



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year One!

Please find below details of routines which we hope you will find useful.

Teachers

Mrs Hunter and Mrs David are the class teachers for St George's (1G), and Mrs Molnar is the teaching assistant. Mrs Helsby is the class teacher for St Paul's (1P), with Mrs Stadie as the teaching assistant.

In addition, the children will be taught by Mrs Mather for Music, Mr Arnold for Games and Mrs Harrison for Spanish.

Marist Learner

The Marist Learner is at the heart of all our learning. During each day, we will be reminding the children of what it means to be a Marist Learner and looking for examples of the attributes in practice. When discussing their learning, we expect the children to identify their strengths and the areas they wish or need to develop.

Safeguarding and communication

At The Marist, the safety of your child is paramount. E-safety is an integral part of our curriculum and we ask for your support in demonstrating responsible internet and social media use to our children: this includes awareness of privacy when sharing photographs online.

Keeping children safe means fostering an open channel of communication between home and school: if you have any concerns, we would request that you speak to your child's class teacher or another member of staff in the first instance. Please support all our children by refraining from discussing school matters in an open forum – in our experience, the best way to resolve any issues is by speaking to us.

Reading

We expect your child to read every night and books will be changed daily. Please record the title of the book, the date and if possible, a short comment before signing the reading record. Reading books will only be changed if you have recorded their reading.

Benchmarking: This is a very effective tool in assessing that the children are reading at their correct levels. Benchmarking looks not only at the child's fluency but also at their understanding of the text. We will decide when we feel your child is ready to be tested, bearing in mind that your child may not automatically move up each time they are benchmarked.

Spellings

A white spelling book including word lists for the entire year will be sent home in book bags shortly. Spellings are tested on a Friday morning and will be written in a yellow book which should also stay in your child's book bag. This way you will be able to see how your child has done each week.

PE

PE takes place on Tuesdays and Thursdays in 1P and on Wednesdays and Thursdays in 1P. Please ensure that PE kits remain in school and they will be sent home half-termly for washing. Every item, including the bag, should be named clearly and socks should be included for girls wearing tights.



Curriculum Webs

These are available at the start of each half term and show the areas of work that will be covered in each subject.

Religious Education

In Year 1 this term we will focus on three key themes: Domestic Church (Family), Baptism and Confirmation (Belonging) and Advent and Christmas (Waiting). We will also be looking at Judasism as our Other Faiths week this term. In the summer term we shall focus on Islam.

Class Worship Dates

	Leading Whole School Worship 9 to 9.30 am in Hall
St George	Friday 3 rd February 2017
St Paul	Friday 12 th May 2017

Other Dates for your diary:

- Tuesday 27th September Bring your pet to school 9 – 10.30am
- Friday 30th September Grandparents' afternoon

We hope that everyone has a happy and successful Year 1 and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support.

If you have any concerns during the course of the year regarding your child, please talk to the teacher at the end of the day or the teaching assistant in the morning. If more time is needed, please make an appointment through the office.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs D David, Mrs K Hunter and Mrs S Helsby