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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope you had a relaxing summer. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school and we are looking forward to an exciting year. We will provide you with more information at our Meet the Teacher meeting on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 3.10pm** but here are a few organisational points until then.

Reading:

Children will bring two reading books and their reading diary home soon. One book will be a Phonics book targeted at your child's Phonics ability. Please read this book at home a few times to improve fluency and record how your child read in the comments section of their reading diary. The other book will be to share with you to promote their love of reading. Children will not be expected to read this book. Books and diaries are to be returned to school every day. They will be changed every week.

Spellings:

We will send home a list of 6 spellings for children to learn at home each week. These will be the tricky words we are learning in Phonics at school. We will then choose 3 spellings to test on a Friday. If your child needs to continue to learn these words we will inform you.

Water bottles:

Your child needs to bring a named **reusable** water bottle into school every day. These must not be single use water bottles. Water bottles should be filled with water **only** please and brought home at the end of the day to be cleaned and filled with fresh water ready for the following day. Children's water bottles stay in their classrooms so if they require a water bottle for lunch please provide two.

Snacks:

Previously the children have been used to using a snack table in EYFS. Now they will be provided with a piece of fruit at break time or children can bring in a healthy snack from home. Year 1 do not need to bring any money in to buy a snack.

P.E:

There will be two P.E. lessons a week in Year 1. Children need to come to school in their P.E. kits. P.E. kits should be a white plain t-shirt, dark shorts or joggers, black pumps and a school jumper. P.E. will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays for both Year 1 classes starting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

We are very excited to be teaching Year 1 and we are looking forward to celebrating your children's successes with you. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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