

SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dream Believe and Achieve



Welcome to Year 1

Teacher – Mr Goldie

Teaching Assistant – Miss Johnson / Mrs Grady

The School Day

School starts at 8.55am. Children should line up in the playground a few minutes before 8:55am and the teachers then collect their class from here.

Lunch time is 11.45-12.45pm

School ends at 3.15pm

(Year 1 will be opening the doors slightly **earlier**)

Please be punctual both arriving and collecting your children. If you are unavoidably delayed please contact the school office. Teachers will be in the playground to meet children and parents at the start of the day.

Lunchtimes

All school meals are now free for any child who may want one in KS1. We will be continuing with our band system to lunch times which involves your child choosing a certain colour band in relation to which meal they would like, this means the meals are now tailored to exactly what your child wants to eat on any given day, the delicious choices change daily. Your child will pick this during registration at the beginning of each day.

The Curriculum

At Simonside every child in Year 1 has a daily maths and literacy lesson. During these lessons your child will learn the Year 1 curriculum and

assessments will be in relation to the Year 1 KPI's (Key Performance Indicators). These will be handed out at the beginning of the year.

Parents are expected to practise reading, writing and maths at home with their children. Please do so as it is very important for your child to see school in a positive light.

Daily Phonics lessons will be tailored to the needs of the children. The class will be split between Mr Goldie and the KS1 team. (Additional phonics info will be handed out at the beginning of the year)

Year 1 Topics throughout the academic year:

Autumn 1 Term: 'Happy and Healthy'

Autumn 2 Term: 'Arctic Explorers' and 'Christmas'

Spring 1 Term: 'The Great Fire of Newcastle'

Spring 2 Term: 'We are Britain'

Summer 1 Term: 'Castles'

Summer 2 Term: 'Mini-beasts'

Homework

Topic homework will be given out at the beginning of each term with ideas for you to complete in your child's topic book. Additional maths and literacy homework will be given out each week. A reading book / reading record book will accompany the homework and we expect parents to write how their child is doing with their reading each week.

Important days and dates for this academic year 2017/18:

Tuesday – KS1 Film Club 3:15 – 5:00pm / PE (with class teacher)

Wednesday - PE (with specialised PE teacher)

Thursday: - Homework returned / Reading record books signed

Friday: - Forest School (must wear forest school clothes)

New homework handed out

Fruit and Drink

KS1 are offered fruit each day which is funded by the local authority. We believe that children should take regular drinks of water throughout the school day. Children should bring a water bottle to school, clearly marked with their name.

Absence from School

If your child is absent from school, parents must telephone the school office by 09.30.

- ❖ Contact school as soon as possible to let us know the reason why your child is absent and how long they are likely to be off for.
- ❖ Without an explanation the absence will be marked as **UNAUTHORISED**.
- ❖ Children should not return to school for 48 hours after the last occurrence of sickness.
- ❖ Please arrange to take family holidays during school holidays. Permission must be obtained from the school for absences.
- ❖ Please try to organise all Dentist and non-urgent Doctors' appointments outside of school time.

Forest School:

Whilst 'forest school' status is new to our school and we are learning to adapt our teaching to accommodate the outdoors, we are adamant that your child will thrive and succeed in education with a little help from the outdoors. I aim to take the children out every Friday afternoon for 20mins up to 1 hour to complete independent / teacher led activities in our forest area.

This is ONLY possible with your help!

Your child needs to have a separate bag with them at all times (To leave in school, labelled with their name and FOREST SCHOOL) to

ensure when we go outside they are wearing the appropriate clothing. A separate letter will be going out at the beginning of the year with more information on clothing materials.

P.E

Please ensure that the children bring the correct kit in at the start of the week and keep it in school until Friday. The kit is a **plain green t-shirt**, **black shorts** and **sand shoes** which should be stored in some sort of bag. Trainers will also be needed for outdoor P.E. in September and the warmer months.

It is **very important** to name all of your child's clothing by writing their name on the tags! This includes their PE kit (shorts, t-shirts and shoes), school clothing (cardigans, jumpers, trousers, skirts and shoes) and also their book bags and anything else you send them to school wearing!

PE equipment is **your child's** responsibility. They will be told to fold away clothes at the beginning and end of each session.

Home time

Please stand clear of the stairs and doors to allow the children to see their parents. Remember, Year 1 will be opening the doors slightly earlier to help ease the flow of people.

Open door policy

Your child's happiness and well being are important to us. If you have any worries or concerns please feel free to chat to us.