



J1 NEWSLETTER Autumn 2017



Dear Parents and Children

Welcome to J1. We trust you have all had a wonderful holiday and we look forward to a good term together. Your child's Key Person is their form teacher – Miss Amphlett for children in J1A and Mrs Harding for children in J1H/S.

We would like to invite you to our Coffee Morning on Friday 15th September at 9:00am, in the hall. The children will present their assembly and then we will have a chance to discuss any queries that may have cropped up after the first full week of term. This will also be your opportunity to have a look around our fantastic new classroom.

We are looking forward to a busy term. In English we will be sharing many poems, rhymes and stories by Julia Donaldson with the children and if they have any favourites that they would like to bring in, they will be most welcome. It is also Maths Term and we will be focusing on developing a good understanding of number. We also have a whole school focus on computing, we will be learning about key figures in the history of computers.

Snacks

Please would you send in two healthy snacks for your child (for morning and afternoon) such as fruit, vegetable sticks or a plain biscuit. Please do not send in anything that contains nuts. Please also send in their water bottles daily.

There are a number of new routines for us all to get used to, please check

below to see which days uniform and kit are needed:

- **PE Kit:** Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs
- **Full uniform:** Fri
- **Swimming Kit:** Monday (In a waterproof bag, please place in buckets outside the door)
- **Waterproof Jackets, trousers and wellies.** Please send these in by Monday 11th September and they will be kept in school.

Summer uniform may be worn, weather permitting, until Thursday 14th Sept. Thereafter, full Winter uniform should be worn. Note: Winter uniform should be worn for our coffee Morning on Friday 15th Sept.

Homework

Homework will be set each week on a Friday. Please assist the children to complete it and then return it by the following Friday, in the homework folder.

We will initially send reading home on Tuesdays and Fridays; this may be a book, a game or flash cards. Please return the bag the following day and comment in the reading record book so that we are able to monitor your child's progress and we can give them further reading material.

We will be sending a home/school diary. This is to develop a positive link between home and school. We value your input and children love to share photographs of events/holidays. Please feel free to include photos, leaflets, tickets etc. of summer outings and return the diary by Monday 18th September.

Diary of events:

Clubs Registration - Fri 8th Sept

J1 Coffee Morning - Fri 15th Sept
9:00 in the hall.

Individual Photos - Mon 18th Sept -
Children should wear full Winter
uniform

Registration for Festival of Speech
- Thursday 21st Sept 8:15 and 3:15 in
hall

Harvest Festival - Friday 29th Sept at
St John's Church 9:00 am, families are
welcome.

Festival of Speech and Drama -
Thurs 5th, (individual),
Fri 6th Oct, (individual am and class
events - 1.30pm for juniors).

Gruffalo Theatre Trip - Churchill
Theatre, details to follow.

Half term - 13th Oct - 29th Oct

Please check the Merton Court website
and Parent Mail regularly as they
contain all the diary dates and finer
details for the term and year ahead.

Labels

Please make sure **all** uniform and
equipment is clearly named, including
socks and underwear on swimming
days also ribbons on girls' hats.

A school coat is now compulsory for all
children and is available from 'OZ
Schoolwear'.

Stud earrings can be worn but at your
own risk.

Clubs Registration

This will take place on Friday 8th
September, If your child would like to
register for one of the clubs, please
send the correct registration fee in a
clearly marked envelope with the child's
name on it. A little word of warning -
the clubs tend to fill up quite quickly
and the older children are given first
option, so your child may not get into
all the clubs he/she was hoping for. We
do try to ensure that they get at least
one club, if they would like to
participate.

Show and Tell

We aim to hold 'Show and tell' sessions
each Monday morning, to give the
children the opportunity to talk about
their weekend activities. If the children
would like to bring anything in, please
save it for a Monday and we will enjoy
it then.

Morning Routines

In the mornings, the children play on
the astro-turf and when the whistle
blows, they line up in their class lines.
Children may be left from 8:15
onwards, with the member of staff on
duty. We would encourage you **not**
to wait on the astro with the children as
we are aiming to encourage their
confidence and independence. As this is
a busy time of the day, we would also
ask you to say goodbye to your children
and allow staff to escort them to the
classroom or hall.

We have a busy and exciting term
ahead and should you ever have any
queries or concerns please do not
hesitate to speak to one of us.
Our direct phone number in **case of an
emergency** is 020 8309 7063.

Kind regards

Miss Amphlett, Mrs Harding,
Mrs Saunders, Miss Evans and
Miss Thatcher.

