11th September 2018

Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome to Year 1. I look forward to working with you. Here are a few things to help you throughout the year.

The children have P.E. twice a week on Monday and Wednesday. They should have a change of clothes suitable for an active lesson; shorts for indoors, a track suit for outdoor games, a change of shirt and sports shoes. Girls with ear-rings must take them out or cover them with tape. If your child is attending the Multisports club on Thursdays please send in different sports kit so their P.E. clothes stay in school as the children do not change after the club and I frequently have children without the proper clothes for the next P.E. lesson.

The children are looking very smart at the beginning of the year. If your daughter’s hair is long it should be tied back neatly so it does not get in the way. Please name all your child’s clothes, particularly school uniform, hats, scarves and gloves as they get lost very easily and the children do not recognise their own clothes. We all use the same shops and it is difficult to recognise a white shirt after a P.E. lesson. If you are using second hand uniform worn please make sure the clothes are clearly renamed.

The cloakroom has been painted and fitted with new pegs. It would be helpful if the children learn to use the hanging loop inside rather than the hood. If your child’s coat does not have a loop please

The children have the opportunity to borrow a library book once a week. These are books to share together, not for the children to read on their own. Please sit and look and discuss the pictures together. I would like this to be on Thursday afternoon so if any parents feels they could make a rota to help once a week I would be most grateful.

I will be sending home spellings. The children will be taught how to do these at school. If you are unsure what to do please see us so we can explain. Though there is a meeting dedicated to learning phonics later in the term I attach a sheet with all the alternative spellings of the different sounds taught for your guidance.

Please hear your child read every evening once they have their reading books and please comment on how they got on in the yellow reading record. Some of the children may be given words to learn too. Please help your child practise these.

Mathletics – This is continuing with new challenges being set each week on Wednesday. We will have Mathletics sessions three or four times a week while I take guided reading with different groups.

We have a class dragon called Kraków who will go home with the children in turn. If he goes home on a Monday please send him back to school on Thursday and if he goes home on Thursday please send him back on Monday. Though a photograph of your child with Kraków is nice, a drawn picture is fine too. The idea is that the children have fun with him with a short diary entry to say what you did together.

I am looking for small and large Pringle tubes to store mathematics equipment and rulers. If you have any please send them into school.

At the end of the day if you find you are going to be late for some reason please contact the school and let us know so we can warn your child. They can get upset if you are late.

If you have any queries I will be pleased to see you, preferably after school. Please contact the school to make an appointment or see me after school to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Susan Mace