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## Information Letter for Year 1 and 2 Classes:

April 2022

Dear Parents

We would like to warmly welcome you back again after Easter. We hope that your children settle back happily, and we can get back into the routines we established last term. We are looking forward to an exciting and busy term.

We continue to expect all children to be as independent as possible. In order to maintain routines and keep your child safe, we would like to remind you of our expectations for daily procedures:

### Morning Routine

- **Year 1:**
  - Miss Hansford and Mrs Hayden's class: Please bring your child to the classroom. Please wait in the uncovered area outside the classroom. The outside area will be set up ready for the day and we would appreciate it if you didn't let your child play with any of the equipment whilst waiting.
  - Miss Evans' class: Please bring your child to the top of the steps outside Miss Evans' classroom and wait for Miss Evans to come and collect the class.
- **Year 2**
  - Miss Jupp's class: Please drop your child off at the playground and let them walk round to the classroom independently.
  - Mrs Newark's class: Please drop your child off at the playground and let them walk round to the classroom independently.

### Afternoon Routine: please pick up your children at 3:15pm

- **Year 1:**
  - Miss Hansford and Mrs Hayden's class: Please collect your child from outside the classroom.
  - Miss Evans' class: Please collect your child from the top of the steps outside Miss Evans' classroom.
- **Year 2**
  - Miss Jupp's class: Please collect your child from the top playground.
  - Mrs Newark's class: Please collect your child from the steps next to the top playground.

If you have an important message for the teacher, please send an email to the school and we will contact you as soon as possible.

### Curriculum:

Our geography topics this term will be: **Flying High (birds of migration)** and **I do like to be beside the seaside**.

Science topics this term: **Plants (term 5)** and **Seasonal changes (term 6- year one)** and **Habitats (term 6- year two)**

We will also be covering a range of other learning and we hope that you find the Curriculum Map, on the website, useful to keep track of what your child is being taught. Throughout Terms 5 and 6 we will be focusing our PSHE work around the themes of Relationships and Changing Me using the materials from our Jigsaw scheme of work. This will also link to the important message we send home to the children about keeping themselves safe which is delivered through our PANTS resources from the NSPCC in a child friendly but informative manner.

**Assessments:** **Year 2 SATs** will take place throughout the month of May. During this time the children take the tasks and tests as part of normal class teaching. This is not intended to be a time of stress for the children but an opportunity to measure their individual progress so far. Please do refer to the very detailed guide and the presentation on the Year 2 class pages of the website Miss Jupp and Mrs Newark have provided.

**Year 1 Phonics Check** – The government require Year 1 children to take a phonics test. It is a simple task that takes no longer than 10 minutes and children will be tested individually with their own class teacher. This will happen during the week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> June. Outcomes of the check will be reported to you after the threshold mark has been published, at the end of June. Please do refer to the detailed presentation led by Miss Evans, Mrs Hayden and Miss Hansford on the Year One class pages of the website.

**Footwear** During both break and lunchtime, the children will have the option of accessing both the main school field and the playground. We aim to get the children out in all weathers all year round and therefore ask that your children come to school with a **named pair of wellington boots or other suitable waterproof, outdoor shoes** that they can change into for these times. We have shoe stands to allow these to remain in school all week but just ask that all boots and shoes are named.

**Snacks** The school policy on snacks is to ensure that they should be a healthy option. If you would like your child to have a mid-morning snack, we encourage them to bring in fresh fruit or vegetables. The best snacks for break time are foods that they can eat outside and can be eaten with their fingers. Chopped up, fruit or raw veggies such as carrots or peppers are ideal. Breadsticks and wholemeal crackers are also great finger foods that can be spread with low-fat soft cheese. Please note that the most recent guidance is that dried fruit is no longer recommended as a between-meal snack as it's high in sugar and can be bad for teeth. Parents have asked about various shop purchased snacks, such as fruit-winders and various breakfast bars etc. Most of these snacks are usually high in sugar. Water should be the only drink. Milk can be purchased through the [school milk service](#). **It is essential that your child has a named water bottle that is easy for them to refill during the day.** Thank you for your support

**Nut and seed life-threatening allergy awareness:** We have several children with severe life-threatening nut and sesame seed allergies and a reaction can be triggered by airborne contact. For safety reasons, we must insist that parents/guardians do not send children to school with peanut butter sandwiches, Nutella, cereal bars containing nuts etc. or indeed anything containing nuts or sesame seeds (i.e. on buns or snack bars.) Our aim above to discourage confectionery for birthday celebrations – sweets and chocolates can contain traces of nuts and seeds. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding with this.

