

YEAR ONE PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday 27 September 2023

6:00pm



*St. Alban
Catholic Schools' Partnership*

LET US PRAY...

Dear Lord, as we prepare for the coming of a new school year, make us ready, attentive and available to hear you.

Thank You for the gift of being able to rise each day with the assurance that You walk through it with us.

Thank You for the gifts of creativity and uniqueness, and the energy to put them to good use.

May all that we are today, all that we try to do today, may all our encounters, reflections, even the frustrations and failings all be placed in your hands.

May the work we do and the way we do it, bring new hope, new life, and courage to all we come in contact with this new school year.

We thank you, Lord. Amen





OUR AIM IN YEAR ONE

- We have high expectations and high aspirations for all children.
- We believe that our children can all be successful through hard work, determination and a positive attitude.
- We work tirelessly to ensure our children are given knowledge and skills so they are able to reach their full potential.
- We have a focus on core skills. We ensure our children experience their learning in a variety of styles and use ongoing assessment to identify areas they need to revise or revisit.
- We aim to keep the children focused, whilst still enjoying school.
- Children leave Year 1 as happy, independent learners who are ready to take on the challenge of Year 2.



YEAR GROUP STAFF

Class Name	Teacher	Support Staff
1LH	Mrs Hatchell - Year Leader	Mrs Anna
1MB	Miss Baptiste	Mrs Grant/Mrs Burke/Mrs Davidson
1SW	Mrs Stoker & Mrs Wilkinson	Mrs Quinn/Mrs McGhan

DROP OFF

- The school bell rings at **8:45am** and the Key Stage 1 classroom doors are open at this time.
- There will be a member of staff from each class available on the door from **8:45am until 9:00am**.



PICK UP

- When collecting your children at **3.15pm**, the children in Key Stage 1 are handed over to you one by one from the classroom door.
- When collecting your child, please stand clear of the door and gate to assist in a safe handover at the end of the day.
- If your child is being picked up by someone different than usual, please make the office staff/class teacher aware.

ABSENCE REPORTING



- If your child is unwell, please contact the school every day of absence, unless they have a condition which may require them to be off school for a few days e.g. stomach bug, chicken pox.
- The school will always contact you if no message has been received for their absence.
- If you are unsure if your child can attend school, please contact the school office for further information and advice - 01582 572964





YEAR 1 TOPICS

Advent 1	Advent 2	Lent 1 & Lent 2	Pentecost 1 & Pentecost 2
Busy Bears	Wild Weather	Once Upon a Time	It's Alive

At St Joseph's we follow a creative curriculum approach. The children will have a creative and hands-on approach to the learning of geography, history, art & DT, science and computing through the creative-based curriculum.

More details of what the children will be learning in these topics, is set out in the curriculum letter and curriculum overview. This can also be found on the school website.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



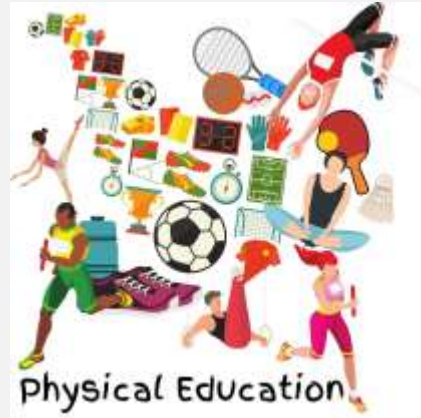
- Children are asked to wear full school uniform:
 - Red jumper/cardigan with the school badge
 - Grey trousers, pinafore or skirt
 - Grey shorts or red checked summer dress in the summer term
 - Red polo t-shirt
 - Black shoes (boots can be worn in bad weather, however the children will need to change into their school shoes when they arrive).
 - Children can bring in wellies for rainy days.
 - Please bear in mind that one pair of stud earrings and a wrist watch can be worn, **but must be removed for PE days.**
 - The wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school.
 - Hair accessories should be plain and school colours where possible e.g. red/grey



