



The Violet Way  
Academy

## Year 1 Information Autumn Term

**Please find below some information about your child's first term in Year 1:**

### **Marvellous Me:**

We will now be using Marvellous Me as our main form of communication with you. We can send reminders and newsletters via this to keep you updated but parents can also see learning that takes place in class and praise and rewards your child receives through thumbs up and badges. These can be viewed via the Marvellous Me app. You should have had a letter with information about this and code about how to create your parents account any problems please contact the school office.

### **Uniform:**

The children have looked so smart coming back to school in their uniform this week. Can we just remind you that if children do have pierced ears then studs only must be worn to school. Children must also not be wearing any nail varnish.

### **Drinks and snacks:**

Please make sure that your child is bringing a named water bottle to school with them daily. During morning playtime the children have a snack to eat. Your child can have toast provided by school – this costs £21 for the Autumn Term and can be paid via Parent Pay. If children want to bring in their own snack they can bring fruit, vegetables, cereal bars, bread sticks etc. We ask that crisps and chocolate are not sent in for snacks.

### **Forest Schools:**

Forest Schools will start next week and children will have a forest school afternoon every other week. On their forest school days children need to come to school dressed in their Violet Way polo shirt and jumper but wearing suitable outdoor trousers. Please make sure your child has a pair of wellies that fit in school with their name clearly written inside. These are to stay in school for the whole term. Year 1 Forest school days are the following for this term:

- **Dragonflies** Thursday afternoons on: 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> October 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> November & 7<sup>th</sup> December
- **Busy Bees** Friday afternoons on: 8<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 6<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> October 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November & 8<sup>th</sup> December
- **Ladybirds** Wednesday afternoons on: 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 13<sup>th</sup> October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> December

### **P.E:**

Children will have weekly P.E lessons in school. They will now get changed for P.E in school rather than coming into school wearing their P.E kit. Please make sure your child has their P.E kit in school by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September and all items are clearly labelled. These will be sent home again with the children at half term. PE kits need to include Violet Way PE t-shirt and shorts, tracksuit bottoms and a pair of black pumps.

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**Swimming:**

Children in Year 1 will start swimming lesson again this term. Each class will have 10 weeks of swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon at Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote. This term the **Dragonflies** will be going swimming. Their first lesson will be on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September. They need to bring a bag with a towel, their swimming costume/trunks/shorts and they must also bring a swimming cap to wear. If you have any further questions please speak to Mrs Magill or email the school office.

**Parent Reading Workshop:**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September there will be a parent reading workshop in school for all Year 1 and 2 Parents to attend. During this time you will be able to spend time in class with your child during a reading session and attend a parent meeting about using our new online reading diary at home and how to support your child with their reading. Year 1 parents can sign into the office after drop off then go into class with their child from 9am. They will then attend a meeting in the hall at 9.30am after this session.

**Library Mornings:**

We will be starting back our Parent Library mornings this term. The children will choose a new library book weekly but parents can join these sessions every third week on the following dates and times. You can come through the gate with your child at the start of the day and choose a new library book together that the children will bring home with them for the week. These sessions will take place in classrooms initially as our library is having a revamp but once this is completed these sessions will take place in the library. Year 2 will have library sessions on a Monday morning.

**Year 1 Thursday Parent Library Sessions Autumn Term:**

<b>Dragonflies</b>	16/9	7/10	4/11	25/11
<b>Busy Bees</b>	23/9	14/10	11/11	2/12
<b>Ladybirds</b>	30/9	21/10	18/11	9/12

**Harvest Assembly Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

Children to bring into school non-perishable food items from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October and any fresh produce on the day. Parents are invited to attend a class Harvest assembly at the following times:

**Dragonflies – 1.40pm**

**Busy Bees – 2pm**

**Ladybirds – 2.20pm**

There will be a Harvest Food Sale in the Marquee on our Sports Court from 2.50pm onwards on this day. All money raised and food donations will go to Burton Food Bank.

**Burton Albion After School Club:**

Letters will be sent out next week for you to complete if your child would like to attend this after school club. For Year 1 and 2 children it will be after school on a Friday at a cost of £2.50 per session. Information about further after school clubs will be sent out later this term.

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