



Brinsworth Whitehill Primary

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Year 1 - Class 1 S/N

I hope your child will have a happy and successful year in our class. The following information will tell you about our topics and routines.

School begins at 8.50am (Doors open at 8.45) and finishes at 3.00pm. Please ensure children are collected at 3.00pm by an adult. If it is an adult not known to the class teacher, please let them know in advance.

Our morning routine is as follows:

- Fifteen minutes to nine, doors open.
- Pupils hang coat etc on peg.
- Lunch bag, if children have brought one, to be placed on a table in the classroom.
- Pupils to change reading book from 'Browsing book' shelf in the classroom if they have read at home. Please make sure you have noted in the reading diary when your child has read. Reading diaries are to be placed in the basket in the classroom on Mondays.
- Book bag to go in personal drawer.
- Children to sit on the carpet or at their table for the morning activity (this will be clear on the day).

Please encourage children to do these independently and begin their work sensibly and independently, ready to begin the school day.

Children will need their PE kit at school each day of the week. We ask that they bring it on Monday and leave it until Friday as there may be occasions other than their PE day that they require their kit. For Class 1S/N PE will usually be on a Tuesday and Thursday. All earrings have to be removed for PE. Long hair needs to be tied back. PE kits should consist of a white t-shirt, black shorts and separate pumps/trainers. In the winter months you may provide jogging bottoms (plain black or blue) and a long sleeved top for your child as well as their normal PE kit. Please no football tops.

Please ensure that all uniform and PE clothes are clearly labelled.

Children entering Year 1 will be provided with a water bottle which can be filled at school. They will be sent home every Friday for washing. Any children losing their bottle can purchase one from the school office priced at £2.00.

We also ask that Book bags and Reading diaries be brought every day of the week as we frequently use these during learning sessions. The Reading diaries are new and every child has been given one. If they are lost they will cost £1 to purchase a new one. Please listen to your child read as often as possible. If they do read at home then make a note in their reading diary as if your child reads 3 or more times a week, they will be given a raffle ticket and each week a lucky winner will be drawn to win a prize.

Pupils are not allowed to bring toys from home into school and we would be very grateful if you could reinforce this message for us by discouraging your child from bringing anything in. There are various opportunities for show and tell, where children are able to bring something that is special to them or that they are proud of to show to the class.

At Brinsworth Whitehill Primary School we aim to create a supportive learning environment where everyone is encouraged to grow, develop and achieve their full potential

All classes have a class bear that they look after. Every Friday 1 child will be chosen to take a bear home. It is their responsibility to look after the bear and write in the diary to share with the rest of the class on Mondays.

Your child will continue to learn phonics on a daily basis to help develop their reading and writing. They will be placed in a group and learn the phonics that is suitable for the level they are working at. Homework has already been set for the half term, which you have received a letter about.

Our topic this term is 'What would happen if nobody cared?' Within this topic children will be finding out about animals around the world, particularly endangered species and how we can help them.

If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, the best time is after school as the mornings are very busy.

Can everyone please make sure that the office has up to date addresses, medical/allergy information and contact numbers.

If you are able to volunteer to help in the classroom on a regular basis then please let one of us know as we can then plan for this. This will be subject to a police check.

Thank you for your support in our daily routine. We look forward to working with you throughout the year.

Miss D Shelton/Mrs J Neill
Class 1S/N

Miss R McDermott
Class 1/2 M

Mrs K Sprague/Mrs L Robertson
Class 1/ 2 S/R

