

Dear Class One Parents,

A big welcome to Class One! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your children and settling them into a happy start to school life at Landscope.

A reminder that Mrs Woods teaches on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday; and Mrs Barons on a Thursday and Friday. The children (and teachers) are supported by Miss Raymont.

Our Drop Off and Pick Up Routine

Class One children should be dropped off at the wooden gate between 8.45am and 8.55am, where they will be greeted by their teacher. They will then go into class and begin their day with some play-based settling in morning activities. We encourage swift goodbyes, at the gate, as this really helps the children to settle into their new routine.

At home time, please wait at the wooden gate.

A quick reminder –

Week 1 we finish at 12noon

Week 2 we finish at 1.30pm

From Monday 18th September we finish at 3.25pm.



Water Bottles, Book Bags, Coats and Spare Clothes

Please send your child into school with a labelled bottle of water every day. The children can refill their bottles throughout the day and we will remind children to drink at regular intervals. Milk is provided (funded by the government) at snack time until your child reaches the age of 5, thereafter it can be paid for. We provide the fruit for the daily morning snack.

If you decide to send in an alternative healthy snack for your child, or if they have packed lunches, please ensure it is NUT FREE. We are a nut free school due to children and adults with nut allergies.

We ask that bookbags and coats are brought into school each day. On sunny days, please ensure sunscreen is applied before school and that your child has a sun hat to wear. We also request that you keep a spare set of clothes (particularly underwear & socks) in your child's bookbag, so we have a change of clothes should they have an accident.

PE and Outdoor Explorers

Every Monday, Class One will have PE with Mr Tanner. We ask that the children come into school wearing their PE kits on this day. They will remain in their PE kit throughout the day. Please ensure they have a warm PE sweatshirt and tracksuit bottoms if the weather is chilly as some of the sessions are outside.



Starting Thursday 21st September, the children will have Outdoor Explorers on a Thursday afternoon. As with PE, children should come to school wearing their Outdoor Explorer clothing and clean shoes/trainers. Children should wear comfortable, covered and practical clothing for outdoor learning – such as a long sleeve top, full length tracksuit bottoms & a jumper. In cold weather, they will need more layers! They will need **full waterproofs** and **wellies**, which we will change them into and out of. To save our classroom floor from becoming filthy, please do not send your child to school wearing wellies. If your child's wellies and waterproofs can remain in school, it enables us to take the children outside for all-weather spontaneous learning!

Please clearly label everything!

Show and Tell

You will receive a letter shortly informing you of your child's 'Show and Tell' day. This is where your child has the opportunity, if they want, to share something interesting with the class. It may be a special item or something they have done recently. Instead of bringing items into school, we ask that you upload your child's 'Show and Tell' to Tapestry as a photo or a short video. The children will then use the large class whiteboard (just like a teacher!) to present their 'Show and Tell' and answer questions – a great opportunity to develop confidence and communication and language skills amongst many others.

Reading Meeting

On Wednesday 13th September at 12.30 in our classroom, Mrs Woods will lead a reading meeting for Class 1 parents to attend. Mrs Woods will share with you how we teach phonics and reading at Landscope and how you can best support your child with this. If you are unable to attend, please let us know and we will send you a copy of the information we will be sharing. Once we have taught a few weeks of phonics, the children will begin to bring reading books home to share with you.

Topics

We will begin this half term with the topic 'On the Farm', moving onto 'Seasonal Change' in November. Please visit Class One's page on the school website to see our 'Topic Web' which details the areas of learning that we will be covering this term.



Volunteering

We are always keen for volunteers in school, whether helping out on school trips, listening to readers, helping in the garden, organising the library, sharing your skills... the list is endless. If you are interested in volunteering, please have a chat with us to let us know what you would like to do. You'll also need to speak to Mrs Grant, in the office, who will be on hand to help arrange a DBS certificate.

Tapestry and Keeping in Touch

As well as using Tapestry for 'Show and Tell', please remember you can use Tapestry to share your child's achievements at home – we love to see what they have been doing! We request you regularly check Tapestry for posts and messages from us and, likewise, please feel free to pop any non-urgent messages for us on there too.

You can also email messages to the school office (adminlandscove@thelink.academy) where they will then be forwarded to us, or simply catch us at drop off and pick up. We understand starting school is a big step for children and parents alike, so please don't hesitate in speaking to us or asking us any questions that you may have.

We look forward to supporting your child through their Reception year and know we will all enjoy making many happy memories along the way!

Many thanks,

Jo Woods, Becky Barons and Amy Raymont