



# Welcome to Year 1



*Transition from  
Reception to Year 1*

2017





## Welcome to Key Stage 1

Here at St Charles we take great pleasure in welcoming you and your child to the next exciting phase in school.

### Staff

Year 1 Teacher (Mon/Tues)	Mrs Drake
Year 1 Teacher (Wed/Thurs/Fri)	Mrs Coussons
Year 1 Teaching Assistant	Mrs Thomas
Year 1 Teaching Assistant	Mrs Hall
Year 2 Teacher	Mrs Williams
Year 2 Teaching Assistant	Mrs Magee

As your child moves from Reception to Year 1, there will be a transition period where the curriculum will be very similar to Reception. Gradually over the first term, a more formal approach will be introduced to the children.

In Year 1, we focus on preparing the children for the rest of their education. Alongside teaching the National Curriculum, we teach and practice lots of routines and consolidate what they have learnt in Early Years. We promote more independence. The children are expected to clear their tray away at lunch time, change their footwear at break times and care for their own belongings. Please remember to label EVERYTHING - including hats, wellies, shoes.

More information about what your children will be learning will be sent out in the Autumn term. Our first topic will be about Outer Space. This is a helpful book to dip into during the holidays - Get Ready for Year 1 (Anthony Brodie) - it is on Amazon priced at £4.50.

### Parents

We deeply value your contribution. If you or a family member is able to volunteer some of their time to hear the children read, this would be greatly received.



### School times

Please wait in the main playground in the morning, unless it is raining, upon which the teacher will open the door as soon as possible.

The children should line up on the number square in the playground at 8.55am. The teacher will take the children into school. Please try and encourage your child to hand notes and money to the teacher once inside the classroom. We have playtimes in the morning and afternoon for approximately 15 minutes. The children go to lunch at 12pm and lessons commence at 1.15pm.

### Snack and milk

Your child will be offered a free piece of fruit each day, for the remainder of Key Stage 1, as part of the Government's initiative to encourage children to eat more fruit. Once your child has turned 5, if you wish for them to continue to have milk, this needs to be paid for. Please contact Sarah in the school office to arrange this.

### School Dinners

All of the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals. This is a newish scheme which the Government are funding, to ensure all children receive at least one hot meal a day. Prior to this scheme, fewer children were entitled to Free School Meals. As well as providing a lunch for children under the old scheme, School receives a further funding grant of £1300. It is all very confusing, but if you think you are entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the office and they will provide further information.

### Outdoor play

Our whole school focus this year is outdoor play and we will be using our new facilities as much as we can. Please could you send a labelled pair of wellies into school for your child to use. We have purchased waterproof trousers for the children to use when playing on the field which should minimise the dirt, however it may be advisable to send a spare set of clothing into school to change into should they get too wet.

## Homework

Homework will include tasks linked to classwork. Please try not to do your children's homework for them. (We know what they can do!) The level of challenge sent home will be appropriate to your child's ability. If you have any concerns about homework please let us know. Written homework and spellings will be sent on a Friday and should be returned by the Wednesday.

They will bring their reading books home each night. As parents ourselves, we understand the stresses of an evening, but a little bit of reading each evening will really benefit your child. Please remember to sign their comment book and add any comments, we do value them!

## Celebration Assembly

Celebration Assembly takes place every Friday at 9am. Invitations will be sent out if your child has been chosen to receive a certificate, but please feel free to join us whenever you get chance. Birthday's will be celebrated and the children are encouraged to bring in certificates and trophies to share with the whole school.

## Communicating with parents

All staff working with your children will be monitoring them throughout their time in Year 1. We see many parents on a daily basis and any significant concerns or messages will be communicated via email or telephone, for parents who we may be working.

Please be assured that we all communicate on a daily basis and messages are shared throughout the team.

If you have any concerns, please don't wait for Parent's Evening to share these. Call or email the office and we will contact you as soon as possible.

## Rewards

We celebrate the children's behaviour, achievement and effort throughout the day. A 'Star of the Day' is chosen each day and they have special duties for that day.

## And finally...

We look forward to sharing the year ahead. Enjoy your child whilst you can - they will soon grow up and above all have fun together and fun with us! Have a wonderful summer!