



John Blandy Primary School

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year and welcome back Year 1 and Year 2! We are very excited to see the children again and we hope you all had a lovely Christmas break! This term we will continue to focus on routines and ensuring your child makes a happy start to the new term.

Staff

We have Mrs Walsh and Mrs Gomme in Elm, Mr Coard in Horse Chestnut and Miss Owen and Mrs Bushnell in Rowan.

Mrs Stanley will be covering PPA time across the classes.

Curriculum

For pupils in Year 1, we aim to continue with the transition into KS1 and there will still be opportunities for your child to learn through enhanced provision and stronger foundations interventions throughout the school day. In Year 2, we aim to build upon the fantastic learning journey the children embarked on last term, continuing to extend their knowledge and experiences to date. We aim to deliver a curriculum that deepens your child's knowledge and develops their fun and enthusiasm to learn with in John Blandy. From our Curriculum Web, you will see that we are working with the books, 'The Great Explorer,' by Chris Judge and, 'The Rainbow Bear,' by Michael Morpurgo. These books link into our subjects we are teaching in the term such as, Polar Explorers in History and Mechanisms for Polar Vehicles in D.T.

Water Bottles and Uniform

Each day your child needs to have a clearly named water bottle so that they may have easy access to drinking water throughout the day. Please also 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 for PE:

- **trainers (no laces, unless they can tie these themselves)**
- **Plain black leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms (especially during the cold weather!)**
- **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 during the breaks.

Break time and snacks

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Government funded healthy snacks are offered to the children at school to help fuel their learning between breakfast and lunchtime. You are more than welcome to provide an additional snack, if you wish, to supplement or have instead during the morning break. It is important that this is either a piece of fruit (including dried fruit), some vegetables, crackers or cereal bars provided these are nut free. Any questions, please ask adults within the class or contact the school office.

PE Days

The children will have PE twice a week.

Elm – Tuesday and Wednesday

Horse Chestnut – Wednesday and Thursday

Rowan – Monday 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.

Phonics Parents Meeting

We would like to inform parents that a phonics meeting will be taking place in the school hall on **Monday 23rd February (after school)** and **Wednesday 25th February (morning)**. The meeting will provide information about phonics, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check, and practical ways parents can support their child's phonics learning at home. A sign-up form will be sent out shortly for parents to choose the session you wish to attend.

Thank you for your continued support,
Kind regards,
The KS1 Team (Elm, Horse Chestnut and Rowan)

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