



Holy Family R.C. Primary School

Year 1

Class Welcome Meeting- Autumn 2016

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Our Expectations

We expect children to give their best, even when there are challenges.

We expect children to be well-mannered, respect other pupils and adults in school and participate in the Catholic life of our school.

We understand that moving upto Year 1 is a big step for your children – more of that later!

Achievement, effort and behaviour are rewarded and celebrated across the year.

Weekly award of Shining Stars for achievement **and** effort.

Weekly award of Golden Cushions for behaviour related to the ‘Statement to Live By’ and/or the school mission statement.

Visits to Senior Leadership Team.

Text messages home.

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Our Class Rules

The children and I discussed what we felt was important to keep our classroom a safe, happy place. These are:

- We listen when others are talking
- We put up our hand when we want to speak.
- We follow instructions quickly.
- We are caring friends.
- We always do our best work.
- We use good manners.

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Year 1 Curriculum and Core Skills

Maths

Number: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction; Multiplication & Division; Fractions; Geometry: 2D & 3D Shape; Time; Measures; length & height, money, weight & volume.

English

Reading – word reading & comprehension; Writing – transcription, composition, grammar, punctuation, vocabulary and handwriting; Phonics.

R.E. topics -

Families; Baptism; Judaism; Advent

Cross curricular topic for the year

Science – Seasonal Changes

Topic - Toys

Newsletters sent home every term

Year Group Expectations booklet

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Attainment and Progress

We have developed a system, alongside other Carmel Education Trust primary schools, to help us measure children's progress against their year group objectives.

0%					100%
Step C	Step C+	Step B	Step B+	Step A	Step A+

Year 1 targets:

End with EY1= 1B

End with EY2= 1B/1B+

End with EY3= 1A

Ofsted Update

- School awaits a monitoring visit from HMI to assess progress made against actions in report
- Two new staff members have joined us this year (Mrs Atkinson, Mr Tucker)
- School Improvement Team are supporting teaching staff and new leadership team on a weekly basis (monitoring, quality assurance and training)
- Carmel Education Trust schools will work with our staff (e.g. subject leaders, moderation of children's work in all year groups, peer review, mentoring)
- 'Achievement for All' programme to raise aspirations in our school and find ways forward of working together effectively as a school community

How to Help at Home

Homework

Homework will be issued weekly and will consist of a piece of Maths work, some English and some spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. The homework should be a consolidation of work done in school during the previous week and should be completed neatly in pencil, alongside an adult.

Reading expectations/book changing- Mrs Atkinson

School equipment/items

No pencil cases or stationery needed.

Small bags (reading bags are ideal). They take up less space.

School uniform, black shoes and waterproof coat. All uniform and coats labelled with names.

PE will be each Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Please ensure your child has a named PE kit in school at the beginning of each half term. The children will need black shorts, white t-shirt, plimsoles and trainers (for outdoor lessons). No jewellery.

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How to Help at Home

Attendance

Missing days of school has been proven to adversely affect the progress of children's learning. We encourage good attendance and celebrate this weekly and termly.

Requests for leave of absence should be made in writing to the Head Teacher (Mr Peacock) in advance of the leave date.

Requests for leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances (in compliance with DfE regulations).

We track persistent absences and persistent lateness (as well as good attendance, of course).

School Target: 97%

Punctuality

School day starts at 8.55am.

Please ensure that your child arrives no later than this time and no earlier than 8.30am.

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How to Help at Home

School dinners/packed lunches/drinks

Universal infant free school meals available. Please let the office know if you wish for your child to take up this offer.

Packed lunches should be balanced and healthy as possible. Avoid too many treats. Encourage your child to drink water across the school day (avoid sugary drinks/fruit juices/cartons/pouch bottles/isotonic drinks).

Medication/Illness

Inform the office if your child needs medication across the school day.

You may need to complete a form and only certain types of medication can be administered (contact the school office in the first instance).

Any illness should be reported to the school office on the morning of the day of absence (phone call, leave message, call by or note).

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How to Help at Home

Concerns/queries

Contact school office

(Tel no: 380821, email: admin@holyfamilyprimary.org.uk)

Speak to teaching staff on the yard, call into school, write a letter/note or send an email to admin address (see above). We want to work in partnership to support your child.

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