



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 1. We are really looking forward to a positive and exciting term ahead. This newsletter aims to inform you and your child about some of the times, themes and day to day learning that will take place in Diamond class this half term.

**Year 1 Diamond staff:** Mrs Wouters, Miss Ahmed, Mrs Pattison, Miss McCarthy and Miss Spivey.

### School Uniform

- Lemon yellow polo shirt
- Jade green jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Black shoes or trainers
- Yellow summer dress

### PE Kit

- White t shirt
- Black or navy leggings, shorts, jogging bottoms (no branded logos)
- Trainers
- Black or navy hoody for outdoor PE (school jumper to be worn during the day)

### The School Day

8:50am - children should be on the main playground where teachers will come and meet them  
8:5am – school day starts at 8:55am  
3:25pm – school day ends

### Drop Off and Pick Up

Drop Off: KS1 door  
Pick Up: Year 1 Classroom door.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – school closed for Training Day  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – school opens for Y1 to Y6  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> – Come and See Reading @9am

#### October

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 6 Topaz Class Worship  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – School photos (individual, Reception and Year 6)  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Amethyst Class Worship  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Bikeability  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Harvest Festival  
EYFS and KS1 @ 9:15am and KS2 @ 2:30pm  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – school closed for Training Day

#### November

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – school opens for Autumn Term 2

### Attendance and Punctuality

Children should be ready to start school at 8:55am and they are marked as late if they arrive between 9am and 9:15am. Children arriving after 9:15am receive a 'late after registers have closed' mark which is classed as an unauthorised absence. We aim for children to have at least 94% attendance – this gives them the best possible chance to learn as much as possible at school. When attendance drops below 90% it is classed as persistent absence.

### Homework - Reading at home

Over the next few weeks, children will be sent home with a reading book.

Please read with your child at home as this has huge benefits for children in Year 1. Please make sure your child brings their reading book into school every day so that we can listen to them read at school too.

## Curriculum Information

**English:** The core texts we will be reading this half term in English are **Here we are** by Oliver Jeffers and **Cave Baby** by Julia Donaldson. During this term, children will work on sentence structure; using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

**Phonics:** In Year 1 children will continue to have a daily phonics lessons to support their reading. New digraphs for this term include; **ai, ay, ow, ou, oi, oy, ee** and **ea**.

**Maths:** This half term we will be focusing on **Place Value** and **Addition and Subtraction**. This will include counting to 10 and back, reading, writing and ordering numbers to 10 in numerals and words as well as learning number bonds within 10.

**RE:** Our RE topic this term is, '**What does it mean to belong to a faith community?**'

**Science:** Our topic in Science this term is **Seasonal Changes** and **Human Body and Senses**. As part of this topic the children will look at how we can explore the world using our five senses.

**PSHE:** Me and My Relationships.

**Geography:** This term our topic is **What is it like here?** The children will explore their local area, including their school and the surrounding area.

**Design Technology:** Structures – stable structure. Children will design, make and evaluate a stable pencil pot.

**Computing:** Computing Systems and Networks – Improving Mouse Skills.

**Music:** Pulse and Rhythm (My Favourite Things).

**PE:** Fundamentals and Team building.

**PE days:** PE will take place this term on **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

How you can help at home with English:

- Read with your child at home.
- Read a story together at bedtime.
- Practice writing the letters in the alphabet.
- Get children to practice writing their name.
- Watch the Cbeebies TV programme **Alphablocks**

How you can help at home with maths:

- Practice counting to 10
- Practice writing numbers 1 – 10
- Download the **Whitrose 1 minute maths** app
- Watch the Cbeebies TV programme **Numberblocks**



Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven, Matthew 5:16

**Aspiration** – Courage – Kindness – Forgiveness – Respect – Community