

Allergies

We remain a nut and egg-free school due to serious allergies. Please consider this when providing snacks or packed lunches in school and on trips. **Many chocolate spreads contain nuts, please check this before sending it to school.**

Healthy eating

Lots of the children have been availing of our snack shop at school where they can buy freshly prepared fruit for a small cost. Children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home for snack. Please ensure all fruit is prepared for your child at home.

Milk is available for all children in our class, please ensure payment for this is sent to school in a named envelope.

We continue to encourage children to bring their water bottles to class. Please ensure that **NO sugary** drinks are sent to school.

Please refer to this website for some useful tips and ideas on healthy lunchboxes!

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta>

Money

If your child is bringing money to school we recommend it is sent in sealed, labelled envelopes or wallets. School dinners can be paid for in full at the beginning of each week.

Collection

Year 1 children will continue to go home at 1pm for the week beginning 17th September.

All Year 1 children will stay until 1.50pm from the week beginning 24th September.

Only children who have been allocated a bus or are staying for After Schools can stay in the bus room until 2.50pm.

Please keep up-to-date with our learning, important dates and achievements by checking out our school website regularly!

www.artigarvanps.co.uk



Welcome to Year 1!

The children have settled in so well to their new class and are managing fantastically with the new routines in our school. Thank you for making this transition such a success, we really appreciate your help.

Our topic this term is called 'Once Upon a time' which will involve looking at fairytales- old and new. We will retell stories using familiar phrases and add actions to assist with the retelling of the story. To continue this learning at home perhaps a visit to the local library will make bedtime stories a real treat! Our playroom has been transformed into a stage to enable the children with an environment for retelling stories and taking on the role of a character. Check out our website for the latest pictures and videos of your children learning through play!

Phonics-

Soon we will begin our Phonics teaching in class. Your child will be sent home sound cards with actions, please revise these daily at home with your child.

A phonics information evening will be held on **Thursday 18th October**. Please keep this date free as it will update you on what we are teaching in class and how you can support this at home.

Stay & Play-

In order for you to find out how your child has been settling into Year 1, we invite you to come along for a Stay & Play session with you child in our classroom.

These sessions will be held on **Monday 12th November** and **Monday 19th November**. If you are taking part in the stay & play session, you and your child will stay from 1.00–1.50pm.

All other children will be collected at 1pm to facilitate this. A letter will be sent home to allocate places for these sessions.

Our class *P.E.* session will be on a **Friday**. Please ensure that your child has a **clearly named** P.E. kit in school at all times. We hope that your child will be able to dress themselves, please consider tights and laced school shoes for school uniform on these particular days.

This term outdoor play will take place on Thursday. During this time the children will be cycling, painting large spaces, gardening, digging and using the outdoor play frames. Feel free to send outdoor clothing in a bag to be kept in school. (wellies, waterproof suit etc.) Your child MUST have a coat in school to be able to take part in outdoor play.

Numeracy-

In Numeracy we will begin with a focus on sorting, colour, shape and numbers to 10.

Each week the children will learn a new number and consolidate their learning using language such as before, after and between.

In class we have a counting competition board. The children should try their best to see each week who can count forwards to the biggest number. Help your child to see the pattern when it gets to 13, 14, 15, 16, these are the tricky ones but once they see 3,4,5,6 there will be no stopping them!

Families Connect-

Mrs Preston is holding a meeting for those interested in participating in the Families Connect project on **Wednesday 19th September at 1.30pm**. This is a great opportunity to spend time with your child in school and support their learning.