



YEAR 1 SHARE LETTER

Dear Parents & families,
Welcome back parents and children to the start of an exciting new journey in Year One!

The following information is to help with the smooth running of this year.

Wet play books and a pencil case are very useful for playtimes when weather is bad so please send one in.

If your child has any comics or magazines they have finished with, these may also be brought in to fill our wet play magazine box.

Water bottles are a must to keep brains hydrated and it is best if water bottles are filled at home initially as this avoids congestion at the fountains in school.

(Water only, with lids that allow the children to suck only).

PE kits should be brought in on Monday and left in school all week.

Lost property will be available to claim in cloakrooms for a couple of weeks only then it will be placed in our recycle bins on the staff car park.

Please name all items of clothing etc.

LEARNING: ENGLISH:

READING: Please try to read frequently as your child builds up his/her reading skills. Discuss what your child has read-explain new word meanings, relate the stories to their own experiences and predict what might happen next...

As the books become more detailed, comprehension becomes very important, so it is crucial to ask questions about what has been read. In Year 1, we are 'literacy detectives' and children are encouraged to look for picture clues, word clues and think about how characters are feeling in a story.

PHONICS: Alongside our class learning, we will be using a website called: www.phonicsplay.co.uk for "Letters and sounds" games. Phonics is taught daily for all children and is incorporated into all learning to help children consolidate sounds and to identify 'friendly letters' when reading. Please encourage your child to practice their phonics sounds each week. Also, a very useful resource is Mr Thorne Does Phonics which can be found on YouTube.

WRITING: This term, children will be writing invitations, lists and letters along with their story writing. As our first text is 'Going on a Bear Hunt', we shall have a role play area to encourage the children to talk about the book and explore characters and settings. There is a strong focus on developing confidence and accuracy with handwriting and this shall be practised daily where children will be encouraged to start each letter at the correct starting point and to sit letters neatly on the line.

RELIGION: This term we will be studying the following topics and questions.

Families - Why do we have a family and who is my family?

Belonging - What does it mean to belong?

Waiting - Is waiting always difficult?

Also during October there will be a Mercy week, when we will look at how we can show God's mercy to others, and a multi faith week, when we will learn more about Judaism

Our key text for Geography links nicely with our R.E theme and is called 'Meerkat Mail'. As a class, we explore families of animals and how they work together. We worship daily through prayer, painting, role play and written work and the children are assessed on their learning at the end of every term. A list of key vocabulary will be sent home for you to discuss with your child at the beginning of every new topic.



MATHS: Throughout the year we will be learning to:

- Count, read and write (correctly forming the digits) numbers to 20.
- Compare and order numbers using the terms 'more than' and 'less than'.
- Say the number that is 1 more or less than any given number to 20.
- Explore place value.
- Estimate a given number of objects held in our hands.
- Spot simple number patterns counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and continue them.
- Learn our number bonds to 10 and 20.
- Name and describe the differences between and features of common 2D and 3D shapes.
- Measure and make comparisons using informal units of measure to find the weight, length or capacity of familiar objects.
- Use simple charts and diagrams to show our findings.

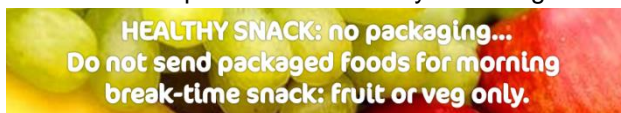
WORSHIP: You are also invited to all of our liturgies of the Mass and class-led para-liturgies (assemblies).

Whole school masses: (usually 9.30 am start) Sept 12th, Nov 1st, Dec 8th, 6th Jan, 1st March, 3rd April, 29th June, 19th July. All welcome.

Class led para liturgies: (class assembly) November 4th 2016 and 7th April 2017 in the main hall 3pm.

HOMEWORK: Reading books will be changed regularly (in general once a week) and up to three books will be issued to each child, depending on their reading level, pace or ability. Phonics homework will be given every week to practise at home and later on in the term, a letter will be issued explaining this. When maths homework is set, it is taken from our school Abacus scheme.

SNACKS: Our breakfast club operates daily, 8:30am (50p / day) and morning snack at break-time (40p / day). Both are 'pay as you go' only, and served in the main hall. Until the end of Y2 all children are provided with a daily fruit / veg snack free of charge. Children in KS2 are only allowed to bring a healthy fruit or veg snack to eat at break-time – they will keep this in their classroom tray, not packed lunch boxes. All children must bring a clean, named, filled water bottle to school daily.



UNIFORM: Correct uniform is to be worn for school. P.E. kits should stay in school throughout the week. Note that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.

ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	SUMMER TERM UNIFORM OPTION:	P.E. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
White collared long or short sleeve shirt Sacred Heart tie	Option A: ☒ White polo shirt ☒ Grey long or short trousers ☒ Grey / white socks ☒ Black low-heeled shoes	White round neck t-shirt White shorts Dark grey / black pumps	Label all items of uniform with name. Tie must be worn with year-round uniform. No jewellery is allowed.
Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan	Option B: ☒ Red & white gingham dress ☒ Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights ☒ Black low-heeled shoes	Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use Draw-string pump-bag to hang onto cloakroom hook.	Coat must have a hoop for hanging onto cloakroom hook. School book bag should have a long strap to hang onto cloak-room hook.
Grey long trousers, knee-length skirt or pinafore Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights	Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan may be worn with both options.	UNIFORM STOCKISTS: Rainbows Schoolwear (Church Street); Love to Sew (Market Street).	Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named.
Black low-heeled shoes [Velcro fastenings preferred for Reception]			

Reception only uniform also includes: round-neck maroon sweatshirt, white polo-shirt & grey joggers option. Wellies must be provided. Waterproofs are ordered via the school scheme, and remain in school for everyday use. Spare socks / underwear may also be kept in school.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER: The Sacred Heart Herald is produced by the school office each week, and is emailed to all parents. If you do not receive your copy, please let Miss Butler, in the main office, know. Paper copies are available to collect from the office. Up to date diary dates are included each week, and are also available to view at www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters

FACEBOOK PAGE: Our facebook page is updated by class staff when time permits. You may leave positive comments if you wish. This is not the forum to ask something which is better said in person to the class teacher.

DIARY: Key dates for this year (subject to change – but include them in your diary now!):

Class-led para-liturgies: November 4th 2016 and 7th April 2017

Class visit to weekday Mass: 17th October 2016, 23rd January 2017

Whole school Masses: see above

Christmas productions: 13th Dec KS1 Service, 2pm and 7pm.

Trips & likely voluntary contribution: TBC

SHARE meetings: 12th Jan 9am and 3pm, 4th May 9am and 3pm

SHARE Parents' evenings: 2nd November 2016 and 1st March by appointment

End of year SHARE open afternoon: 12th July 2-5p drop –in.

Should you have any queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership together...

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Stubbs
Class teacher.