
YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Hello again...

Birthday Party Invites: We are sure you understand that birthdays are very exciting for children at this age. If you wish to distribute invitations in school, please ensure there is an invite for all children in the class. If only part of the class are invited we ask that you distribute the invites outside school or between parents. Thank You

Punctuality

Children should be in school at 8.10am and picked up at 3pm.

We are always excited to have Mrs. Yorke for Spanish Immersion, Mrs. B for Guided Reading, Miss. Tracy for P.E. and Assemblies.



As we are called the Hummingbird class, we are extremely excited to see a very tiny Hummingbird nesting in the school grounds. Each time we go to the lunch tables we have a peek at the nest. We can't wait to see the teeny, tiny baby hatch out of the egg.



April 2017 *A warm welcome back to our third term in Year 1. It is lovely to see all the children back in class and fighting fit. I look forward to a great final term in the Year 1 class. Starting the term with **Flamingo Week** has been both educational and fun. We have written Flamingo Poems, made a book about Flamingo Facts, made Flamingo Models, drawn and coloured Flamingo pictures, even had an introduction to Multiplication using those long pairs of Flamingo legs. It has also been a great way to start our new topic all about **The Animals and Plants of The Turks and Caicos Islands.***

[Parent Volunteers](#) : Thank you to all the parents who have helped with reading, library and PTA events so far this year. I really appreciate any support that you are able to offer the Year 1 class throughout the year. Whether helping with special events, educational visits or on a regular basis in class, your input is of great benefit to the children. I look forward to going on several field trips this term and already have many kind offers from parents to help on these excursions. Thank you, I look forward to a really fun term.



General Reminders

Uniform

Please help Year 1 to be the smartest class in school by making sure your child is wearing the proper school uniform, including appropriate footwear and a hat for playtime.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are

Monday – Swimming
(8th May onwards)

Thursday –
Orienteering

Your child will need to come to school on P.E. days in their uniform and bring their P.E. kit to change into at school.

On Mondays your child will need to bring a swimsuit or pair of swim shorts, a suntop / rash guard, a towel and a pair of flip-flops.

On Thursdays your child will need their white P.E. shirt, a pair of shorts and a pair of running shoes.

Other Reminders

Please apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Please bring enough water for the whole day

Please label all your children's clothing.

What's Happening from the Hummingbird News Desk!

Curriculum and Topic Information : In the Hummingbird class, all topics are designed to encourage creativity, curiosity and a love of learning. By focusing learning on one topic area, children are able to apply newly acquired skills in a meaningful way across the curriculum. Our topic this term is **The Animals and Plants of The Turks and Caicos Islands**. In this topic we will be learning all about a variety of local plants and animals, using stories such as 'Where is Simon, Sandy?' We will have fun growing a variety of plants and will learn about animals such as Potcakes, iguanas and whales that can be found across our beautiful islands. To help you support your child at home, you will find more detailed curriculum and timetable information in the Parent Information Booklet and the Year 1 curriculum map for this term.

Homework : In Year 1, **reading** is so important and so much fun. I will continue to send home books for you to share with your child. These will be changed on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday** each week. Please try to encourage your child to bring in their books on these days so that they can read the maximum amount of books available to them. This continuity will help your child to become the best reader that they can be. After completing the reading books from the Year 1 classroom, your child will be encouraged to move over to the library where they will choose books which will be brought home in their individually decorated Book Bags. This term, Year 1 homework will also consist of weekly spellings to learn and a Math's activity that reinforces the work being carried out in class that week. No more than 20 minutes should be spent on these activities unless your child wishes to continue. I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to come in and speak to me, my door is always open.

Thank you **Mrs. Amanda**