goes without saying that we have all experienced a very unique few months. We, like you, are working hard to keep everyone safe whilst still maintaining our high standards at school.

There is a lot of information here, so please, if anything is unclear please email your child's teacher at [year1@horley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:year1@horley.surrey.sch.uk) and we will reply as soon as we can. Alternatively, you can write a note in the Home-School Link Book but, please note, these are only checked twice a week on Mondays and Fridays. Studybugs is a fantastic resource for reporting school illnesses and for keeping families in the loop with letters and newsletters. But **please** remember that incoming messages should be sent via email to [info@horley.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@horley.surrey.sch.uk) or the year group email address (above).

As you will be aware, the curriculum is different in Year 1 but builds on the skills and knowledge the children gained in Reception. Although it is structured slightly differently, we are very aware that children's schooling has been considerably disrupted and that there is a great deal to get used to when children move year groups and we are sensitive to the children's needs so these changes are phased in gradually. Our autumn term curriculum map is enclosed with this letter and more information regarding the curriculum will follow soon but, for now, here is the information you will need regarding Year One routines.

### Reading:

It is important that your child reads every day and there is a wealth of research that states that children who read at home have a higher success rate in school and that reading for pleasure is vital for boosting and broadening children's life choices. We would still like children to bring their book bags on a Monday and a Friday only and their books will be changed on these days. We also strongly encourage the use of Bug Club as an addition to home reading books.

As your child progresses with their reading, they will move onto longer and more complex books. These do not need to be read in one night but your child needs to get into the habit of reading 'little and often'. We will talk to you when your child gets to this stage so please don't worry.

When you have read with your child, we ask that you sign the **Reading Record** and please feel free to write a comment. When your child is ready to move onto a new bookband, a new bookmark will be stuck into the **Home-School Link Book** and these will give tips on what to concentrate on in order to develop your child's reading skills.

### Home Learning and Spellings:

These will also start soon but the children need to feel settled before we launch these as well as some initial assessments to make sure the pitch of home learning is just right. Please look out for Studybugs messages regarding these.

### PE kits:

PE sessions will start on the week beginning **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. For PE your child will need a T-shirt, jumper, shorts, jogging bottoms and trainers. **PLEASE MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS NAMED!** Please also note that children will need to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day and on our PPA days – THURSDAYS. The children will do dance during these sessions.

MONDAY - PE	TUESDAY - PE
Hedgehogs	Blackbirds
Badgers	
THURSDAY - DANCE	
All Year One classes	

### Other information:

- Can all children also have a coat in school – just like Reception we do try to go outside and will spend some time each week in our Outdoor Classroom.
- Please ensure earrings are not worn in school. If you need plastic spacers, please speak to a member of our office staff.
- If your child is bringing in a packed lunch, please remember no fizzy drinks, chocolate or products containing nuts.
- The school website has a wealth of information on the curriculum, uniform and upcoming events. You can pay for lunches through Wisepay and the calendar will be updated soon with important events. This can even be synced to your phone!
- If you would like your child to have milk to drink in school, you can also pay for this on Wise Pay via the website.
- Please keep an eye out for messages on **Studybugs** as we will keep you up to date with things that are happening in school or important information.
- Some initial dates for your diary are included here too. Please note that we have planned many activities such as a school trip and Christmas events but these may need to be postponed or cancelled if new guidance regarding Covid is issued.

Many thanks for your continued support; we are looking forward to a great year!

The Year One team.

**Ms Carliell**

Blackbird Class



**Miss Day**

Hedgehog Class



**Mrs Andrews and Miss Hill**

Badger Class



<b>Dates for your diary</b>			
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Meeting via Microsoft Teams	More details about these events will follow nearer the time.	
25 <sup>th</sup>	School Grounds Working Party 10-2pm		
27 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photographs (optional)		
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nasal Flu for all children		
14 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to The British Wildlife Centre		
19 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Consultations		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	School Closed in lieu of 2022 Bank Holiday (Surrey CC decision)		
25 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF-TERM WEEK		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	INSET DAY		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children back to school		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week		
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Road Safety Week		
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas Play dress rehearsal		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas Play performance - pm		
10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Christmas Play performance - am		
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party Break Up at 1.45pm		
<b>JANUARY</b>			
4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day		
5 <sup>th</sup>	Children back to school		