



Welcome to Year 1!

Our aims for this evening:

- A general introduction to daily life in Year 1 and our expectations of your child.
- To highlight your essential role in your child's life at BHS.

The Year 1 Team

- 1B – Miss Frances Burley, Mrs Vicky Berridge
- Learning Support Team - Mrs Rosie Fletcher, Miss Catherine Ho
- 1W – Mrs Julie Wu, Miss Mei Cheung
- 1T – Miss Jane Trotter, Mrs Jigisha Sanghvi
- Phase group leader for Years 1 and 2 – Mr James Harrison
- Music – Mr Scott Gibson
- ICT – Mr Stuart Lowe
- P.E.– Mr Tim Teahan
- Mandarin – Ms Lynn Xu
- PMP – Mrs Skye Evers

Special Educational Needs at Beacon Hill School

- Inclusive school - All students are encouraged to participate in all activities to the best of their ability
- There are 3 students in our year group who are supported by the Learning Support Team
- SEN department works with each year level in identifying additional students who would benefit from extra support
- Any questions please contact Head of Special Educational Needs: Belinda McLaughlin belinda.mclaughlin@bhs.edu.hk

Equipment

- A B.H.S. bag.
- Correct school uniform.
- School sun hat.
- Healthy snack and lunch in named boxes.
- A named water bottle.
- B.H.S. book bag – diary, home reading book and library book

Some things to remember about snack and lunch:

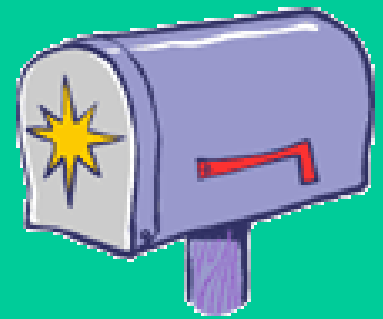
- A healthy snack.
- A **water** bottle.
- Please **no nuts. This is our school policy.**
- Containers need to be named and your child needs to be able to open them by themselves.
- Please ensure your child knows which container is their snack and which is lunch.
- Please give your child manageable portions of food they can finish.

Your child needs to:

- Be wide awake, the recommended amount of sleep for a 5 year old is 11-12 hours, with no afternoon naps.
- Have eaten a nutritional breakfast.
- Be fit and well.
- Be punctual.
- Be independent- regarding dress, toilet, lunch, going down to the playground at the start of the day.
- Be in correct **named** uniform and ready for the weather.
- Bring a BHS hat everyday.
- Be ready to socialise- to share, communicate and respect others.



Communication



- We are always happy to talk but please make an appointment.
- Please keep us up to date with any changes of contact details.
- Please keep us up to date with any change of routine at home e.g. business trips, family visitors.
- Use the diary for any messages to the class teacher.
- Contact us via the diary or email, emails will not necessarily be checked until after school hours.
- To contact single subject teachers please email them directly.
- Urgent messages should be left with the office, such as if your child's end of school arrangements are different.
- Weekly updates are posted on the school website every Friday, please check these for information and important dates.
- Teacher emails are available on the school website.

Home Learning

Mathletics

All children are enrolled on the maths website Mathletics. This is paid for by the PTA, please enjoy this website with your child regularly to support their learning. Passwords will be sent home on Thursday 22nd September.

The Beacon

The school online learning platform The Beacon is regularly updated with websites to visit, activities to complete and videos to view that relate to our current areas of learning.

Welcome to Year 1

Down to you class ...

September 26th - Meet the Teacher Apm
September 26th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 1st - Year 1 Family picnic at Sarsens
September 28th & 29th - School closed
September 29th & 30th - School photographs
September 30th - PTA family BBQ

IB

Miss Burley



IT

Miss Trotter



IW

Mrs Wu



Charlie and Lola

MS Use our reading Charlie and Lola on page 48 HARP on the 26th - 27th November 2011. We encourage you to take your child along.



Mathletics

Your child will be bringing home a username and password for the maths website Mathletics. We encourage you to visit the website with your child regularly.

What have we been doing?

The children have been very busy sharing us all that they can do and what they have to make they have been enjoying comparing and showing us their counting skills and by sharing the words they can read. We have been getting on quite well the systems we use at Sarsens Hill and have to explore the school in our English lessons.

