



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2. We are excited to continue to support the children in Diamond Class. We have already seen amazing progress and development within our class and we are looking forward to a positive and exciting term ahead. This half term our PE days will be on **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

**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

#### November

Wednesday 5th – Shine Bright Day (bright clothes!)  
Monday 10th – Anti-Bullying week (odd socks)  
Friday 14th - Children in Need (own clothes)  
Monday 17th – Assessment week Tuesday 25th – Parent / teacher meetings Wednesday 26th - Parent / teacher meetings **Thursday 27th – Staff Training Day (school closed to children)**

#### December

Thursday 11th – Come and See Morning: Christmas Crafts @9:15am Wednesday 17th – Christmas Dinner and Party Day (children can wear a Christmas jumper) Thursday 18th – Christingle (times to be confirmed) **Friday 19th – school closes for the Christmas Break**

### 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

We will shortly be starting a weekly spelling quiz, every Friday. Their spellings will be linked to the phonics that they are learning that week. Please practice your child's spellings as often as you can.

Your child will also continue to bring a new reading book home each week. Please make sure you read at home with your child and make sure their book is in their bag every day.

# Curriculum Information

**English:** The core text we will be reading this half term in English is **I Want My Hat Back** by Jon Klassen. During this term, children will continue to work on sentence structure; using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

**Phonics:** Children will continue to have a daily phonics lessons to support their reading.

**Maths:** This half term we will continue learning about **Addition and Subtraction** and we will then move onto **Shape (2D and 3D shapes)** and onto **Mass and Volume**.

**RE:** Our RE topic this term is, '**Why does Christmas matter to Christians?**'

**Science:** Our topic in Science this term is **Seasonal Changes** and **Naming and describing materials**. As part of this topic the children will learn about and examine different types of materials including wood, paper, metal, plastic and fabric.

**PSHE:** Valuing Difference.

**Geography:** This term we will be continuing to focus on the question, **What is it like here?**

**Art:** In art the children will be focusing on the artist Georges Seurat.

**Computing:** In computing we will be learning about Programming and algorithms.

**Music:** Tempo (Snail and Mouse).

**PE:** Dance and Sending and Receiving.

**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.
- Ask your child questions about the book they are reading.
- 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.
- Practice telling the time
- Download the **Whiterose 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