

# Year 1 Newsletter - Classes 1 & 2

## Welcome Back



### HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope that you had a wonderful Christmas time and made the most of the dry days!

This term we have a brand new theme 'You Are What You Eat'. Not a bad time of year to begin considering this, especially after all the Christmas indulgence. Within our creative curriculum children will be exploring this theme by thinking carefully about food types, the foods we eat and food which enables us to be healthy. In science will learn more about our bodies and our senses and learn about the parts of a plant and its lifecycle. In geography we will explore the locality, identify food suppliers of our neighbourhood and visit our local allotments. In design and technology we will learn how to prepare fresh foods, and through history we will look at the foods of the past. Within PE, music and computing we will extend our basic skills and begin to 'Try New Things' within our SEAL programme. This term the children will take part in dance sessions with an external provider each week. (PE kits are still required as PE sessions may take place some weeks on Fridays)

We are now doing more small - group guided reading sessions with the children and wondered if any parents were available to come in and listen to children read individually. We are very flexible, so please come and chat to us if you have any spare time, even if it's only an hour a week. Every little helps.  
Best wishes

The Year 1 Team



### Parents Invitation

**Tuesday 26 January,  
3.30 - 4.15pm  
Information Meeting for parents**

We are aware that many of you would like to know more about how to help your child at home, particularly with reading. Therefore, we are hosting a short session in school to offer hints and tips. Children really do thrive when there is support and additional one-to-one care and guidance at home to practise and enhance their class work. We hope to see you there. Mr Hardern and Miss Mulligan hope to be at the meeting to support you also.

Please let us if you would like to attend by completing the slip below and returning it to the class teacher by Wednesday 20 January so that we can prepare suitably.

An adult can monitor school aged pupils in another classroom whilst this is taking place.



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### KS1 meeting for Parents - Tuesday 26 January, 3.30- 4.15pm

**I would like to attend the above meeting**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to know more about:

1.

2.



Please return this slip to your child's class teacher by Wednesday 20 January.

## Who and what is Investors in Pupils (IIP)?

Our school is working towards renewing our “Investors in Pupils” accreditation which we have held for the last 4 years. Why are we doing this? Well - pupils will...

- Have a better understanding of **how schools work**.
- Become **more involved** in their own education.
- Have a greater understanding of the **school budget** and what money is spent on.
- Understand the need to **respect** and **take care** of resources.
- Set **targets** to help them achieve, as a **team** and **individually**.
- Learn that we **all** have responsibilities within our roles and it is important that we fulfil these.
- Know that everyone has a part to play in school.



Each child sets their own half termly **personal IIP target**, as well as working towards a **whole class target**. Go on...test your children! Do they know theirs? How will they work to achieve their target?

### Timetable

Thursdays - Spelling test and home reads counted (This term the spelling test is being trialled on Thursdays. Please note that the spellings information still says Friday is the test day).

Friday PM - PE and Golden Time

### Dates for the Diary

**Tuesday 19 January**

- **We want to introduce the children to a variety of fruit and vegetables, therefore please bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable to share and discuss. Who will bring the strangest?**

Thursday 21 January

- Town Centre Walk (*Volunteers needed, please speak to staff ASAP*)

Tuesday 26 January, 3.30 - 4.15pm - Information meeting for parents of Year 1 and 2 children

Thursday 28 January, 7.45am

- Early Morning breakfast in class to celebrate National Breakfast Week.

Thursday 4 February

- Chinese New Year Theme Day (Dress up in traditional Chinese style clothing if you wish)

Tuesday 9 February, 2.30pm

- Pancake Racing on the playground. Parents welcome.

Thursday 11 February

- Final Reading Count (40 home reads)

Friday 12 February

- Reading Reward Party and last day of the spring 1 half term

Monday 22 February

- Spring 2 term begins