What will we be doing next week?

We will be continuing our assessments next week and in our English lessons we will be meeting various people and things we know that Julia use. The children will be writing phrases of the systems that we use at school ready for our procedure writing in the following week.

IMPORTANT ...

- All your child's clothing needs to be clearly marked with their name and class.
- Hot drinks and water bottles should be in school every day.
- Sarsens Hill is a not fire school, please do not send any nuts for the children to eat during snack time.

Please check the Year 1 weekly update every weekend. This will have information about what the children have been doing at school and what they will be doing the following week.

Daily Routines

- 8:30am Children go to the playground.
- 8:45 Line up and walk to the classroom.
- 10:30 Snack and playtime
- 10:50 Back to class.
- 12:45pm Lunchtime.
- 1:05 Playtime.
- 1:30 Back to class.
- 2:55 Children go to playground or front steps to go home.

Timetable

1B class timetable

	8.45 – 9.00	9.00 – 9.45	9.45 – 10.30		10.50 – 11.15	11.15 – 12.00	12.00 – 12.45		1.30 – 2.15	2.15 – 3.00
Monday	Register	Golden book Assembly		B		ICT With Mr Lowe	Music With Mr Gibson	L		
Tuesday	Register		Mandarin With Ms Lynn	R				U		Learning Centre *Library Books
Wednesday	Register	Mandarin With Ms Lynn	PE With Mr Teahan	E			PMP	N		
Thursday	Register		Mandarin With Ms Lynn	A				C	PMP	
Friday	Register	Assembly		K				H	PE With Mr Teahan	Phase assembly

Assessments

- ESF wide assessments – PiPs
- Benchmarking for reading levels
- Maths assessments – NumPa
- Pre-assessments, beginning of units
- Summative task, end of units

Curriculum

Units of Inquiry

- 6 units inquired into throughout the year
- 1 unit is year long *How We Express Ourselves* **Stories can be told in different ways and for different reasons**
- Our current transdisciplinary theme is *How We Organise Ourselves* **Systems help our communities work**
- Our other themes are:

Who We Are

Where We Are in Place and Time

How The World Works – this will be our ‘sharing unit’

Sharing the Planet

- We hope to have an excursion each Unit of Inquiry, we ask for as many parent volunteers as possible. We hope to see you on one of our trips. Dads are always welcome!
- The POI you will receive has more information.

Reading – started today

The aim of Home Reading at BHS is to provide an opportunity to practise essential reading skills. We believe that success in reading results from partnerships between students, parents and teachers. The Home Reading Programme has been carefully devised to enable students to succeed in reading.

The book your child brings home is to develop their fluency and comprehension. They should be encouraged to retell the story and answer questions.

Please comment in the reading diary after you have listened to your child read. Your child will soon be given a target for reading. This will give you a focus to comment on.

We encourage the children to be independent when choosing books. The children will only be able to change their book if their reading diary has been signed.

This is your child's homework!

These may be suggestions for activities to do at home in the weekly update.



Curriculum continued...

- **Phonics**- We teach Phonics using a Synthetic Phonic programme. Please encourage the children to write using lower case letters not capitals.
- Get Reading Right
<http://www.getreadingright.com.hk/phoneme/pronounce-the-phonemes/1>
- **Maths**- In Year 1 the focus is on practical maths not the written recording. The PYP fosters an inquiry approach.
- Each Year 1 class pairs up with a year 5 class for **buddy time** regularly.



Assemblies

- Golden Book assembly every Monday, every child will receive a certificate throughout the course of the year.
- Each class will have a class assembly

1T – May 25th

1B – June 1st

1W – June 15th



Class excitement...



- Each class will have a mascot who will visit the home of each child. This is an opportunity for the children to practise their recount and writing skills.
- Special sack
- Mystery Storyteller – please sign up on the sheet in the shared area.
- Birthdays, your child will be sung to in our phase assembly. Please no birthday treats.

And finally...

- Please check that everything your child brings to school which can be put down or taken off is labelled, including socks and **shoes!**



And Finally, finally...

P.T.A. Welcome B.B.Q 16th September

