



Friday 13th September 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 1

Welcome to a new year at Sticklepath. We hope you have had a fantastic summer break and the children are rested and ready to continue their learning journey. We will do our very best to ensure they all settle in again quickly and adjust to the new expectations of their year group.

We hope that the following information helps you in your understanding of the organisation of Y1 and also helps you in planning your own diaries in this busy term:

Start of the Day

In Year 1, during the Autumn term, we encourage you to come in with your child in the morning and help them to change their colour banded reading book from 8:35am. We ask that the children themselves carry in their belongings and organise themselves into the correct places as this is part of their development as an independent learner. It is something we know will need support in those early weeks.

PE

Both EFI and LLO will have PE on a Thursday afternoon. This will be outdoors as often as possible. It is always easiest if children have full PE Kit in school throughout the week and take it home to wash on Friday afternoon.

PE Kit

Children will be expected to change into full PE kit for every PE lesson and into trainers every day for Take 10. Children need to have a red Sticklepath school PE top (available to order from the office) and black shorts. We will continue to go outside in most weathers so please provide an appropriate warm top and bottoms suitable for physical activity and getting muddy. School also requests that children have a boot bag (preferably red or black) to store their trainers in.

Forest Schools – Autumn Term

EFI - Monday morning

LLO - Monday afternoon

Please could your child bring old clothes and named wellies to school to change into.

Home Learning

Reading

It is absolutely crucial for your child's development that reading at home is part of a daily routine. They will be taught phonics on a daily basis and read as part of a group once a week. It is very important that children get the opportunity to practice the daily phonics by reading at home and for you to share a passion and enthusiasm for books and stories. Parents are encouraged to help their child change their colour banded book first thing in the morning or at the end of the day. Please feel free to talk to your child's class teacher about reading at any time. We will be running an after school session for parents on Wednesday 25th September at 3:30pm in HPE to discuss and model effective strategies for supporting early reading. We hope to see you there.

Home Learning Diaries

During September your child will bring home their Home Learning Diary. A weekly review of learning will be added to their book each week with a homework task. Homework will be given out on a Friday and children must return their homework book to school on the following Wednesday. In year 1, this is often a practical or informal task.

Book and Biscuit

On Wednesday 18th September we will start our book and biscuit sessions. These sessions will run every Wednesday in both LLO and EFI, and will start at 3pm - 3.15pm. They are opportunities for you to come into school and share a book with your child, whilst they enjoy a biscuit.

Trip to Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park

We are currently in the process of organising a trip to the Dinosaur Park for the beginning of October. A letter with further details will be sent home shortly.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 18th September – **Y1 Parent Team Briefing in LLO classroom (3.30pm)**

Wednesday 25th September - Parent Information Session - **Continuing to support your child with early reading** – KS1 (15:30 HPE classroom)

Tuesday 8th October – **Author Visit** – Joseph Coelho

Wednesday 16th October - **Meet the Teacher Evening 3.30- 6.00**

Thursday 17th October - **Meet the Teacher Evening 5.00-7.30**

Monday 21st - Friday 25th October - Half Term

Friday 1st November – Tempest photographs

Monday 2nd December - INSET day (Children not in school)

Monday 9th December - **KS1 Christmas Play (Time TBC)**

Tuesday 10th December - **KS1 Christmas Play (Time TBC)**

Wednesday 11th December - **KS1 Christmas Play (Time TBC)**

Team Briefing and Meet the Teacher

We will be holding a brief term overview on Wednesday 18th at 3.30pm in LLO classroom. You will also have a chance to meet your child's teacher during the evenings of Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October. A letter will be sent home with further details.

As always, if you have any questions or a problem, please feel free to come and speak to us.

We look forward to working with you and your children this year,

Kind Regards

Miss Louisa Loman and Miss Emma Fitzgerald