

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

## **Year 1 AND 2 Information Letter**

Welcome to Year 1 and 2!

We are really looking forward to teaching your child this year and would like to give you some key information that may be useful to know.

This year's classes are:

**Ash -** Teacher: Mr Sampson  
Teaching Assistant: Miss Wessely

**Bay -** Teacher: Miss Walker  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Shipton

**Beech -** Teachers: Mrs Hudson, Mrs Matthews  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Miller

### **Class Dojo:**

We will use Class Dojo to share information, messages and photographs concerning Year 1 and 2, throughout the year. Newly introduced this year is direct class emails.

These emails are:

[ash@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:ash@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk)

[bay@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:bay@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk)

[beech@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:beech@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk)

This email will only be checked 2/3 times per week so please do not use it for any emergencies or for any queries that need responding to the same day. In those instances, please could you contact the school office.

Please could you inform the office if your child is absent or unwell using this email address: [office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk) or pop in and let them know.

### **Home Learning:**

Home learning in Year 1 and 2 will continue to focus on Phonics, with the children bringing their Phonic Folders home each day. Children are expected to go through the word banks on their most recent phonics sheet, segmenting and blending aloud. On the back of the sheet, they can then practise the spellings of these words and write sentences (just like we do in class). Teachers keep a track of how frequently home learning is being completed and children will receive praise and rewards for the work they do. We don't advocate spending vast amounts of time in front of a screen, so please dip into the home learning activities on a 'little and often' basis.

The Numbots app will also be available shortly for all children to practise core maths skills. The login details will be sent home in due course.

### **Home Reading:**

We expect all children to be regularly reading at home throughout the year. The more reading they complete at home, the better. As with home learning, 'little and often' is a good system to follow, with a minimum of 3 times per week being our expectation of what you can do to support your child's reading.

Our school uses the BoomReader app to record and track reading done with your child. You can simply log the title, pages and date of each reading session; or use it to record notes on your child's decoding and comprehension too. Another feature of 'BoomReader' is that children can begin to log their own independent reading! However, it is vital that you hear them read so that you can support with decoding, tricky/unfamiliar vocabulary and have discussion to build the comprehension of the texts they read.

In terms of changing reading books, there are no set days. We are continuously listening to them read, checking their decoding, blending and fluency skills to ensure they are developing all reading skills. Therefore, books will be changed on an individual basis when we feel they are ready.

### **PE Days:**

PE Days for Year 1 and 2 are **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**. Children should come dressed in their correct PE kit on these days. The school PE uniform consists of the following:

- White, round necked t-shirt (school logo) or a plain alternative
- Black shorts
- Trainers
- Children may wear black tracksuit bottoms/leggings and a black plain sweatshirt or hoodie as the weather gets cooler
- No large logos/brands/football tops or bright colours please (small, discrete logos are permissible)

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL UNIFORM/KIT HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME WRITTEN INSIDE.

### **Curriculum:**

As well as daily Maths and English lessons, children will receive a broad and balanced curriculum that encompasses all curriculum areas. Please keep an eye on our Class Dojo for messages and information throughout the year regarding current topics of study / focus.

### **Trips:**

We are currently exploring a variety of options for our trips and will keep you informed. We are hoping to provide a range of experiences for the children this year and will be making the learning as exciting and interactive as possible for each topic. Current plans are:

- Autumn term – Corfe Castle Trip
- Spring term – Great Fire of London Experience Day (in school)
- Summer term – Lulworth Trip

### **Meet the Teacher:**

We are offering a voluntary, informal drop-in session on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 3:05 – 3:45**. There will be no new information at this session, it is just an opportunity to say hello, share any information about your child / family that you need us to know and to ask us any questions. There is no need to make an appointment, just simply turn up within the allotted time.

We are sure your child will have a wonderful year with us this year.

Kind regards,

Miss Walker, Mr Sampson, Mrs Hudson, Mrs Matthews and the Year 2 team