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Dear Parents/Carers,

Class letter with information for Year 1

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you had a happy and safe holiday time. This letter provides key information (mainly reminders) of what to expect in Year 1. Attached is a separate document which outlines the curriculum overview for each subject.

Drop-off/Pick-up & Registers

The children will continue to arrive and depart via the pedestrian gate, which opens onto the KS1 playground.

I collect the children and start taking their lunch order at 8:50am so that I can also take the register promptly by 9:00am. The pedestrian gate will be locked at 8:55am.

I walk the children to the school gate for pick up by 3:05pm

Communication

I welcome you to contact me with any queries or concerns through email. Please do feel free to talk to me this way. I may not be able to answer immediately, but I will get back to you. For anything urgent or for something that needs to be shared immediately you can call the office who will pass on the message. You can also make a phone appointment with us at a mutually convenient time, by calling or emailing the office.

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Absence

Please let the office know in advance if your child has a medical or similar appointment and will need to be taken out of school or to arrive late.

If your child is ill, please ring or email the office as soon as possible on each day of absence.

If your child is off due to the covid-19 pandemic work will be shared with you via google classroom.

Keeping Safe

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle - fresh each day, and a fruit snack if you wish to provide your own (NO NUTS OR SEEDS please).

Everyone will wash their hands frequently including: on arrival, before and after - eating, playtimes, using the toilet and then again before going home. Classes will have labelled allocated toilets.

There will be extra cleaning of classrooms, touch points, tables and toilets.

Equipment and clothing

PE lessons are on Tuesdays and our Forest school sessions are on Thursdays however children should come to school in clothes that are suitable for PE every day. We aren't having PE kits in school. We will be using our outdoor spaces as much as possible, so layers of warm clothes are needed every day and can be left on the back of their chairs if the children get too warm. The guidance means keeping windows and doors open as much as possible for ventilation so warm clothes are essential. Please tie long hair back.

Reading

Every Monday the children can choose three new story books to take home to read for that week. Please remember to return them the following week along with their yellow reading diary.

Writing

This term we will be moving on to forming capital letters correctly. Any support with correct letter formation at home is greatly appreciated and is immediately apparent in the classroom.

Homework

We ask that children spend about 10-15 minutes every day reading or sharing books with you at home. As previously mentioned whenever you read with your child please record it in their yellow reading diary. A short comment is all that is needed. It is really important that your child reads every day at home to encourage phonic and decoding skills, whole word recognition and their comprehension by discussing the book.

Thank you for all your support. I am looking forward to having lots more interesting learning and exciting experiences together this term.

Mr Heather