



John Scurr Primary School

Year 1: Meet the Team

Autumn 2024

Year 1 classes:

Hussain Class:

Teacher: Caitlin

Teaching Assistants: Zarrin, Satnam & Shokina



Malala Class:

Teacher: Lotus



Uniform

We encourage our children to come to school looking smart and ready for good learning.

- Trousers: dark grey
- Skirt/Pinafore dress: dark grey
- Summer dress (check pattern): Blue and white check
- tights: white, dark grey
- Cotton shirt/polo shirt: plain white or pale blue
- Sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan: John Scurr Blue
- Head scarves should be plain white or John Scurr blue and is a short 'pull on' scarf.



PE

This year, Year 1 have PE lessons on a Thursday. PE lessons consist of structured teaching in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. To ensure full access and high performance in PE, **your children need to come to school wearing their PE kits on a Thursday.**

- Plain shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms with school badge: (dark blue or John Scurr blue)
- Plain long or short sleeved T-shirt (white or pale blue). Additional sweatshirt (blue)
- They will also need black trainers or plimsolls.

This term only, we will have dance on a Tuesday. Children will need to wear PE kits on Tuesday and Thursday.



Attendance & Punctuality

Main gates open at 8:45.

The bell will ring at 8:45 am.

- Our guided reading begins at **8:45am**, meaning anyone who is late is missing out on learning.
- Arrival after **9:00am** will be marked as late.

We hold high expectations of all of our students and expect them to attend school on time, every single day. Missing a single session has a negative impact on their learning and progress and we encourage you to mirror the same expectations at home. Please encourage your children to attend and refrain from keeping them at home unless absolutely necessary.

Looking at it closely



1 academic year at 90% attendance =
almost 4 whole weeks of lessons missed.

Sept ----- July



up to 4 weeks absence

How much odd absences add up and affect your child's progress at school

Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Online Safety

It is extremely important that your child's online activity is closely monitored and necessary restrictions are applied. This is to ensure their safety online and prevention of access to unsuitable material.

Please ensure you are not allowing your child to play games that are not age appropriate and that older siblings are also supporting you to maintain this.

If you need support in setting up parental controls on your devices, please seek support from us by emailing **admin@johnscurr.towerhamlets.sch.uk**

Having the chat:

conversation starters for talking to your children about online safety



Primary age

- 'How does this game/app work? Can I play?'
- 'Which apps or games are you into at the moment?'
- 'Do you have any online friends?'
- 'Do you know where to go for help?'
- 'Have you ever seen any bad behaviour online? What did you see? What did you do about it?'
- 'Do you know where to go for help if something upsets you online?' (remind them of you, or CEOP, or Childline, or a teacher)
- 'What kinds of things should we do to keep our personal information safe when we're online?'
- 'What happens to what we say or send when we post it online?'

Medical Tracker

Medical tracker is an electronic method of logging all things medical. This includes administration of medication, illnesses and injuries.

You will receive an email notification if your child is injured or unwell at school. **Please do not panic if you receive one - if it is serious, we will contact you immediately like we already do!**

Medical tracker is a more efficient method of recording and tracking medical needs and will help to increase student safety and improve risk management.



And...

Children need **water bottles** to be cleaned and refilled **every day** to ensure they remain hydrated throughout the day. We are able to refill them at school during the day but they need to be cleaned thoroughly at home every evening to maintain high levels of hygiene.

Please put your child's name on them.

Shoes/Trainers

Children should wear shoes that allow them to run safely around the playground e.g. black trainers or black school shoes.

Please don't let your child wear wellington boots, they offer limited support for growing feet and make running and climbing difficult.

Statutory Assessments

All children in year 1 will be sitting phonics assessments during the year. We will discuss these in more detail nearer the time.

Reading

All pupils will be given a book for reading for pleasure that they can change daily. This is their responsibility - we will not change these books for them.

They will also be given a phonics book every **Friday**. There need to be returned to school the **following Friday**. If a book is lost at home the school will charge a **£5** fine to replace it.

All pupils will be expected to read for at least 10 minutes each day before bedtime.

After School

Readiness – Thursday, 3-4pm, starting next week

- ▣ Support your child's learning in school.
- ▣ Different from a club - we choose who we would like to attend.

After School Club, Thursday, 3-4pm starting next week

- ▣ Recreational
- £5 for the term - pay at the office
- ▣ Allows your child to develop their interests and enjoy time with friends
- Opportunities to receive house points

School Ping App

- ❓ Please make sure that the school office has the correct phone number.
- ❓ Please make sure that you have the School Ping app on your device.
- ❓ Check that you are receiving updates from us.
 - Eg – did you receive the school ping about this meeting?

If you have a concern or worry

Please contact the John Scurr office team on 0207 790 3647

Or email admin@johnscurr.towerhamlets.sch.uk

Any questions?