

April 2018



Dear Parents

Welcome back and hope that you have had wonderful family time over the Easter holidays. Just a few things to remind you of for the forthcoming Summer term:

Games Kits, Swimming and arrangements for Friday afternoons.

Your child will need to bring in their Games kit on Monday and this will remain in school until Thursday when they will be sent back home. The Games bag will then be used as a swimming bag on Fridays.

Year 1 will be taught Swimming on Friday afternoons during the Summer Term and, therefore, your child will need to arrive at school in their games kit at the start of the school day and will remain in it for the entire day.

Wellie boots/outdoor trainers

We are using the bund for many play times, so it is important that the children have the correct footwear. Please could you ensure that your child has either a pair of wellies or outdoor trainers for these play times.

Snacks

This term we will continue to consume all snacks within the classroom prior to going outside to play. We ask that your child brings in a piece of fresh fruit/vegetables for their morning snack. He/she may wish to bring in a further snack for the afternoon, comprising of either another fresh piece of fruit/vegetable, a small sandwich, plain breadsticks or plain rice cakes. Please ensure that sandwich fillings **do not** contain nuts or chocolate. If your child does an Elective after school, they may wish to bring an additional snack that can be consumed prior to the Elective starting. We advise that your child brings in a **named** water bottle, comprising of plain, still water, to access during lesson times. The children are encouraged to refill this if needed.

Combined Humanities - Animals

This term Year 1 will embark on a new adventure whereby they will explore Animals – Extinct and Living. They will learn about the first animals that roamed the Earth, the big five animals in the world today, domestic pets and how to care for them, animals that provide us with food and animals that are endangered or now extinct.

As our 'Fabulous Finish' the children will visit Chessington Zoo to see many of the animals up close and personal that have featured in this term's Combined Humanities lessons.



In the coming weeks Hamish the Highland Cow will make an appearance in Year 1. Like his predecessor, Sparky the dragon, Hamish is naturally curious about life in Year 1 and has requested that he takes a trip home each night with a different member of the class. Attached to Hamish will be a luggage label for your child to record a sentence about what Hamish got up to that evening. Should you also want to provide a photo of his adventures with you at home, they will be most welcome!

Here's to a wonderful final term in Year 1.

With Best regards the Year 1 Team