

# Class Information for Parents

## Welcome to Year One

### Availability

If you need to speak to me about your child or have any concerns, issues or queries, I can have a quick chat with you most mornings between 8.30 and 8.45, or send a note into school with your child. If you feel you may need longer, please see me to arrange an appointment after school or email me at [ahewson@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ahewson@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk)

### Reading

Children read once a week with an adult in school. They read to Mrs Griffiths (class Teaching Assistant), Mrs Pargeter (TA Apprentice) or Mrs Hewson (Class Teacher). We encourage your child to read at home daily for enjoyment and to re-enforce their reading skills in order for your child to grow in confidence. **Please keep your child's reading book and 'tricky word' card in their book bags on their reading day so they are available to read in school.**



### Word Cards

Some children will bring home CVC words to develop their blending skills, as well as 'Tricky Word' cards which are sometimes called 'sight words'. 'Tricky Words' cannot be sounded out but must be recognised 'by sight'. Children take their Word Cards and Tricky Word card home to practise with their family – these words are also learned in school and once we feel a child is confident in these words, they will have some more words to go home with.



### Homework & Spellings

Children in Year 1 will take home reading books and [spellings](#), as well as occasional topic work.

At the beginning of Autumn Term 2, once your child has settled into Year 1, we will start to send spelling words home every **Monday**. The children will practise the words at school and then bring home a sheet to do daily practise. Spelling tests will be held on a **Friday**, marked and sent home so you can see how your child's achievement. **Please do make sure they record all their homework in pencil.**

### Behaviour

Our school rule is 'Treat others as you wish to be treated yourself'. We encourage children to make 'good choices' at all times and to be 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We praise and encourage children who are doing this, verbally, with certificates and stickers, or by putting their name up on our 'recognition board'. However, on the occasions when this does not happen we will give the child a verbal reminder of the expected behaviour. If they continue to display the unwanted behaviour, we will talk to the child after the learning time and discuss what they could do next time. Please see our school [Behaviour Policy](#) for more information.



## Water Bottles

In Year One, children bring their water bottles into school each day and go home with them so they can be washed out and filled with fresh water. They don't need to have a school water bottle – any clear drinking bottle is suitable. Please make sure their name is on it and their bottle for the classroom must be filled with water only.



## Book Bags

Your child needs to bring a school book bag with them every day as they have their own drawer in which to store it in. In Year One, your child is responsible for putting letters, homework, reading books, etc. into their book bags. We do encourage that children in Year One use a school book bag for this reason. Larger bags that need to be put on their peg take up a lot of space in our very small cloakroom area in the corridor and important letters and homework are often left in their drawer and not taken home. I have also asked the children to keep any keyrings and other decorations attached to the handle of their book bags to once only so that there is room to put it in the drawer.

## Show & Tell

Year One do love bringing in things from home to share with the rest of the class! Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we are trying to limit the amount of things that go to and from school. As an alternative please feel free to post a picture of on Tapestry if your child would like to talk to the class about something related to our topic. We will have some dedicated time for this on a Friday afternoon.



## P.E.

Year One PE sessions are on **Thursdays**. Please ensure your child wears their P.E. Kit to school on this day. P.E. uniform includes **NAMED** house t-shirt, black or navy shorts (or joggers in the winter), socks and pumps.



## Jumpers

Please make sure your child's jumper is named. There is an ongoing problem with children losing jumpers so it helps hugely if the jumpers are named. Also please regularly check that the name is still visible as markers do tend to fade in the wash and sticky name labels can fall off.

## Volunteer Helpers

We are always grateful for any adults who would like to come into class and help, whether it be grandparents, parents or friends of the school. Due to Covid-19 we are encouraging close family only to help if possible. It is a fantastic way to keep in touch with your child's learning and children are very proud to have their family members help in school! If you are able to give up your time (whether it be an hour, a morning, a one off occasion or helping walk the children to special events) then please let Mrs Hewson know. We would be very grateful. You will need to complete a DBS Police Check form, which are available in the office.

