



SS PHILIP & JAMES' CHURCH OF ENGLAND
VOLUNTARY AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Blue 1 Newsletter

Autumn Term September – December 2017

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Dear Blue 1 parents and carers,

We have had a fantastic and busy week in Blue 1 getting to know your children. It has been lovely to see the children coming into class independently and happy throughout the week. We thought you would find the details below helpful to know in these early weeks.

Communication

If you have any queries, please email the office with your concerns, these emails will be passed on to us and we will respond within 48 hours. Alternatively, feel free to arrange a chat with us by phone or in person.

Topic this term

Our whole school topic this term will be South Africa and we are very lucky to have a link school in South Africa. We will learn about the geography, culture, music, art, plants and animals of South Africa.

Maths and English

In English, we will be looking at stories with familiar settings, African folktales, dialogue and plays. Our non-fiction work will be on instructions, non-chronological reports, letters and newspaper reports. We will also be looking at a range of poetry.

In maths, we will be working on place value, addition,

subtraction, multiplication, division, measurement, geometry of shapes, fractions, time and statistics.

PE kits

Please could we remind you that a full school PE kit is required for PE lessons which includes a separate pair of PE trainers. If your child does not currently have the school PE kit this can be bought from the school office. We will have two sessions of PE every week but would ask that the PE kit remain in school Monday-Friday. We also ask that children with long hair tie it back and that jewellery be removed for PE lessons.

Swimming

Year 3 will not be swimming this year but will be having longer swimming sessions in Year 4.

Morning Routine

The school gates will now open at 8:35 am and the cloakroom doors will open at 8:40, school will begin promptly at 8:50 for the register. You are welcome to drop your child off at the door to the cloakroom and assist them in the cloakroom if required, but as a matter of safeguarding please do not enter the toilets or the rest of the school.

At the end of the day your child will be let out of the classroom via the white classroom door

nearest to the playground. If you have made other plans for your child getting home, please could you inform us or the teaching assistant.

Shoes for school

The school has made the decision to no longer have separate indoor and outdoor shoes. We would recommend the children wearing a sensible shoe which is attached to the foot, therefore no flip-flops or crocs please. As the weather deteriorates, please provide a pair of wellies for use during wet weather.

Reading Record

This year each child will have a reading record. We would ask that you read with your child every night and either you or your child to make a comment in the reading record. Please could you ensure that your child brings their reading book and record to school each day.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Please can all children bring a water bottle to school each day which can be refilled from the water fountains around school. Children will also need to bring a healthy snack for morning break.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to getting to know you all better.
Kind regards,
Mrs Wiles and Mrs Gaffney
(Blue 1 teachers)

