



Year 1 Information 2017-2018
Term 3 & 4

Dear Parents/Guardians,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! As we move into the New Year, here is some information that you may find useful. Regular updates will still be delivered via our Attenborough News, which is sent using ParentMail.

Hand-In Days (all staying the same)

Monday: Green spelling books should be returned to book bags for new spelling to be entered. If Green Spelling books are not handed in on Mondays, spellings will be handed out on paper-please look out for them.

Thursday: Homework hand-in day, although this can be handed in earlier. Homework books will be in book bags on Friday 5th January with a 'new rainbow' in. First hand-in date will be Thursday 11th January.

Home Reading

Please, please, please continue to read at home a minimum of 3 times per week. We teach the children the reading skills in Guided Reading lessons, but these need practising regularly for them to become embedded and for the children to make progress. Even if you only have time to read a few pages; this still counts and should be recorded in their reading record. On some evenings, your child might like to choose a book from home or read a recipe for dinner etc....this all counts! Please record these in your child's reading record as this is our only way of seeing how often they are reading at home. We are desperate to reclaim the Reading Cup! Thank you for your support.

Book bags

Reminder: In Year 1 we advise children to simply bring a green Mersham book bag with them, as opposed to a large rucksack or satchel. This allows for the children to store all of their belongings in their locker and makes it easier for the children to access them. Many thanks in advance for your support with this.

Fruit Snack

Fruit is provided for the children each day, but you are welcome to send in an alternative piece of fruit for your child if you are aware that they are unlikely to eat the choice available in school.

P.E. Kits

P.E. kits are needed on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. This should include shorts, t-shirt and trainers or plimsolls that fit. Throughout the winter months, it is strongly advisable for children to have tracksuit trousers/jogging bottoms in their P.E. kit as outdoor P.E continues throughout the year. We also advise that children have an additional warm top to wear specifically for P.E. It is ideal to have a PE kit in school every day as timetables can change.

Please make sure that all of your child's P.E kit is clearly named, including plimsolls/footwear.

Planning Preparation and Assessment Time

I will be out of class for PPA time on a Tuesday afternoon throughout Term 3 and 4. During this time the class will be taught by Mrs. Mulligan.

Show and Tell

Show and Tell is a great opportunity for children to develop their speaking and listening skills. This will take place on a Friday. As time is limited, please see below a list of the topics for Show and Tell this Term and please remind children to place any items for show and tell in the basket (purple sparkly box next to my desk) on a Friday. Please make sure all belongings are clearly named. Due to the popularity of Show and Tell, I have split the class into 2 groups and each topic will be covered twice to allow children a fair opportunity to share.

GROUP 1: Surnames A-G

GROUP 2: Surnames H-Z

<u>Term 3</u>	<u>Term 4</u>
05.01.2018: Group 1: Christmas Reflection	23.02.2018: Group 1: Half Term Reflection
12.01.2018: Group 2: Christmas Reflection	02.03.2018: Group 2: Half Term Reflection
19.01.2018: Group 1: A special visit.....tell us about it!	09.03.2018: Group 1: A toy from the past
26.01.2018: Group 2: A special visit.....tell us about it!	16.03.2018: Group 2: A toy from the past
02.02.2018: Group 1: A special photo	23.03.2018: Group 1: My Favourite Toy
09.02.2017: Group 2: A special photo	Thurs 29.03.2018: Group 2: My Favourite Toy

Happy New Year!
Miss Sexton and Mrs Herdson