

16/09/19



Dear Parent/Carer,

Below is some information about upcoming events for Primary One.

Open Afternoons

As detailed in a previous email, our primary one open afternoons are taking place this week. We are looking forward to welcoming you. During this half hour, you will get to spend time with your child in their classroom. We hope this provides you with a little insight into how they have settled in their new environment and allows you to see what they get up to.

Below are the times and dates for each class:

Monday 16th September, 2.30pm – Primary 1b (Miss Amin)

Tuesday 17th September, 2.30pm – Primary 1a (Mrs Rattray)

Wednesday 18th September, 2.30pm – Primary 1c (Miss Regan/Mrs O'Meara)

Thursday 19th September, 2.30pm – Primary 1d (Mrs Dougall)

Due to space, we ask that only one adult attends per child. We apologise for any disappointment caused.

Learning Blogs

Our class learning blogs will be starting up next week. Each primary one class will upload a new entry on a weekly basis. The blogs are accessed through our school website and provide snapshots of learning experiences that have taken place that week. These are a useful prompt to promote conversation with your child about what they have been doing and learning. Even if your child is not in the photos that week, they can talk to you about the children that are or what is going on. We hope you will find these useful.

Woodland Afternoons

In addition to sessions in the primary one outdoor area, we are keen to introduce some afternoons at our woodland area for the primary one classes. The woodland area is set within the school grounds (at the left hand side of the MUGA). Mrs O'Meara is going to be our 'Woodland Leader' and will join each class and their teacher for afternoons at this area. Time in this more natural, wilder site has provided a richer layer of outdoor learning for our nursery children and we are keen to continue this for our primary ones. The dates for each class for terms 1 and 2 are detailed below:

Primary 1a - Wednesday 2nd October, Friday 4th October and Friday 11th October

Primary 1b - Friday 25th October, Wednesday 30th October and Friday 1st November

Primary 1c - Friday 8th November, Wednesday 13th November, Friday 15th November

Primary 1d - Friday 22nd November, Wednesday 27th November, Friday 29th November

We will provide outdoor suits for the children however please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies in school. Depending on the temperature on the allocated days, you may prefer to provide snow boots. Little toes can get very cold down there and this can impact on a child's experience. The woodland area does get extremely muddy so please don't send in boots that you want to keep clean.

When at woodland, the children carry out lots of large movement play and we are aware that school uniform is not always conducive to this therefore children may wear joggers or leggings (preferably black or grey) to school on their allocated days. For comfort, I would also advise that children wear a polo shirt and sweatshirt on these days as opposed to a shirt and tie.

This is a new introduction to primary one this session and we will be looking for feedback later on in the year.

Primary One Parent Coffee and Chat

Just a little reminder that we also have a primary one parent coffee and chat session on Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am – 10.30am. The coffee and chat events are kindly organised by our parent council. Members of the council will be in attendance along with school staff including myself and the class teachers, who will be popping in for the latter part of the session. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about any of the above.

Kind regards,

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