

Holt Primary School - Mannington Class Year 1

School Year 2022 – 2023

AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

Hello! Lots of this information you have had already but I wanted to put it all into a newsletter together with everything else you might need to know. Please get in touch or speak to me at school if there is anything else I can help with.



It's been a very busy start to the year but I can really see how the children have got into the new routines and are making progress with their work. Working with us in **Mannington** class this year we have **Miss Marlow, Mrs Flowerday** and **Mrs Fiddeman** who will be taking groups for phonics work. Both **Mrs Fiddeman** and **Mrs Cowie-Jones** will also take the class sometimes in the afternoon.

Arriving at school

Please arrive at school between 8:45 and 9am. Bring your child to the main entrance where we will meet you and take your child inside. They will go to the cloakroom to leave their bookbag, lunchbox and coat. Miss Marlow or Mrs Flowerday will be there to take them into the classroom.

If your child is bringing a bike or scooter to school they can leave it in the bike shelter near the main entrance to the school.

End of the school day

School will end at 3pm for all classes. We will bring the children out through the main door one class at a time just as last year.

Reading books

We have a new routine with reading books. Rather than change books everyday or as soon as they have been read once, we are now going to change books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only. This will give your child two days with each book and the chance to read it twice. Across the infants we think this will allow you and your child to see the progress they are making a little more clearly. Please send your child's book into school each day.

Phonics Bookmarks

Each week in phonics we have focus spelling patterns and words. These will come home each week on a bookmark. We do not do spelling tests but it would be great for you to help your child learn these by Monday morning. The first is with you now and we will look at these on Monday 25th September. Future bookmarks will come home on Friday or Monday so you have at least a week to look at the words.



Library

Our library day this year is Tuesday. Books came home for the first time yesterday. Please send the books back in with your child each Tuesday.

PE Kit and Footwear

Our PE days are Monday and Thursday. In the last newsletter of term Mr Walters explained that we would like you to continue to send your child to school in PE kit on PE days,

Topic

Our first topic this year is Our School. If you or anyone in your family has memories of the school they would like to share please get in touch. Visitors are very welcome!

Class assembly

Our first class assembly will take place on Wednesday 11th October at 9:15am in the hall.

Attendance

An attendance rate of 96% is the expectation for all children, understandably this dropped during covid. We aim to reach the expected level this year.

Wildlife Area

We will use the wildlife area each week on a Friday unless the weather is very bad and it would be great if you could send a pair of named wellies into school for your child to use.

Show and Tell

Your child has an opportunity to bring something significant into school each week to share with the class, one group per day. Your child knows which group they are in. This term our groups are named after lessons at school. The show and tell rota is:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Phonics group	PE group	Reading group	Art group	Maths group

SumDog

Last week we started to use SumDog. Your child has their login details, along with those for other resources in their reading record. We will begin to use these later in the year.

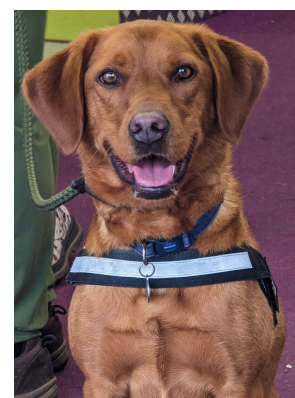
Class Dog

Margot, my three-year-old labrador, will be visiting the class throughout the year with a view to becoming a reading dog. If you have any questions about this let me know.

Communication

Most mornings you will find me in the playground before school if you need to speak to me.

I will also be available after school; if you can't see me just ask Miss Marlow or any other member of staff. You can also get hold of me by email or by phoning the school office. We will also be using Google Classroom for some communication, invitations to follow soon if you are not already connected.



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