Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year One!

We are **delighted** to be teaching your child this year and we are looking forward to helping unlock their full potential. Miss Dawson will be teaching the class Monday – Wednesday, and Miss Whitaker will be teaching Thursday – Friday. Miss Duddy will be supporting the class.

Year One is about transitioning from Reception into a more formal way of learning. This will be done carefully and gradually, so please do not worry. Your child will be fully supported during this journey. Reading and Phonics are a huge focus, as the children will sit the Government’s Phonics Screening test at the end of the school year.

In preparation for this, it is very important to continue with **daily reading at home** and make sure to sign it in their reading record.

**PE –** our PE days this term are **Monday** and **Tuesday**. **Children must come into school wearing their full PE kit on these days.**

**Uniform –** please ensure your child is wearing the full and correct uniform. It is essential that all items of clothing are named. Ties and cardigans/jumpers are regularly lost and unlikely to be retrieved without names in them.

**Other homework**

**Tricky words/spellings –** Every Friday, your child will bring home a small book with a list of words to spell. Please ask your child to copy each word into the spaces next to it to help them remember.

**Meet the teacher**

On Wednesday 10th September 5-5.30pm and Thursday 11th September 3.30-4pm there will be a Meet the Teacher presentation in school. This will inform you a little more about what your child will be doing this year in Year 1. You only need to attend one of them. It will also have a crucial part about how we keep our children safe online. If this is not attended, your child may not be able to access the internet in school.

**Communication**

We will continue to update the school website with our class news. Please remember to check your parent app regularly to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Finally, we value good communication with parents so please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child in school. Email is the best way to contact us – our email addresses are at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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