PE LESSONS AND KIT



- Indoor PE:
- White t-shirt
- Red shorts
- Black plimsolls



- Outdoor PE:
- Tracksuit top and bottoms/leggings
- Socks
- White t-shirt
- Trainers

- Throughout the year, children will take part in:
- Games
- Dance
- Gymnastics
- They will have one indoor and one outdoor PE lesson a week.
- **No jewellery is to be worn on the day of a PE lesson.**
- **Long hair must be tied up for the PE lessons.**
- **Your child's PE days are displayed in their class window.**

HEALTHY SNACKS

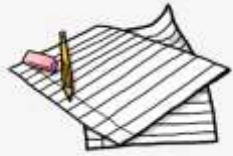
- In Key Stage 1, the children receive a free piece of fruit every morning to eat before/after break time.
- If your child is having a packed lunch, it must be healthy and contain no nuts, chocolate or fizzy drinks.
- Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day, so please ensure they have a water bottle, that is clearly labelled with their name and class.



LUNCHTIME

- Lunch is from 12:15pm – 1:15pm.
- All KS1 children are entitled to a free school meal.
- Children have a playtime before/after they have eaten.
- School dinner menus are available on the school website.
- NO NUTS PLEASE





HOMework

Maths Homework

- This will be set every Wednesday on **Education City** and will need to be submitted electronically by the following Monday. The homework will be linked to the unit of maths studied that week.

Phonics

- Children will be sent home with a list of words to practise decoding and blending. The words will cover the sounds taught that week.

Spellings (will start after October half term)

- Every Friday the children will be sent home with a list of words (5 or 10) to learn to read, write and spell prior to a spelling test the following week. There will be a mixture of words from the Year 1 National Curriculum, days of the week, months of the year and the red words from phonics lessons.

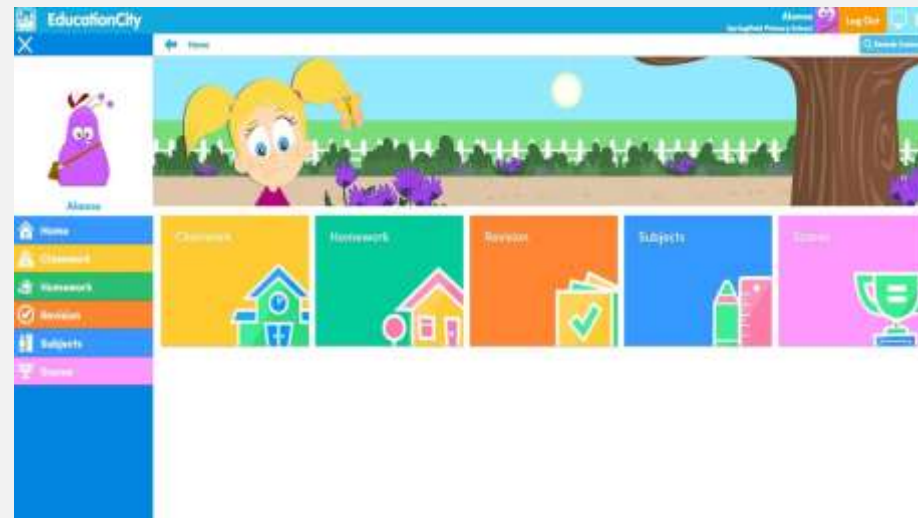
Reading

- Daily reading at home with their phonics book or reading scheme book. Please ensure the diary is signed daily when you have read with your child.

HOME LEARNING



- The school has subscribed to Education City which children can access at home, any time. There are lots of fun games and activities on this platform to support your child's learning.
- A personal log-in and password for this resource can be found in **your child's home school diary**.



HOME SCHOOL DIARY

- Your child will have been given their home/school diary.
- There is a wealth of information in the diaries including school prayers, term dates and space for writing reading comments.
- Please use the diary to record the progress of your child's reading at home, which is encouraged daily.





