



Central Street Infants and Nursery School
Year 1 Class Newsletter
September 2023

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back into Woodland Class. We have been really impressed with the way they are adjusting to the new routines increasingly confidently. We are spending time this term building the class as a team, re-establishing and extending friendships, finding out what it means to be a good learner and helping the children develop a positive attitude towards their learning.

This letter is to give you some important information to enable your child to make the best progress possible in Woodland Class. The curriculum plan for this half term is on the reverse of this letter.

Open Classroom

We would like to invite you to visit the classroom on Wednesday 13th September from 3pm – 4pm to have a look around with your child. This is an opportunity for your child to share their new environment with you. There will be a further drop-in meeting on Thursday 28th September to talk with me about how your child is settling in.

Book Bags

We recommend each child has a red Central Street book bag. They are perfect for fitting letters, reading books and library books in, and they fit flat into the children's drawers. We will be teaching the children how to pack their things up each afternoon, and they find it much easier to develop organisation and independence if they can put things into a book bag to carry downstairs. Book bags are available from the office.

Class Dojo

We sent a letter and some invitations home last week to those families who haven't yet registered for Class Dojo. It's a really useful app/website where we can upload amazing learning and send important messages very quickly.

PE

The children are learning core athletic skills on Monday afternoons and skipping with circuit training on Friday afternoons. These sessions are hugely popular with the children.

Please make sure the children have a **named** PE kit in a **named** bag. This will stay in school for the half term. The kit should include a pair of PE pumps, or your child could wear trainers on Monday and Friday.

Water bottles

The children should bring a **named** water bottle to school each day. This comes up to the classroom so children can access water whenever they need to.

Home Readers – How can you help?

I will be changing the home reading books every Monday and the children can choose a library book too.

The home reader is a phonically decodable book which we know the child can read confidently. The aim is for your child to be able to show off their reading proudly and confidently. There are notes in the back of each book to help you support your child with decoding, prosody, and comprehension. Don't forget to sign the reading record and you can use the space to add some notes or ask a question.

The library book is a sharing book which you and your child might explore together, or you read to your child. Your child will choose their own library book based on interest. You may find the same favourite story coming home quite regularly!

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13th September – Open Classroom – drop in between 3pm and 4pm

Friday 22nd September – Jeans for Genes Day

Thursday 28th September – Family drop-in consultation to talk about how your child is settling in.

Friday 29th September - Macmillan breakfast for families 8:45 – 9:30

w/c 9th October – Phonics Workshops for families (further information to follow)

Friday 20th October – Harvest Festival (with Great News)

Great News Assemblies (straight after registration at 9.10)

Friday 22nd September, Friday 6th October, Friday 20th October (with Harvest)

