

Dear Parents and Carers,

11th September 2020

We have really enjoyed welcoming your children back to school. The Year 1 team has been busy preparing for your child to join us in what we hope will be an exciting year for them. Within the team we have:

CLASS	TEACHER (S)
Athens	Mrs Large (Mon/Tues/Alternate Weds) Miss Jeffery (Alternate Weds/Thurs/Fri)
Rome	Mrs Dubignon
<b>Year 2 Teaching Assistants:</b> Miss Brooker, Mrs Gurung, Mrs Braidford	

### Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Collection

Every morning, a teacher will be there to greet your child as they enter the building. The arrival time for Year One is **8.50am**. Both classes enter the building using the Year One entrances for each class. If you wish to speak to the class teacher, both class teachers will be available at the end of the school day - any urgent messages are to be relayed through the school office. If your child is going to be collected from school by somebody else, please inform the school office. We will not allow your child to go home with another adult, unless we have your permission. Your child needs to be collected at **3.15pm**. Both classes are to be collected from the same Year One doors.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book, reading diary and a water bottle to school each day. Your child's belongings need to be labelled, to avoid items going missing.

### Our Topic

A copy of this term's 'Knowledge Organiser' is available on the school website as well as coming home with your child. This contains the key knowledge your child will be learning this term. The focus for this term will be learning about ourselves through our first topic, 'Marvellous me'. Please work with your child to help them to learn the information on the knowledge organiser.

### Snack

Each day your child will be provided with a piece of fresh fruit or vegetable as part of the free fruit and vegetable scheme. If you wish your child to receive milk, you will need to register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) and pay the requested fee.

### Homework

Please ensure you read daily with your child. We would also like to see the children being able to count fluently to 20 independently. Keywords and spellings will be coming home shortly and will be tested weekly. Please ensure your child has their reading book and diary in school with them each day and complete their reading diary daily so that they can receive their rewards.

### Reading

We recommend that you spend at least one night reading the book we send home with your child, and the second night developing the child's understanding of the text by re-telling the story and asking them

questions. Each child will have online access to Active Learn primary where a range of questions are automatically generated for each read. We would highly recommend using this resource. Children will be asked daily if their book needs changing, and will be able to choose their own book from their colour banding.

In Year 1 we follow a whole school colour system for levelling books; you may find your child is bringing a book home that is banded differently from when they were in Reception, so please don't worry. In class, individual reading will be completed at least once a fortnight with the teacher. Class teachers will move your children through the book bands at a pace they feel is appropriate. As we gradually support the children in settling into year one, we will be conducting whole class Guided Reading sessions every afternoon to help them to improve their reading comprehension.

### **P.E.**

Please can children come to school wearing their P.E. kit on their Tuesdays and Wednesdays.. This should consist of a named white t-shirt, black shorts or joggers and suitable footwear. If your child wears earrings please can you either remove them on P.E. days or provide tape to cover them. The children will be responsible for applying and removing the tape. We do require long hair to be tied back for P.E sessions for health and safety purposes, so a secure ponytail or plaits are ideal on PE days.

### **Clothing**

Please ensure that your child comes to school EACH day with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry for when they go outside to play.

### **Download the SCHOOP App**

All communication from school comes through Schoop. To receive current information and updates from school, please ensure you have downloaded the 'Schoop' app to your mobile device or computer. Our Schoop ID is 23055. Please also **update** your Schoop alerts so that you receive information from the **Year One team**. Within the app, you can also request that schoop messages come through to your email address if this is more convenient to you.

Please take a look at the school website [www.oakhurst.swindon.sch.uk](http://www.oakhurst.swindon.sch.uk) and facebook page for further information regarding the Year 1 classes. Remember to check our 'for the fridge dates' under the calendar tab on the school website. This outlines all the key dates and events for the year.

Many thanks,  
The Year One Team

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