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Welcome to Year 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. As it is the beginning of the school year, I thought I would send over a quick email with some important information/frequently asked questions from over the years. If you have any other queries that are not addressed in this letter then please do contact me via my email below.

Year 1 Team

Mr Hadfield is the class teacher with the support of Mrs Rutter and Miss Parr as the class teaching assistants each day.

Mrs McKinlay will also be supporting on Thursday and Friday afternoons.

Miss Lucas will teach the class one afternoon per week.

What your child needs to bring to school

Children are provided with a piece of fruit or a piece of toast daily. This is at a cost of £1 per week so we can cover the cost of ingredients. Please can this be handed to a member of the team each week.

Each day, your child will need to bring a coat, a bag and a water-bottle to school. If you wish to send your child to school with a packed lunch then they will also need this. **Please note that all children in Year 1 are entitled to universal free school meals from our school kitchen.**

Your child will also need to bring a full PE kit in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please do keep an eye on your emails as these PE days will change throughout the year. The kit can be left at school if you wish.

During the Autumn term, **Year 1 take part in lots of welly walks meaning that a pair of wellies will be needed** as we head into the wet and cold months. These can be left at school if you wish.

Timetable

Autumn Term in Year 1 is very much about settling in, building confidence and good behaviours for learning. Our timetable will be paced carefully around the children and their needs, with plenty of opportunities for movement, talk, exploration and play. Play and exploration remains an important part of learning in Year 1, and we will continue to encourage children to learn through practical experiences and purposeful play alongside more formal learning. There is no rush as our priority is helping every child feel happy, safe, confident and ready to learn.

Communication

All of our communications in Year 1 will either be given verbally (in person or telephone), via email or via our Ash Grove WhatsApp channel. If you have any issues or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 1 team, whether that be at the door during drop off, or via an email. Please also check our Class 1 page on the school website for more information.

We are all very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year.
Best Wishes,

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