

Term 1 Newsletter- Primary 1



Hello! We hope you all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed the break. We would like to welcome new families to Craighead Primary and hope your child is excited about starting and returning to school. We are looking forward to getting to know all of you and your children this year.

This newsletter includes some important information regarding gym, home learning and communication.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or issues you wish to further discuss.

Miss O'Brien and Mrs Burton

PLEASE clearly name all items of clothing, lunchboxes etc., so that we can match the item with the owner.

Snack

Children are encouraged to bring a small snack for playtime. They can either use their water bottle or bring a separate drink. We are a nut free school so snacks should not contain any traces of nuts.

Menu Choices

We would appreciate if you could discuss with your child the night before what they are going to have for lunch the next day. This makes it easier for children to order their lunch.

Water Bottles

In Primary 1 we encourage children to have a water bottle as we have access to drinking water in our area. It would be great if you could provide your child with a water bottle. We would appreciate if you could only send water and not any other drink.

Toilets

Children are encouraged to be independent going to the toilet by asking an adult to go. They can go throughout the day and during break and lunch.

PE days - Thursday (Miss O'Brien) Friday (Mrs Burton)

As part of our curriculum children will be taking part in P.E. (1 session indoors and 1 session outdoors), we would advise the following:

- PE Bags should be left in schools named clearly. Each class has a place for these to be kept.
- We will keep the gym bags in the school and send them home at the end of term to be washed.
- Earrings and Jewellery should not be worn on these days.
- Velcro plim soles are advised so that children can become more independent changing for gym.
- Children should have a change of t-shirt and shorts
- Please provide a pair of outdoor shoes so we can use the field during outdoor gym sessions which will take place weekly.
- If your child can not participate in gym, please send a letter in or let us know.

Home Learning

Home Learning plays a vital role in consolidating and reinforcing information taught. All Home Learning is linked to work done in class and is completed in a Home Learning Pack. This will contain literacy, numeracy and topic related activities. There will also be a 'Have a Go' jotter included for children to practise writing letters and numbers. Children will need support and it is vital an adult assists them when forming letters and numbers. We would suggest over the week you break up the activities given.

Home learning is issued on a Tuesday and should be returned on a Monday. It is very important that we have all home learning in on a Monday as it is a quick turnaround for us to reissue on the Tuesday.

For the next month children will be learning sight word, phonics and numbers. Reading books will be issued later in the term.

Library

After the September weekend P1 and P2/1 will have fortnightly visits to the local library. We will send out more information regarding this nearer the time. If your child has not signed up for the library we have spare membership forms that we can hand out.

P2/1 and P1 Notice Board

We have a notice board on the window of the P1 and P2/1 classroom. This will provide information of any changes or updates to the week ahead.

Non-Class Contact Time (NCCT)

- On a Monday and Tuesday P1 will have Mrs Dawson for NCCT. Mrs Dawson will deliver the science and health curriculum.
- On a Monday and Tuesday P2/1 will have Ms Breen for NCCT. Ms Breen will deliver the science and health curriculum.

Birthdays

We know it's exciting for children to plan their birthday and invite children from their class. Unfortunately, we are unable to give you lists of names due to policy. However, please feel free to hand in blank invitations and we can hand them out to the children in class.

Toys from Home

Please discourage your child from bringing toys to school from home as they may get lost or damaged.

End of Day Arrangements

Children will be dismissed by Miss O'Brien or Mrs Burton at the end of the day. Your child must be collected by an adult and not by older siblings in the school. If you know that you are going to be late collecting, please phone ahead and we can reassure your child and take them to the office.

Term 1 Newsletter- Primary 2



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Mrs Burton

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Menu Choices

It would be greatly appreciated if you could discuss with your child the night before what they are going to have for lunch the next day. This makes it easier for children to order their lunch.

Water Bottles

In Primary 2/1, children are encouraged to have a water bottle as we have access to drinking water in our area. It would be great if you could provide your child with a water bottle. We would appreciate if you could only send water and not any other drink.

PE days - Friday

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- Please provide a pair of outdoor shoes so we can use the field during outdoor gym sessions which will take place weekly.
- If your child can not participate in gym, please send a letter in or let me know.

Home Learning

Home Learning plays a vital role in consolidating and reinforcing information taught. All Home Learning is linked to work done in class and is completed in a Home Learning Pack. Home learning will include spelling, reading, numeracy and a topic related task. All information regarding spelling will be detailed in your child's home learning jotter. Children will need support and it is vital an adult assists them when forming letters and numbers. We would suggest over the week you break up the activities given.

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Toys from Home

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End of Day Arrangements

P2 will be walked round to the front playground by an adult once the P1s have been dismissed. Your child must be collected by an adult and not by older siblings in the school. If you know that you are going to be late collecting, please phone ahead and we can reassure your child and take them to the office.