**Birthday celebrations:** We do not wish to spoil any child's birthday happiness but at the same time we do not want to add to the issues that we all know sugar causes for children. School council's presentation about the issues around sweets been sent in for birthdays can be found [here](#) and their presentations linked to our sugar smart campaign can be found [here](#). We are introducing other ways of celebrating your child's special day in school without cakes and sweets. We think these are choices for you to make for yourselves at home. So please do not send sweets, cakes or other treats to school when it is your child's birthday.

**Toys:** Toys may be brought into school if requested as part of a class activity or display. We request that toys are not brought in for Golden Time.

**Reading:** We actively encourage your child to read regularly. Children benefit from having reading as part of a daily routine, so this could be before they go to sleep at night. If you are unsure about suitable reading material for your child, please do not hesitate to contact us in school. The children's reading records are checked regularly so please could you encourage them to keep these up to date.

**Homework:** We will continue to give out weekly spellings and the year two weekly maths homework continues. Both year groups are encouraged to log in at least 3 times a week to Doodle Maths and Spelling (although children get most benefit from logging in daily for short bursts).

In order to support the children's learning at home we suggest the following websites;

[TT Rockstars/Numbots and Doodle Maths, English and Spelling \(logins required\)](#)

[ict games.com](#)

[Topmarks](#)

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**Physical Education** Indoor P.E. kit should be red plain or [Saltford t shirts](#) and black shorts. Outdoor PE Kits should include long warm jogging trousers, a red T-Shirt, trainers, (Please send velcro fasteners if your child is unable to tie their laces) and a fleece type jacket. Please keep these in school all week as sometimes we need to adjust our P.E. slots.

Class  
Apple (CE)

PE Session 1  
Thursday

PE Session 2  
Wednesday

Pear (SEH/RH)	Tuesday	Friday
Palm (NJ)	Thursday	Wednesday
Cherry (MN)	Thursday	Monday

**PPA Time:** This is class teacher's support time away from the classroom:

Apple (CE)	Every Wednesday am
Pear (SEH/RH)	Every Wednesday pm
Palm (NJ)	Every Thursday am
Cherry (MN)	Every Thursday pm and Friday (all day)

**Lost Property:** Please make sure that everything is named. This includes things like socks, shoes, hats, gloves, lunchboxes and drink bottles!! If everything is named, we will save a huge amount of time searching for lost items.

**School Dinners:** From September 2014 all Key Stage One children have been entitled to Free School Dinners. Alternatively, parents can choose to provide their child with a packed lunch from home. If your child is having a school dinner please can you ensure that they know what is available that day and whether they would like a vegetarian dinner (green) or a non-vegetarian (red). Class teachers require this information so that the kitchen can prepare the correct number of meals. The menu can be found on the school website.

**Payments:** Where payment for trips or events is required, the school uses School Gateway, an online payment system. A link to the School Gateway system is available on our website or through <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login>.

**Hair:** We would like to request that all long hair (boys and girls) is put up for school in an effort to help prevent outbreaks of head lice which are so common. Please can all hair be tied neatly, with only small red and black clips and elastics to fasten them. Please see our uniform policy in the office section of the website for further information. <http://www.saltfordschool.org.uk/the-office/>

**Voluntary Classroom Support:** We are always looking for parent helpers to support activities in school. Information regarding this will be sent out when we are able to restart this - including all the current safety details etc. If you can help, we are always very grateful - even if it is on odd occasions or only for a short period of time. DBS forms are available from the school office.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and hope that the year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all concerned. Please do book an appointment with your child's teacher if there is anything you need to discuss with them – it is not always easy to have a conversation with the children present.

We would like to thank you for your continued support with the additional safety measures we have continued to put in place, and hope that the year ahead will be a happy and healthy one for all of us.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jupp

Mrs Newark

Mrs Hayden

Miss Hansford

Miss Evans