



The Wonderful Whales News

By Miss Dutton and Miss
Davies

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Hello everyone and welcome to Year 1,

I hope you have all had a wonderful holiday and made the most of some of the warmer weather we have had during the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to say how incredibly proud I am of each and every one of the 'Wonderful Whales', they have settled into their new class family exceptionally well and have quickly adapted to not only a new year group but also many new routines throughout our school.

The Whales have made an excellent start to their learning and to our new topics. Please turn over to find out more about our topics this half term. If you have any questions or would just like to find out how your child has settled in to their new class, please feel free to call in and see me at the end of the school day. We will be holding a 'New to Year 1' meeting next week (see the diary dates below) and it would be lovely to see you there.

Many thanks,
Miss Dutton

Reading

Your child will need their book bag every day. This should contain their phonics home reading book and orange reading record book. Please do not put water bottles in book bags as we occasionally have had some books returned with water damage (a charge will be applied if books are returned damaged). On a Friday, your child will bring home a phonics home learning sheet to practise the sounds that we have learnt in class that week.

Learning Muscles

In the Whales class, we try our best to stretch all of our learning muscles. This half term we will be stretching our 'Have a go' learning muscle.



Physical Education

This year, Year 1 PE sessions will be taking place on a Monday and Thursday. Children will need their PE kit in school on these days. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name so that any lost items can be easily returned. Whilst the weather is still fine, we may go outside for some of our sessions. Therefore, we are happy for children to have a pair of plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a plain navy top to keep them warm.

Friendship

Our Christian value for this term is friendship. Within worship and in the classroom we will be finding out what makes a good friend and how to be a good friend. This will be useful with the children settling into their new class families.



Dates to remember

- 19th September- Year 1 meeting for parents at 9am.
- 20th September- Jeans for Genes Day.
- 24th September- Hand to Mouth leading sessions in school
- 27th September- MacMillan Coffee Morning
- 30th September- School photograph Day
- 9th October- Year 1 Reading Café. 3.15pm in the school hall.
- 17th October- Pupil progress meetings
- 22nd October- Harvest Festival in Church
- 25th October- All Saints Day Service in Church, break up for the half term holidays at 3.15pm.

All help appreciated

In the Whales we are always eager for volunteers to come in and help in the classroom. If you could spare any time during the school week to come into school and help we would greatly appreciate it. If you are interested please come into class to speak to either myself or Miss Davies. This will also be extremely appreciated on school trips.