

Dear Year 1,

We hope you've all had a fabulous holiday and are ready and raring to go on Monday!

Here's a picture of our glorious Year 1 team, just in case you've forgotten who we are over the last 6 weeks.



From left to right:

Mrs Cooper (Butterworth TA on Fridays and Nursery TA), Miss Ward (Butterworth teacher & History Lead), Mrs Walter (Donaldson teacher Thursday - Friday and Foreign Languages Lead), Mrs Haynes (Donaldson teacher Monday – Wednesday and Early Years co-ordinator) and Miss Crawford (Donaldson TA). Also, Mrs Bibb is the TA in Butterworth Monday – Thursday.

Due to the change in the early years curriculum, Bewdley Primary School have made the decision to no longer use Tapestry. You'll receive Year 1 emails throughout the year from Mrs Walter (rwalter@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk), Mrs Haynes (jhaynes@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk) and Miss Ward (eward@bewdleyprimary.worcs.sch.uk), regardless of which class your child's in. If you need to contact us, just contact your child's class teacher on the email addresses above. It would be

really helpful to send your child's class teacher an email, so we can save your email address and get in contact with you if needed.

Year 1 are due back on Monday 6th September! Our doors open at 8:25 and you've got until 8:35 to make sure you're through the school gate. Once we have had a week to settle into Year 1, we will be starting our Guided Reading straight away in the mornings, so please try to be punctual. If you have volunteered to support with Guided Reading, we will be in touch when we return to school to arrange this. We are still looking for more volunteers between 8:25-8:50 to support readers if you or any family members are available to help.

Here's a few pictures showing you where we'll be on Monday morning, ready to welcome you in!



If you're in Butterworth class, you'll walk down the path and Miss Ward will be stood on the right behind the benches to meet you (picture 2). Then, you will walk through our outside area into our classroom.



If you're in Donaldson class, you'll walk down the path and across the playground to the right where Mrs Haynes will be there to greet you at your classroom door.

We finish at 3:00pm every day. If there is a particular arrangement or someone different collecting your child, please let the class teacher know in the morning or ring the office to leave a message with the office staff. When you collect your child, please can you quickly check if they have everything (water bottle, jumper, reading book etc) as it is really difficult for us to check all the children before they go!

Please do not bring a pencil case or your own stationery into school as **we'll have everything ready** for you in school! Our Forest School day is a Wednesday so you'll **need to come into school in your forest school clothes** with your wellies and spare clothes in a plastic bag. Please note that it is a requirement that children wear trousers and long sleeves at Forest Schools to prevent any stings and scratches. Our PE day is **Thursday** so you'll need to come to school wearing your PE kit rather than getting changed here and it needs to be a plain white t-shirt (no football shirts), dark shorts or joggers and trainers. As it gets colder, you might want to bring a plain red or dark hoodie with you. Red BPS logo hoodies will hopefully be available to buy from M&S soon! Earrings will need to be taped up or taken out on PE days and hair **will need to be tied back for PE lessons**. If it can't be tied back but it gets in your eyes **then we'd recommend a head band of some kind!** We always recommend leaving a spare change of clothes (and underwear!) at school as sometimes we can get messy or accidents may happen.

Please remember to provide your child with a healthy snack for our morning break time. To keep it simple, snacks need to be either fruit or vegetables - cereal bars and biscuits need to be kept for lunchtime. We do provide fruit and vegetables each day, however they may be not always be to **your child's taste so it is best to provide your own too**. Water bottles need to be labelled and just contain water!

We're hoping to have a Meet the Teacher evening towards the end of September when we'll be able to go through the year ahead and answer any questions you might have. However, please do get in touch if there's anything you'd like to know or that we haven't been very clear about!

Take care and we can't wait to see you on Monday,

The Year 1 Team