

Blue Class Information for Parents/Carers

Welcome to Blue Class. Here is some important information about our class.

- Miss Tarpey is the teacher in Blue Class.
- Miss Barnes is our main teaching assistant. In addition we have Mrs Pugh, Mrs Stone and Miss Ford in the classroom supporting us throughout the week.
- Every Tuesday afternoon, Blue Class has time for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). During this session, the children will have a combination of a PE lesson (with Mr Davies) and an art lesson (with Miss Birch and Mrs Stone).
- Please use the door on the car park side of school to come into Blue Class on a morning, the class will also be released from this door at the end of the day.
- In KS1 the school day starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm, the school gates open at 8.35 and we encourage children to arrive promptly ready to start at 8.45am.

Alternative pick up arrangements

If you have made arrangements for your child to go home with someone different, it is essential you let us know. Please message via SeeSaw as soon as possible, preferably the day before, to allow us to receive the message in good time. For urgent changes on the day, please ring the office.

Clothing

The children go out to play each day and also have regular outdoor activities. They need to bring a coat to school every day, which will withstand light rain. A hat, gloves and scarf (and wellies) are also a good idea during the cold weather and a sunhat when it is hot. Please ensure that all children's clothing is named so then it is easier for us to find if it gets misplaced.

Even though we are a no uniform school, we do have a standard of dress that we expect from the children. In order to continue to have a no uniform policy, there are certain criteria which must be followed for the children's comfort and safety.

Please ensure that the children follow this basic dress code:

- No hats/caps indoors
- No jewellery (especially necklaces, as they can be dangerous and could get pulled)
- No dangly/drop earrings. Stud earrings only are allowed but must be removed for PE.
- No high heels
- No Oodies or onesies - these are not appropriate for school unless it's pyjama day.
- No cropped tops that show stomachs.
- A coat or jacket to school every day, which will withstand light rain.

The children should have clothes labelled with their name.

Please make sure your child comes to school in comfortable and practical clothes for a day in the classroom.

May we also remind those older children that makeup should not be worn here at school.

Drinks in the classroom

The children are allowed to drink water freely during the day, especially when it is warm. They should bring a water bottle to school that can be kept in a specific area of the classroom and

that has their name on it. Please encourage your child to take their water bottle home daily for cleaning and refilling.

Snack

Children will receive a piece of fruit each morning at play time.

P.E.

We will be doing P.E. on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. Please ensure your child dresses in appropriate clothing on these days.

If your child wears stud earrings, it is school policy that these are removed for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not allowed to do it for them. Just a reminder that jewellery (apart from watches and stud earrings) should not be worn at school. Please also make sure that your child brings a bobble on P.E. days if they have long hair.

Home-School Communication

This year, we will continue to see SeeSaw as our home-school communication system. SeeSaw is a user-friendly app that will be used to share class updates and showcase your children's work. Instructions on how to sign up have already been sent home with the children.

Reading books

We will hear children read regularly in class, on a 1-1 basis but also in a whole class guided reading format. The children will regularly bring books from school to practise their reading at home. Children who are accessing our Little Wandle phonics programme will bring home a book to read each week; these are given on Mondays and returned on Fridays. Your child should be able to read this book confidently and fluently with 90% accuracy, only pausing around 10% of the time if they're unsure. This book will also be read three times in school with a trained teacher or teacher assistant, so it is important that books are returned on the correct days so that the children can read the same book at school and home. They will also receive another matched guided reading book which matches their phonics knowledge, but is a book that the children have chosen themselves; they will still be able to read this independently to you. They will also have a library book which they have chosen and is to be shared with you for pleasure. We highly recommend that you hear your child read for at least ten minutes each day and ask them questions about what they have read as this makes a big difference to the progress they make.

Homework

We do not ask parents to do specific homework tasks. We will regularly share with you our topic information so that you can keep up to date with the learning the children are doing in school and you may choose to do activities that link to this at home.

Lunch and Payment

This year, we have moved to an exciting new lunch ordering system called Appetite. It allows you to view the school menu and associated recipes, and place orders for your child's school lunches. The system also helps us to safely cater for children with allergies and intolerances and give parents/carers more involvement in their child's meal choices and nutrition.

You should have received an email with your login details. Please contact the school office if you haven't received this email or need any support with Appetite. All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal.

Medicines

If your child needs to take medicine during the school day, please take this to reception. You will need to fill out a consent form for us to administer this. For children with inhalers or epipens, please also do this, and we will discuss specific arrangements for your child.

Toys

We ask that the children do not bring toys or footballs into school. We have footballs and playground equipment in school for the children to use.

Lost property

We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate in school. To help us reunite children with lost clothes, it is essential they have names on all items of clothing. Please help us by labelling all your child's property, including water bottles and pack up boxes.

Best wishes,

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