



2nd September 2022

KS1 Parent Letter: Start of Term 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are all well and have enjoyed a lovely Summer. The children were a pleasure to meet when they visited for shuffle-up morning, and we had a great time getting to know them.

Key Stage 1 is made up of both Year 1 and Year 2. This table provides staffing information for each of our Key Stage 1 classes:

Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
1TR – Robins	Mrs Rubio	Mrs Yorukoglu Mrs Bugg
1LP - Dragonflies	Miss Pryke	Mrs Ashdown/Miss Butcher Britt
1/2HF - Owls	Mrs Feeny	Miss Croft
2NS - Kingfishers	Miss Salisbury	Mrs Smith Fred
2KH - Woodpeckers	Miss Humphries	Mrs Wichall/Mrs Castle Miss Dagger/Mrs Morley

We would appreciate it if you could take the time to read the following reminders and class information prior to the start of term next week.

Timings & Dropping Off Arrangements

Robins, Dragonflies & Owls:

Children should be dropped off at their external classroom door at 8.45am. Please note that there will be a one-way system in place running from the alleyway towards Avenue Road. We would appreciate your support with briefly saying goodbye to your children at the classroom door to support them with developing their independence with coming into school.

Kingfishers:

Children should enter the school building via the front archway doors at 8.45am where they will be greeted by familiar classroom staff.

Woodpeckers:

Children should enter the school building via the Big A door (next to the staff carpark) at 8.45am where they will be greeted by familiar classroom staff.

Timings & Picking Up Arrangements

The school day finishes at 3.10pm Monday-Thursday, and 1.30pm on a Friday. The children will be seen out by a member of staff from the same place that you dropped them off, and they will be handed over to you. When collecting your children, please make yourself known to staff to help us see them out safely and efficiently. Please ensure that staff are informed of any changes to who usually picks your children up from school.

School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly labelled. Our school specific uniform (with the school logo) is available to purchase online through our supplier: <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/lethbridge-primary-school-44489>, but logo free white polo shirts and navy sweatshirts are also acceptable. These can be purchased from local supermarkets or by contacting friends@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk for help with locating pre-loved uniform.

Uniform should consist of:

- Polo shirt - White, long or short sleeves
- Sweatshirts/cardigans - Navy
- Trousers/skirts/shorts/pinafore - Black
- Shoes - Black, sensible flat heels
- Summer dresses - Blue/white checked

P.E Kit

PE kit should be worn to school all day on your child's PE day (see below), and it should consist of:

- Jogging bottoms, leggings/shorts (dependant on weather/time of year) in plain colour, i.e. Navy, black or grey
- PE T-shirt - White
- Tracksuit top or sweatshirt - Plain navy, black or grey
- Plimsolls or trainers

Weekly PE days for KS1 classes are as follows:

1TR – Robins: Tuesday
1LP – Dragonflies: Tuesday
1/2HF – Owls: Wednesday
2NS – Kingfishers: Thursday
2KH – Woodpeckers: Thursday

What To Bring

Children will need to bring a named book bag and water bottle to school every day. If they are not having a school provided lunch, please ensure their lunch box is clearly labelled. Please ensure that your children bring any allergy medication and asthma inhalers from the very first day they are back in school. These must be named and with the original labels and instructions.

School Lunches

School lunches through our catering company, Aspens, are available to order with a hot and cold menu choice. Children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Infant Free School meal. Please note that these meals still need to be ordered online.

Learning

Our first topic of the year will centre around our favourite park keeper – Percy! Please refer to the Term 1 Topic Web attachment for further information about what we will be covering as part of this topic.

Phonics & Reading Books

Phonics is taught daily in discrete lessons within each class. This year, all phonic lessons will follow the Twinkl Phonic Programme. The children will be supported with learning to read and write common exception words, and specific spelling rules appropriate to their year group as part of these lessons. Guidance for these can be viewed by visiting our 'Class Pages' on our school website. Please select the

links entitled 'KS1 Spelling Guidance' and 'KS1 Common Exception Words.' You will also be able to find a useful 'KS1 Grammar Passport' on these pages. You can find further information about our English curriculum by navigating to 'Parents+' and selecting 'Curriculum' from the drop-down menu on our website.

Each child will be given a reading record and reading book, which will go home every day and will need to be brought to school every day. It is expected that children will be supported with reading at home as regularly as possible and this does form part of your child's 'homework.' Please sign their reading record when you hear them read, so they can work towards their reading awards. The children receive recognition for 25, 75, 125 etc reads through a sticker and they are rewarded with a prize at 50, 100, 150 etc reads.

Please refer to the uploaded 'KS1 Reading Guidance' for an explanation of how we organise reading in KS1.

Homework Expectations

In addition to reading regularly at home, we expect all KS1 children to complete weekly spelling homework. These spellings will reinforce the phonics and spelling patterns that they have focused upon at school. They will be sent home on a Friday in their homework folder for the children to practise on a 'Look, Cover Write, Check' sheet along with a parent information sheet. The children will be given a spelling quiz on the following Thursday, which is when we would like the homework folders returned. Please note that we will be giving weekly spelling homework from **Friday 16th September** onwards.

Please note that **Year 2 children** will also be given weekly Maths homework in their homework folder from **Friday 16th September** onwards. This should be returned to school in their homework folder by the following Thursday.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and welcoming your child into their new class on the first day back – Monday 5th September.

Best wishes,

KS1 Teachers