



# *Streetsbrook Infant & Early Years Academy*



*Year 1 Newsletter*

*September 2017*

*Autumn 1*

## *Learning in Year 1*

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to Year 1.

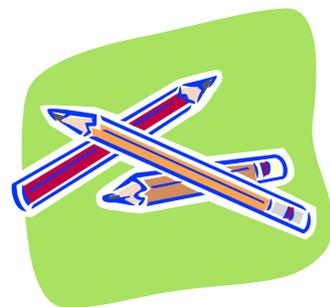
The children will be learning about six main themes during their time in Year 1. These are as follows:

Autumn Term, 1 <sup>st</sup> Half-term:	Back to the Future
Autumn Term, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-term:	Let's Celebrate
Spring Term, 1 <sup>st</sup> Half-term:	The Whole World in Our Hands
Spring Term, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-term:	It's a Mystery
Summer Term, 1 <sup>st</sup> Half-term:	Underground, Overground
Summer Term, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Half-term:	Here and There

The children have discussed this term's topic with their teachers and been given the opportunity to say what learning activities they would like to include. These are as follows:

- Find out about how toys were different
- Create some Victorian style of work
- Find out what it was like to go to a Victorian school
- Find out what Victorian houses were like

An overview of learning can be found at the end of the newsletter.



### **Timetable Update**

Staff are currently updating their timetables, and once they have been completed, copies will be put onto the school's website.

### **Swimming Lessons**

The children in Year 1 will begin swimming lessons week beginning 11 September. Swimming for 1D will take place on a Monday afternoon and swimming for 1S will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. I should like to remind you that for reasons of hygiene and for the efficiency of the filter system, we require all children – boys and girls to wear a swimming cap; you may purchase one from the school office for £1.50. Please note that jewellery (including earrings) may not be worn for Health and Safety reasons as even small items can block up our filter system. Please remember that all items, including swimming costumes, hats, bags and towels need to be clearly marked with your child's name.

As you will be aware, we do require help with changing the children from both classes and with collecting and returning the groups to their classrooms. If you are able to help with swimming sessions, please add your name to the timetable which is outside the classroom. **Without this vital support the lessons cannot go ahead – so please sign up, even if you are able to help for just one week!**

### **Cool Milk Scheme**

If you have not already joined this scheme and you would like your child to start having milk at school, you need to register with Cool Milk. You can register on line [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or by phone 0800 142 2972.

### **Weekly Contributions (School Fund Contributions 2017-18)**

Voluntary Contribution amounts for this term are as follows:

Weekly; £1.50

1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: £10.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: £10.50

Full Term: £21.00

Whole Year: £58.50

### **ParentPay – Meal Payments**

For those children that attend Streetsbrook Childcare after school club, and that choose to have a hot tea – these meals are processed and charged via ParentPay – the service is now known as 'Meals in Childcare', we do ask that your account be kept in credit at all times.

### **Curriculum Evening for Parents**

We are holding a Curriculum Evening for parents at 7.00pm on Wednesday 27 September. During the course of the meeting staff will give you some more detailed information about the curriculum in Year 1. They will also discuss how the work the children undertake in school can be enhanced and further developed through your support at home. Please note that this meeting is **not** suitable for children and contains information not previously covered in past Year 1 Curriculum Evenings.

If there are any other items you would like us to tell you about, or anything about school you would like clarified, we are obviously happy to do this. Please complete the slip at the foot of this letter accordingly.

### **Parent Helpers in School**

We are always very grateful for the support we receive from parents, and the help given by those of you who work alongside us in school is greatly appreciated and most beneficial to the children. For those parents who are interested in helping us in this way, there will be a brief meeting in the school hall on Friday 15 September at 9.00am which will be led by Mrs Butlin. The meeting will last approximately 1 hour. In order to help us with our planning please let us know, via the relevant slip at the end of this letter, if you will be attending this meeting. Even if you have helped in school before, we would still be grateful if you could join us.

## **Privacy Notice - Data Protection Act 1998**

A copy of the Privacy Notice and the Fair Processing Notice is available to read on the front page of the website, it also includes a link to the DfE and SMBC websites.

## **School Attendance & Late Arrival**

At Streetsbrook we place a high emphasis on the importance of regular and punctual school attendance. We believe through good attendance at school, children will achieve higher attainment, have better opportunities and establish good habits that will support them throughout their lives.

The Government expects us to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence (less than 90%)
- Ensure every child has access to full-time education, to which they are entitled, and
- Act early to address patterns of absence

To support us to secure good attendance for all of our children and to address concerns regarding any child's poor school attendance and punctuality, we are working with Central School Attendance and Welfare Service Ltd (CSAWS).

Your child may be referred to a CSAWS Attendance and Welfare Officer if their attendance and punctuality is causing concerns. They will then contact you by phone, letter or a home visit to discuss the school's concerns and how attendance and punctuality can be improved.

As you may already know, parents can be fined for taking their child on holiday in term time and I need to let you know that the government has shortened the period of time for payment of a penalty notice issued in relation to poor school attendance. As of 1 September 2013 the fine has been £60 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, and £120 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days.

If your child arrives at school late (after 8.55am) then attendance will be marked with an 'L', signifying late arrival. Our current Attendance Policy is available to view on the 'School Policies and Documentation' page of the school website.

