**Primary 1 Newsletter**

**24th August 2020**

Dear Parents,

Wow! We all survived our first full week and now we’re raring to start another one! The children have settled in so, so well. We are very proud teachers!

**Literacy Learning**

Between now and the September Weekend we will be continuing to look at rhyme and syllable work. We’ll also be listening carefully to lots of stories. We will start our Jolly Phonics on Tuesday 8th September instead of Monday 31st August

We have been practising mark making on our whiteboards and are working on our pen/ pencil pincer grip by learning to nip, flip, grip. You could try this at home.



**Other Learning**

In P1 this week we will be having a big focus on ‘Hands’. We’ll be learning why and how we keep our hands clean. We’ll be learning to identify our left and our right hand and we’ll be looking at how our hands can be used to be helpful; both around the class and elsewhere. We will be reciting lots of finger rhymes. If you know any, please share!

**Maths Learning**

In our number work this week we are looking at forward number sequences 0-10. We are also starting to ‘subitise’. This is when we look at a group of dots or objects and instantly recognise the number without having to individually count them. We are using the faces of dice to begin with as they have a clear pattern.



**PE**

Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. We will not be changing for PE at this stage.

For the time being these sessions will take place outside (weather permitting) and will focus on playground games, races and some circuit work. If the weather is against us, we will take part in Yoga activities indoors.



**Lunch Orders**

Could we ask you to please complete the lunch orders from now until the September weekend on the sheet attached.

**Twitter**

Thanks so much for all your follows and likes for our P1 Twitter page P1MissM@IPS\_primary1.

We’d like to keep track of who follows us and as some Twitter usernames can be quite obscure could you please let me know if any of you are following (real name and Twitter name please!) I’d really appreciate if you can add it onto the section after the ‘Lunch Orders’. Could you also add any family members who might be following too.

To ensure our page stays private we will restrict followers to family members and some school staff.



**The Invisible String**

To help me next week when we are looking at the different ‘invisible strings’ that we have, could you please send in a photograph of ‘important people’ in your child’s life and a photograph of a place which means a lot to them. Ideally somewhere local to help others in the class relate. This could be home, a park, a relative’s house.

It was be great if we could have these by Monday 31st August. Could you pop your child’s name on the back and a very brief description please.

Photographs are such a good way to stimulate chat for young children and they love sharing their own photos.



**Clothes**

Could we please ask that you check every item of clothing is labelled as this helps redistributing lost property and saves our sanity!

As we are keeping our classes well ventilated, please make sure your child has a cardigan/ jumper/sweatshirt with them every day as temperatures in class can fluctuate.

Thanks so much for your support these first couple of weeks! Our next newsletter due Monday 31st August. This will probably be sent by email.

Kind regards,

Jacqui Milliner, Susie Provan and Jaclyn McCready

**P1 School Lunch Preference**

Child’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form and return to school in your child’s reading wallet by Tuesday 25th August. Please indicate school lunch choice or if your child is a packed lunch or home lunch, include this too.

Please note: This week (week beg. 24th August) is Week 3 choices

 Next week (week beg. 31st August) is Week 1 choices

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| Tuesday 25th August |  |
| Wednesday 26th August |  |
| Thursday 27th August |  |
| Friday 28th August |  |
| Monday 31st August |  |
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