

All Saints C.E (C) School and Nursery, Ranton

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

It is lovely to see so many familiar faces returning to Class 1 and an extended very warm welcome to those families and children joining us for the first time!

In Butterflies Class we love to learn through play in a safe and stimulating learning environment tailored for your child to grow their confidence and independence following the EYFS curriculum.

I am delighted with how quickly the children are settling in, there are many routines and important values to follow such as how to be a good friend, follow instructions and how to tidy away!

The Curriculum

The Early Years Foundation Stage is split into 7 areas of learning. It is largely play based which aims to develop the whole child. Children will learn through play by accessing a large range of activities both independently and with adult support. We have various 'themes' throughout the year and also take into account the children's needs and interests. You will be able to find information about the theme for each half term on our Class 1 page on our school website. Our theme for the first part of Autumn term is 'Me and My Family' and we will look at the season of Autumn and Harvest.

Snack

The children are provided fresh fruit every morning break. Children in Class 1 do not need to bring in snacks from home. Children receive free milk at snack time up until their 5th birthday. If you would like your child to continue having milk after this time please speak to Miss Smart in the school office.

Reading at home and in school

Reception children will soon be bringing home a reading book linked to the sound/sounds they are looking at in the phonics scheme that week. **Please enjoy sharing this book with your child at home** a few times each week. Books will be changed weekly. Nursery share a class phonics book together in school each week.

Nursery and Reception children will all take home a Reading for Pleasure book which they choose from the reading cabin every Friday. Please ensure this book is retuned each Friday to collect a new one.

Children receive Dojo points if an adult or older sibling has listened to them read at home and written in their reading record! Children also receive Dojo points at school for things such as helping others, persistence and teamwork. Dojo's are collected to win certificates and prizes!

PE Kits

We have PE on afternoons, can children please come to school wearing the school PE kit and suitable footwear.

Home Activities

Each half term your child will receive a handful of fun activities to do as a family at home. These will be based on the EYFS curriculum goals and the theme for that half term. We recommend doing little and often rather than all at once. This will include reading with your child which is a valuable activity to be enjoying together at home.

We please ask that all of your child's belongings are clearly labelled – especially jumpers and cardigans.

Our main aim is to make sure your child is happy, healthy and achieves their full potential in all areas. We will do everything possible to make sure your child is happy and excited to come to school.

I am very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead working together to watch your child grow.

Please do not hesitate to come and see us at any time!

Yours faithfully

Mrs Stretton and the Class 1 Team