

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had an enjoyable summer holiday and that your children have enjoyed their first few days at school. We have created this letter to hopefully answer some of your questions about class routines.

General Class Information

When the bell rings at 8.45am, the children are expected to line up on the playground with their belongings in their class groups (over the next few days we will be learning our register order for lining up). They then come into the classroom to settle before the register is taken at 8.55am. We encourage the children to bring their own water bottle into school to use throughout the day but water is also available in all classrooms. The children are also expected to have their book bags with them every day and to have plimsolls in school to wear in the classroom. Please make sure your child is in correct school uniform and that hair is tied back for hygiene and safety. **Due to Safeguarding Regulations no parents or carers are allowed in the classrooms or cloakrooms without a member of staff present.**

P.E.

The children's P.E. kits **must** be brought in on a Monday and stay on their pegs until home time on Friday in case we undertake any extra P.E. activities. The children have a PE session with a specialist coach on a Monday and their second PE session will be with their class teacher on a different day.

All items of P.E. clothing **must** be named and placed in a named bag as every year we have so many missing or unclaimed items of clothing. The children need:

- A white t-shirt (without buttons)
- A black/blue jumper
- A pair of black/blue shorts
- A pair of black/blue tracksuit bottoms
- **A pair of trainers are essential for both indoor and outdoor P.E. sessions**
- A pair of gloves when it starts to get cold (for outdoor P.E.).

Children are not allowed to wear earrings during P.E. lessons. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they can take their earrings out themselves or that you remove them before they come to school.

Reading

This week we will be sending home a picture book with your child. Enjoy sharing the book together. Talk to them about the story, why they chose the book and what they liked best about the book.

From next week, your child will have a new reading diary for the year and books of an appropriate level. As the children finish their school reading books (which they may need to read more than once) please encourage them to pick a new one of the same stage when they come into the classroom in the morning. **If there is a member of staff present**, you are welcome to come into the classroom with your child before the bell rings in the morning or after the children leave the classroom at the end of the day in order to help them pick new books.

When you hear your child read or share a book at home, please record this in their reading diary as we record how frequently each child reads.

Homework

Information about homework will follow in due course.

We hope that this letter has been useful and we will endeavour to keep you informed of any changes to our routines and information about specific events and activities. If you have any questions during the school year, feel free to come in and ask either before the bell rings or once the children have left at the end of the day.

Many thanks,

Mrs Jones, Miss Claxton, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Vaughan and Miss Soley