



Welcome to Walnut Class (YR 1)

**Ms Cudlipp –
Class Teacher**

Welcome to Year 1 at Boyne Hill. This is the next step of your child's education with us and I really hope that they enjoy their time in Walnut Class, whilst working hard to reach their full potential. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

On Wednesday 10th September at 2.45pm there will be a **'Meet the Teacher'** session where you can come into the classroom and spend some time with me and I will go through some of the daily routines and things that you can do to support your child throughout their time in Year 1.

On Tuesday 7th October from 6-7pm, there will be a **Key Stage 1 Curriculum Information meeting** to inform you about what your child will be learning throughout the year. This meeting will be in the hall with an opportunity for you to ask questions if you have any. We provide a free crèche to make it easier for you to attend if you are unable to arrange childcare.

Later in the term, there will be a Parents' Consultation meeting to discuss how your child has settled into Year 1 as well as the chance for us to discuss the progress they are making and their targets for the next term. It is vitally important for us to work together and give your child full support and encouragement throughout their time with us. If you need to ask us a question, you can either try catching us at the end of the day or send an email on the class email address at walnut@boynehillschool.org and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

A few key points to remember to help make your child's week run smoothly:

- Please make sure your child's Guided Reading book and yellow diary can always be found in their book bag and that this is with them **every day**. We will change books throughout the week although the days may differ from week to week. That is why it is **crucial** that the books are in the bags **every day**. You should already have information with login details for your child to access online Rising Stars Reading Planet books to support their phonics learning in class. If you cannot find these details, please let me know.
- Please share Guided Reading books with your child and write a positive comment in their yellow diaries about how they have done, as well as discussions you have had with them about the book. I use this to inform part of our reading assessment.
- The children also have access to the Class Library and can take extra books out whenever they wish. They can do this during the school day but usually at snack time. Please make sure that these books are returned once read and then another one can be chosen.
- Please make sure that books from our main school library are in folders every **Wednesday** as they cannot change or renew their book without it. We do not go to the library on any other day.
- Please care for and look after **all** books and always store them in a safe place at home. **Please do not put full water bottles in reading folders as these may leak and damage the books.** Lost or damaged books will incur a charge of £5 each.

- New homework will be set on a **Friday** (but not until just after the October half term) and may include maths (which will be on Purple Mash) and spellings. You will be given login details for Purple Mash soon into Term 1 of the new school year. It is important that this is kept in a safe place but if you are unable to find it at any time, please let myself or Mrs Davies know as she is the administrator for all the websites we subscribe to. Topic homework will be set every few weeks and there will be a specific date given for when it is due in. Please support your child with all of their homework.
- Please make sure that children are **on time** in the morning and that you inform us or the school office of any changes about who is picking them up. Doors open at 8.45am and registers close at 8.55am. School finishes at 3.20pm.
- **We will not let any child go home with unfamiliar people or other parents unless this has been communicated to us or the school office**
- **Please make school aware of any appointments during the school day on that morning and if your child is unable to attend school, please ring the school office. If they are going to be in school for lunch, a meal will need to be ordered by 8.55am or we will ask you to bring a home packed lunch. The children are expected to have full attendance unless they are really unwell or contagious. Please do not keep children off for colds or tiredness as we expect all children to have an attendance of over 96% over the whole school year. Regular gaps in attendance will be investigated by the Education Welfare Officer as this has a big impact on their learning.**
- The children need to know what meal they are having before they come to school so please discuss lunch options with them on the way to school. They will do their own lunch choices on arrival into the classroom in the morning. The Menu is available on the school website.
- During the Autumn Term, **PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** Your child **MUST** come to school on these days **wearing their PE kit.** This includes plain navy blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt under plain navy blue joggers and a school sweatshirt/cardigan/fleece with trainers as footwear. PE t-shirts displaying the school logo can be purchased from Goyals.

The only exception to this is for special event days when PE kits can be brought into school in a bag and pupils will change before the lesson.

PLEASE NOTE: On PE days, long hair must be tied back and **no earrings** should be worn for safety reasons. Should you forget, we will cover them with medical tape.

- Please make sure that all items of school uniform, including coats and shoes, hats, gloves and scarves are named as it is impossible to reunite children with their items if they become lost without names in.
- **Please keep up to date with all that is going on through the school's newsletter and the school's website.** You can find this at: www.boynehillschool.org

We have our own class page where you can see up to date photographs of what the children have been doing.

I hope this helps and answers some of your questions already. I look forward to working with you and your child this year and am here to help in any way that I can. I look forward to a great year.

Best Wishes

Ms Cudlipp