

Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Welcome to Year One.**

Normally we would have a 'meet the teacher' meeting at this time of year, however, due to the ongoing situation with Covid, that is not possible this year.

This letter is to let you know about the expectations for your child now they are in Year One and how you can support your child with their learning.

**The adults in Year One are:** Mrs Stapleton (class teacher), Mr Crow (covering Y1 on Fridays), Elpha (class teaching assistant).

## **Useful Information**

**Punctuality:** It is vital that all children arrive at school and are collected on time. This is to ensure all children are entering and exiting school safely and in their bubbles. School begins for Year 1 at 9:00 through the alleyway (unless your child is entering with a sibling).

**Absence:** If a child is going to be absent, a parent/carer should ring the School Office **by 8:30am** on the first day of absence. When the child returns to school, a written letter explaining the child's illness, or reason for absence, should be brought in.

**Uniform:** Please ensure children are correctly dressed for school. A full list of the school uniform is available at: <https://www.st-agnes.towerhamlets.sch.uk>. **Please make sure your child's name is written on all their clothing.**

**PE:** PE will be on **Mondays**. On this day, children should wear their full PE kit to school. Please ensure your child has the correct kit. Plimsolls only for Year One - NO trainers.

**Home-Learning:** **Please bring book bags to school every day.** It is expected that children will read **every night**. They have a yellow reading record with their reading book. **Please sign and date their yellow reading record every night**, once your child has read their book. **Reading books will be changed on Mondays and Thursdays.**

Your child also has a Maths fluency record. Each week, a short 10 minute Maths fluency activity will be set. **Please sign their Maths fluency record every night**, once your child has completed the activity.

**St Agnes home learning blogs:** Please also see the Year One homework blog on the school website where other homework tasks will be set each Monday for the coming

week. There will be words to read and spell and other tasks linked to topic work. We will check how the children are doing in school.

**Year One Phonics Check:** In June, 2022 all children in Year One will take part in the Phonics Screening Check. The check is used to see how well your child can use the phonics skills they've learned up to the end of Year 1. (Phonics is learning to read letters or groups of letters by saying the sounds they represent.) More information regarding this check will be sent out closer to the time.

Attached to this letter are the end of year expectations for children in Year One. There is also a timetable and curriculum overview.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me either at the end of the day or by phoning or emailing the school to arrange a time to chat. Unfortunately, mornings are not a good time for this.

It has been a pleasure seeing how well the children have settled back into school and I look forward to working with you in supporting your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Stapleton