



## SAINT JOHN'S

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year and to Year 1. I hope that you have all managed to have a fun, but restful, summer. Miss Walsh and I are very excited to be teaching your children this year and we are looking forward to a year packed with lots of learning and fun enrichment activities.

Please ensure your child reads every night. Reading at home could be shared reading with an adult, reading to themselves or collaborative reading where they read a section and then an adult reads a section. It is also important that the children discuss what they have read on a regular basis to ensure that they have understood what they are reading. Once they have finished their books, please sign their reading record book and then they can change them at school the following day. **It is important their book bags are in school every day**, so they are able to read to an adult.

Our homework routine will include weekly spellings, which will go home on a Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday. On occasions, we may ask the children to complete some additional work at home. This will complement the work we are doing in the classroom, so please do support your child with this.

This term our PE days will be on a Tuesday and Friday afternoon. Please can I remind you that the children are expected to wear their coloured house t-shirt (these can be purchased for £2 from the school office if a replacement is required), black shorts or joggers and their school jumper along with trainers.

Every Thursday afternoon, Mrs Kimber will teach the children, as this is my planning afternoon. She will be taking over the teaching of PSHE, computing and music.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the playground, after school, over the coming days. If you do have any messages or questions, and you are unable to see either Miss Walsh or myself in the playground, then please message me using Dojo. Urgent messages and messages about attendance should go via the school office.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Emma Roper  
Year 1 Class Teacher

and Miss Kate Walsh  
Year 1 Teaching Assistant

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