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Welcome to Year 1!

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Year 1. I hope you all had a lovely Summer and are ready for the Autumn Term as the children begin their journey into Key Stage 1.

A Bit About Me...

This is my third year teaching at St. Johns and I extremely really lucky to be working here in such a lovely environment and with such wonderful children. I obtained my degree in Education at Manchester University before gaining my teaching qualification from Derby University. In my free time I enjoy cooking, walking, reading, listening to music, exercise and personal well-being and spending time with my family, especially my three grandchildren - Felicity, Sebastian and Thaddeus (Teddy). I am really looking forward to getting to know your children and working together with you to enable the children to reach their full potential and Shine.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Our aim is to ensure that the children experience a smooth transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage One. The Year 1 curriculum builds upon and extends the experiences that children have had in Reception. Learning through play will continue as an important part of the school day whilst the children will be eased into more formal learning so that they remain motivated, enthused and eager learners.

Included below is some useful information.

- ✚ The school gate is open from 8.35 am. Children should enter school as normal where they will be met by a member of the Year 1 team. If you have any concerns or messages please speak to the member of staff at the gate.
- ✚ The school day finishes at 3.20pm. We will bring the children to the school gate. Please be patient with us, it takes time to match each child to their parent.
- ✚ Free fruit is provided in Year 1 but children should bring their water bottles (water only please) which they can access throughout the day and they will change their water regularly.
- ✚ PE days will be Tuesday and Friday, pupils to come to school in PE kits. Please make sure all PE kit is labelled.
- ✚ Homework will be given out weekly on a Friday on the Year 1 Padlet and is expected to be given in the following Friday. This is accessed via the Year 1 page on the website where you can find the link and password. Completed homework can be photographed and uploaded to Padlet or returned in their homework book that they can take to and from school.

As part of your child will bring home a reading book which is closely linked to their phonics learning. This will be changed each Monday. There will also be an e-book allocated to your child's account each Friday on Bug Club. Please note, for the first half term your child will be recapping previous learning from Reception and may likely bring home a book they have previously read. Re-reading texts is an important part of your child's reading progression, helping to develop fluency, expression and confidence. Once your child has read, please sign and comment in your child's reading record. Dojos are given as a reward.

For further curriculum information please see the website. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me on kcooper@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mrs K Cooper

"SHINE like the star you are."

