

# TERMLY NEWSLETTER - YEAR 1

## SPRING 2022

Dear Families,

We had lots of fun learning with your children in the Autumn Term in Tower Heights and Barclay Park. We have enjoyed learning about our school and its surroundings, concluding with a tour led by your children, for the Reception classes.

This Spring term has begun with our new topic 'Come and Play!' We will be exploring various texts including Stanley's Stick and Lost in the Toy Museum. We will use these texts as a starting point for many of our curriculum subjects, including English, Art, Science, History and D&T. As our History focus is 'Toys' we will be finding out about toys from the past. It would be lovely for you to share your own experiences of childhood with your children. In Maths, we will concentrate on securing numbers to twenty, including adding and subtracting and comparing numbers.

### READING

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag, with their books, to school every day. Please bear in mind that the children will bring home a reading book that is one level below the level they read with the teacher. This is to encourage a sense of success in their home reading. Children's reading books are changed each week when they read with the teacher. Please read as often as possible and record this in the Reading Record. It is important that the same book is read up to three times because this helps children to develop fluency. Please indicate when you have read with your child by signing or writing a short message in their reading record. If it is not recorded, we may not change the reading book. We may leave messages for you in there from time to time too. The children will also continue to choose a reading for pleasure book on Fridays which may be one for you to read to them.



## SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING

Please take every opportunity at home and when you are out and about to spot letters and sounds they know; practise reading and sounding out words; counting to 100; counting in 2's, 5's and 10's; naming shapes; and handling and counting money. To help develop your child's handwriting, please do finger strengthening exercises such as using tongs and tweezers to pick up seeds and sequins or playing with Lego. If your child is writing, please practise holding a pencil correctly and encourage them to form letters correctly. When writing sentences, they should be using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

## LUNCHTIME

On days when your child has a school meal, it would be extremely helpful if you could choose their school meal on the School Grid website before they come to school. <https://app.live-kitchen.co.uk/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2Fcashless>

## CLOTHING

Please make sure that you have named everything your child brings into school, including uniform, shoes, PE kit, drinks bottles and book bags. This will help us make sure that the correct items are returned to the correct child each day. We had a large collection of un-named clothing at the end of Autumn Term. Please can you discourage your children from bringing toys to school as they may get lost or broken.

## PE

PE will be on a Tuesday. To reduce the risk of transmission, children will not be getting changed at school so please make sure that they come to school wearing their PE kit every Tuesday.

Thank you for your continued support,

Miss Hancock, Mrs Sales, Mrs Butler, Miss Pottage and Miss Henry



## SCHOOL UNIFORM YR 1 - 6

- Only plain black shoes or smart black trainers are to be worn – no coloured trainers or boots except sensible plain boots in severe weather.
- Socks / tights must be grey, navy or white
- Light blue/white checked summer dresses or grey pinafore dress may be worn
- The school top is a sky blue polo shirt – this can be with or without the school logo
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey. Skirts should be knee length and simple.
- Knitted St Cath's hats and baseball hats are available, as are school book bags, fleeces and waterproof coats
- Plain navy tank tops
- Navy jumpers or cardigans (with or without the school logo). NOT HOODIES.
- All coats should be plain black, grey or navy.
- A small, plain blue/black book bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry books and homework to and from school.
- A small blue/black drawstring bag (with or without school logo) is the only acceptable bag to carry PE kit to and from school.

### FOR PE

- White or navy round necked tee shirt (this can be with or without the school logo)
- Navy shorts
- Navy joggers
- Navy hoodie (with or without the school logo)

### JEWELLERY

The only jewellery allowed is one small plain silver or gold stud earring per ear. This needs to be covered up or removed for PE but must be removed for swimming (you may wish to bear this in mind if considering ear piercing before swimming starts in early May)

