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Year 1 Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you had a restful holiday with your family and are raring to go for another exciting half term of learning.

Toy Museum- TBC

This half term, we are learning about **toys old and new** in our History lessons. As part of this topic, we would like to invite you to visit our very own **Toy Museum**!

The museum will be planned and created by the children and will showcase the learning they have been doing during the first few weeks of the half term. Children will have the opportunity to share their knowledge of toys from the past and present, as well as some of the exciting discoveries they have made throughout the topic.

Our young historians (your children) will be selling their creations and any funds made will go towards experiences within your child's learning in Year 1.

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the children's hard work and learning.

Curriculum Learning

Maths – Number- Place value-Multiplication-Division, Measure, Fractions, Adding and Subtraction, Place Value
English – Writing dictated sentences.
Science – Animal and Human Survival
PE - Ball Skills
RE – The Christmas Story
Music: Tempo
History – How have toys changed?
Computing – Commands unplugged

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PDL – Celebrating Differences
Design and Technology- Christmas Decorations
Art – Brush skills and sizes.

Uniform



We are delighted to see the children back in their uniform looking smart. It gives us a lovely sense of pride and belonging. Please be reminded that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**. Remember on PE day children need to come dressed already in their PE kits.

Clothing

We understand that it can sometimes be frustrating when your child's clothing comes home looking a little messier than when they left the house in the morning.

Please be reassured that this is a positive sign! It means your child has spent the day **learning, exploring, and fully engaging** with our wonderful environment. Whether it's paint from a creative activity, mud from outdoor play, or marks from hands-on learning, these are all signs of curiosity and joy in action.

We value the importance of children getting stuck in and experiencing learning with all their senses. Messy clothes are simply evidence of a fun-filled day of discovery.

If you would like your child to have **an additional set of clothing to change into during the day, please feel free to send this in with them.**

PE days.

Our PE days are on a Thursday. Children will need to come dressed for PE every Thursday.
We will be practising different ball skills for throwing and learning to perfect the children's technique so that the skills they learn can be applied in ball games such as basketball and netball. On the colder and wetter days, please remember that your child will need proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they can wear blue or black tracksuit bottoms with their colour PE T shirt and their school jumper for when we are outside. Please remember that children should have their hair tied back and should not be wearing jewellery. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

Reading Diaries

Reading diaries are needed every day for our guided reading session and will be checked every Thursday for the number of home reads, which will contribute to their certificates and rewards. This allows you to sign

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their diary daily when reading or sharing a book. A record will be kept at school so that children can receive their certificates and move their photos up on the display outside the library and share their success with the rest of the school. They do have opportunities to change their **Love to Read book every** day and their **library book on a Monday.**

We want to say a big thank you to all parents and children taking care and returning the books on time. It is vital that the books are returned on the **Monday morning**, so that the next group of children can use them on the Tuesday. The reading practise sessions are really successful and the children are reading with confidence, expression and are more articulate when talking about what they are reading, which is lovely to see.

Thank you for your support and for working in partnership with us to ensure that your child feels safe, secure and ready to learn.

Thank you for your support
Miss Green, Mrs Campbell & Mrs Bailey