

YEAR 1 NEWSLETTER

Punctuality

Children should be in school at 8.15am and picked up at 3pm.

Show and Tell will start the week beginning 23rd. January. A schedule for this will be sent home by Friday 20th. January.

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

Welcome Back to Hummingbird Class January 2017

*Welcome back to a new school term at Provo Primary School. **Happy New Year** to you all, I hope you had a great Christmas and are excited to be back in the year 1 class. It was lovely to see your smiling faces on the first day of term.*

We are always excited to have Mrs. Yorcka for Spanish Immersion session, Ms. Tracy and Ms. Shara for P.E and we also really look forward to reading with Mrs. B. when she returns at the beginning of February.

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. Thank you all so much for your help with our Flat Stanley project, we will continue to work on this throughout the year.



General Reminders

Uniform

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

P.E. Our P.E. days continue on **Monday** and **Thursday** afternoon.

Your child will need to bring their P.E. kit in a bag to change into before lunchtime on these days. P.E. kit consists of a white Provo Primary P.E. T-shirt, a pair of sports shorts and a pair of running shoes. The correct shoes are very important this term as we will be working in the Graceway Sports Centre on both P.E. days. The flooring in the centre requires the correct type of footwear to ensure your child's safety.

Other Reminders

Apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Bring a hat to school every day.

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 Engineers **and Architects**. This topic is inspired by two fantastic books called **Rosie Revere, Engineer** and **Iggy Peck, Architect**. In this topic we will be learning all about buildings, bridges and the materials used in their construction. We will have fun learning to design, plan and build a variety of structures. We will learn about important buildings and structures from around the world.

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. This term, Year 1 homework will also consist of weekly spellings to learn and a Maths 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.