



# John Blandy Primary School

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back Year 1 and Year 2! We are very excited to see the children again and we hope you all had a lovely Easter break. During this final term, our focus is on helping every child continue to grow, flourish, and finish their year at John Blandy with an achievement.

## Staff

Mrs Stanley will continue to cover our PPA time in Elm, Horse Chestnut and Rowan.

## Curriculum

For pupils in Year 1 and Year 2, we aim to continue to deliver a curriculum that deepens your child's knowledge and develops their fun and enthusiasm to learn. Please see the Curriculum overview overleaf for more information about the work and activities we plan to cover this term. From our Curriculum Web, you will see that we are reading the books 'Fantastic Mr Fox,' by Roald Dahl and 'What the lady bird heard' by Julia Donaldson and non-fiction texts focused on The Great Fire of London. These books link to our subjects we are teaching in the term such as, Farming in Geography and baking bread in Design and Technology.

## Phonics Screening

Our annual Phonics Screening Check will take place in June, and you should already have received information about this. To support your child's progress, please continue to read the phonics books we send home each week. The results of the screening will be shared with you alongside your child's school report in the summer term.

## Water Bottles and Uniform

Please ensure that your child has a **clearly named water bottle** so that they may have easy access to drinking water throughout the day. Please ensure that all **school uniform and PE kit is clearly named** so that children and staff know who they belong to. Please note children should wear:

- **trainers (no laces, unless they can tie these themselves)**
- **black leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms**
- **a plain white t-shirt, a black or blue jumper/hoodie (no logos) or their school jumper/cardigan**

Please can P.E kits stay in school, and we will send them home for a wash during the holidays.

As it is now the Summer Term, as it gets warmer, please can we ask that children bring in a water bottle and sun hat as well as having sun cream on, which is applied at home before coming to school.

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## **PE Days**

The children will have PE twice a week.

**Elm** – Tuesday and Wednesday

**Horse Chestnut** – Wednesday and Thursday

**Rowan** - Wednesday and Thursday

## **Homework**

The children have spellings and maths homework each week which they **receive on a Wednesday** and should be **handed in on Monday** the following week. Children are tested on their spellings and number work every Monday each week.

Children are encouraged to **read daily** with an adult at home, to consolidate their reading and phonics skills. We expect the children to read 5 times a week. Please have daily discussions with the children about their reading to support their learning and use the homework book to record your child's reading, commenting on the book and pages read. Do feel free to make a comment on how well they have read as it is helpful to have this communication from you as these along with homework is checked each week. Please make sure the reading books are looked after to avoid incurring a book replacement charge.

## **Key dates and information**

We're delighted to share that our community cafés will be returning this summer term for Elm class. They will take place in the school hall.

**Elm Class      Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April    2 – 2:45 pm**

KS1 Sports Day will be held on the morning of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

We are looking into organising a trip for the summer term that will enrich the children's learning. Further information will be provided once arrangements are finalised.

Thank you for your continued support,  
Kind regards,

The KS1 Team (Elm, Horse Chestnut and Rowan)

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