READING

- Children are expected to read everyday at home.
- Your child has a home school diary to record all reading activities including guided reading which takes place in school. Please use this to comment when you have heard your child read or know they have completed a book. Pupils are free to choose one reading scheme book a week.
 - Books will be changed once a week.
- Guided Reading sessions happen during the phonics lessons and your child takes home a 'Read, Write, Inc.' book once a week.
 - Children will receive a 'reading race book' after Christmas.
- Please help your child to read, share the reading, discuss the story and enjoy it.



PHONICS LESSONS

- The children in Year 1 have 4, 45 minute phonics lessons a week....
- 3 sounds are taught a week
- 1 lesson is a review of the sounds taught that week.
- Guided reading – book on Friday
- Sound charts
- Cannot phonetically decode a red word
- List in back of diaries for red words (high frequency words)

Complex Speed Sounds

Consonant sounds

f	l	m	n	r	s	v	z	sh	th	ng
ff	ll	mm	nn	rr	ss	ve	zz	ti		nk
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Vowel sounds

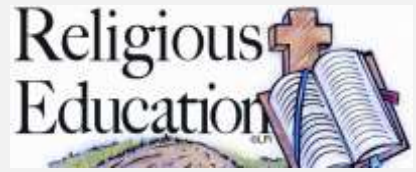
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PHONICS SCREENING

- In June 2024 your child will be sitting a phonics screening.
- It's a list of 20 real words and 20 pseudo words
- The pass mark has historically been 32 out of 40 but the pass mark will not be released by the government until after the screening has taken place.
- It's 1:1 with class teacher in a quiet room.
- We carry out a practice assessment every half term so the children are familiar with the screening.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- The *Livesimply* award is an opportunity for Catholic communities - parishes, schools, religious orders and chaplaincies - to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *Laudato Si'* to “work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us.” This year our Faith Ambassadors will continue to work with the school community to achieve the *Livesimply* Award.
- RE at St Joseph's is at the heart of all that we do, and our curriculum is underpinned by the beliefs and values that every child is unique and made in the image and likeness of God.
- We have daily collective worship: Monday Moment, two assemblies where we celebrate the children's learning and achievements and the children attend Song and Praise, to learn hymns to sing at assemblies and masses.
- The children also participate in 2.5 hours of RE lessons a week - the school follows the 'Come and See' scheme of work.
- The school prayers can be found in the diaries, so please help your child to learn these.

RSHE

- Relationships, Sex and Health Education
- Catholic schools must deliver RSHE in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church as well as following the guidance of the DfE.
- RSHE is part of the mission of Catholic schools to educate the whole person.
- In Year 1, we will be using the ‘Christopher Winter’ scheme of work, alongside ‘Journey in Love,’ which is based on the belief that we are made in the image and likeness of God. These resources support our RSHE curriculum.
- Our curriculum for RSHE is adapting further this year. More information for parents will be available in due course.





INTERVENTION GROUPS

- The term 'intervention' is often used to describe a short-term, focused teaching programme with specific intended outcomes aimed at individuals or small groups of pupils with particular needs.
- In Year 1 we run intervention groups to support all children.
- NELI group (10 week language programme particularly for our EAL children)
- Phonics - to enable children to access and learn 'Set 1, 2 and 3' sounds throughout the year.
- In December we will be running a maths intervention group.
- Daily reading with the Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant
- Daily support in class.
- Family Workers may also oversee interventions e.g. to support friendships.



COMMUNICATION

- Home-school diary - not for urgent messages!
- ParentMail
- School Website
- Twitter
- Class Assemblies
- Parents Consultation Evenings
- If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment with your class teacher.
- Following this, you can make an appointment with Mrs Hatchell as Year 1 Leader.



THANK YOU!

- Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning and we hope you and your child enjoy the experiences that Year 1 will bring this year.
- If you have any questions, we will be around for a short while after the meeting.
- This PowerPoint will be available on school website.
- Thank you for listening.

Precious
Life
Your
God
I have called you
by your name
Love
Created
Formed
Saviour
Redeemed
With
You
Be not afraid

Thank you!