## **Bicycles & Scooters**

Since the beginning of term there have been a number of children who have been riding bicycles and scooters across the playground, even though they all know that this is not allowed. Whilst we actively encourage the children to lead a healthy lifestyle, which includes walking or cycling to school, in order to avoid any injuries to others all children must dismount from their bicycles/scooters outside the school gates and push them across the playground.

## **Car Parking in Ralph Road**

If you travel to school by car, please be considerate when parking as we wish to maintain good relations with our neighbours. Parents should not park on the pavement or block resident's drive-ways.

## **School Nurse Suggests**

I hope that a happy and healthy summer was enjoyed by everyone, as the children begin the new school year I would recommend using this as an opportunity to check up on their general health, are they up to date with their immunisations, have they been to the dentist recently and what about the optician. It is recommended that all children have a regular vision check at the optician, which is a free service and invaluable in detecting vision difficulties and monitoring the health of the eyes.

Please remember that you can contact your school nurse at any time via the clinic base or through your child's school if you would like any support or advice.

## **External Clubs/Activities**

We are delighted that the school is used extensively by the local community. As not all parents will be fully aware of the opportunities this offers, we will shortly be uploading the list of activities that take place, along with contact names and telephone numbers to the website. We are happy to provide this information as a reference, but obviously it is your responsibility to check on the suitability of the providers and the activities on offer.



[Private Clubs and Activities here at Streetsbrook](#)

## DIARY DATES - AUTUMN 2017

Day	Date	Time	Activities
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>			
Monday	4		<b>INSET DAY - School Closed to children in School &amp; Childcare</b>
Tuesday	5		Children return to school Nursery & Reception – staggered intake
Friday	8		All Nursery & Reception is as normal
Monday	11	15:15	Swimming commences for R, Y1 & 2 Childcare Magical Maths commences for 6 weeks – R1 classroom
Tuesday	12		Football Club Commences
Wednesday	13	All Day	Year 1 Trip to Black County Museum
Thursday	14	15:15	Animated Gymnastics Club commences
Friday	15	09:00 15:15	New Parent Helper Meeting led by Mrs Butlin Animated Dance Club commences
Monday	18	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Tuesday	19	AM & PM	Photos – All School/Individual & Family
Monday	25	15:15	Streetsbrook 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations Week Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Wednesday	27	19:00	Year 1 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
Thursday	28	AM 19:00	Macmillan Coffee Morning – run by PTA (tbc) Year 2 Curriculum Meeting for Parents
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Monday	2	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Friday	6	14:15 12:00	Parent Partnership Meeting Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting
Monday	9	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom
Tuesday	10		Harvest Festival
Friday	13	12:00	Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting
Monday	16	15:15	Magical Maths - R1 classroom – last one
Tuesday	17	09:00-10:00 16:00 onwards	Reception Reading Workshop for parents Parent Consultations (no football club)
Wednesday	18	09:00-10:00	PANTS Special Day Reception Reading Workshop for parents
Thursday	19	09:00-10:00 16:00 onwards	Reception Reading Workshop for parents Parent Consultations
Friday	20		<b>INSET DAY - School Closed to children in School</b>
<b>23 – 27 October HALF TERM</b>			
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Wednesday	8	18:30-19:30	Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents
Thursday	9	09:00-10:00	Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents
Friday	10	12:00 09:00-10:00	Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting Year 1 'Supporting Phonics & Writing at Home' Workshop for parents
Friday	24	PM	PTA Christmas Fair
Wednesday	29	18:30-19:30	Year 2 Mathematics Workshop for parents
Thursday	30	09:00-10:00 17:30	Year 2 Mathematics Workshop for parents Full Governing Body Meeting
<b>DECEMBER</b>			
Friday	1	09:00	Parent Partnership Meeting
Tuesday	5	13:00-15:15	Year 1 to St James Church – Journey to the Stable
Wednesday	6	14:15	Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday	7	10:00	Reception Christmas Performance
Friday	8	AM & PM 12:00	Christmas Performance – Nursery Eco Team Meeting & School Council Meeting
Wednesday	13	AM	KS1 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal
Thursday	14	18:15	KS1 Christmas Production – Evening
Friday	15	Afternoon	KS1 Christmas Production – Day
<b>Tues</b>	<b>19</b>		<b>Last day of Term</b>

## 2017-18 TERM DATES

### Autumn Term 2017

- Term Starts Monday 4 September 2017
- Half Term Monday 23 October - Friday 27 October 2017
- Term Ends Tuesday 19 December 2017

### Spring Term 2018

- Term Starts Wednesday 3 January 2018
- Half Term Monday 19 February - Friday 23 February 2018
- Term Ends Thursday 29 March 2018

### Summer Term 2018

- Term Starts Monday 16 April 2018
- Half Term Monday 28 May - Friday 1 June 2018
- Term Ends Tuesday 24 July 2018

### INSET DAYS

- Monday 4 September (Childcare also closed)
- Friday 20 October
- Wednesday 3 January (Childcare also closed)
- Monday 16 April
- Thursday 3 May (Childcare also closed)

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### *Reply Slip - Year 1 Curriculum Evening for Parents*

Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

I/We will be able to attend the KS1 Curriculum Evening on Wednesday 27 September at 7.00pm.

On the evening I would appreciate being given information about:

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*(Remember - if you would welcome additional information about something, other parents probably would too!)*

Signed: .....Parent

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Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

I/We will be attending the meeting for Parent Helpers in school on Friday 15 September at 9.00am.

Signed: .....Parent