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Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to you all. We hope you've all had a fantastic summer and are looking forward to starting this new school year.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know your children. Rest assured we will care for them and keep them safe as if they were our own. We know these are still uncertain times for everybody and we are all 'feeling our way.' We have an exciting half term planned and we hope everybody will be happy and settled as quickly as possible. If you do have any questions, queries or concerns or just want to chat we are more than happy to. The end of the school day is an ideal time for this or if that doesn't work we can organise a time that is suitable. We are also contactable by email

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Here is a taster of what will happen on a regular basis in Class 6.

Routine of the morning:

1. First of all, your child will find their peg and hang up their coat and book bag.
2. Should your child bring a packed lunch from home, we will keep these in our cloakrooms until we head to the hall at lunch times. Please make sure lunch bags are named.
3. They will then put their healthy snack from home in their named tray and their water bottle will go next to the sink. Please make sure all snacks and bottles are labelled with your child's name. ***There is a healthy snack list in your induction pack.***
4. Next your child will find their name on a log slice and put it in the basket, this is our self-registration.
5. A grown up in school will help your child choose their lunch using the smart board. Please let an adult know if there is a particular lunch you want your child to have on any particular day.
6. Now your child is ready to play! They will access our indoor continuous provision areas until we are ready to come together as a class.

Helpful hints:

- Ms Goodband teaches on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Hutchinson's teaching days are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Bailey will be in class all week.
- **Snacks:** We ask that you provide your child with a healthy snack for the afternoon (fruit, breadsticks, vegetable sticks, hard cheese). Snacks not taken home at the end of each day will be disposed of, to help keep our classroom smelling fresh. We ask that you label this snack, as 10 apples can all look the same.
- **Water bottles:** These should be provided on a daily basis, to help your child stay hydrated, awake and ready to learn. Please refresh the contents each day. Water **ONLY** is allowed in school **NO juice**, as sugar stops you from thinking as well as you can!
If your child has a diagnosed medical condition that affects their fluid intake, please have a chat with one of our team so we can help in every way.

- **PE:** We will be doing PE twice a week. On a **Wednesday** PE will be inside and on a **Thursday** PE will be outside. THE CHILDREN SHOULD COME DRESSED READY FOR PE ON THEIR PE DAYS. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit - dark shorts and white t-shirt (inside kit) and a warm track suit/joggers/hoodie and trainers/pumps (outside kit). Please ensure any earrings have been removed before school, or children will not be able to join in with PE.
- **Book Bags:** Please bring this to school every day and check for notes, letters and new books to share with your child. We will try to ensure that letters are only sent home on Fridays to make life easier for you. Once your child has a reading book, we will change them at least once per week. If you would like a different book at any point, please just ask.
- **Wellies:** Please bring to school a pair of labelled wellies in a carrier bag. Your child will be using them on a daily basis in our outdoor learning area and also each week for 'Welly Wednesday.' We suggest that you leave them on your child's peg to save you bringing them in each day. 1 less thing to think about!
- **Uniform and Welly Wednesday:** We ask that you write your child's name in each piece of uniform, including coats, hats and scarves so that lost clothing can be easily returned to your child. Every Wednesday is 'Welly Wednesday' in our reception classes. AS OUR WELLY WEDNESDAY AND OUTDOOR PE DAYS COINCIDE, PLEASE ENSURE THE CLOTHING THAT YOU SEND YOUR CHILD IN IS SUITABLE FOR BOTH. Old tracksuits or jogger bottoms are ideal, as more often than not we get muddy!

First few weeks:

During our first few weeks in class together we will be focusing on really getting to know each other, especially learning about our personal interests and favourite things. The staff will be taking every opportunity to play alongside your children and share their conversations in depth so that we can do our best to become familiar with each other. This will help the children to settle in and allow their confidence to flourish. Please do have a private word with the staff if there are any difficult issues which have happened over the holidays that we need to handle sensitively as these early days are so important in understanding each other and building relationships.

With this in mind our aim for the first few weeks is to focus on our Personal, Social and Emotional areas of learning. We will use stories in a fun way to help us talk about and understand our own feelings, needs and how best to build good friendships with others. This will help us to work and play co-operatively together throughout the year in a happy and relaxed way. We involve the children in discussing ways we can ensure this happens, and together establish a class set of important behaviours which we display in our room to remind us.

The staff will also be learning about your child's individual learning strengths and needs during these early few weeks, so we know exactly how to help them progress once we are settled in. This academic year the government have introduced a simple assessment tool to help staff with this process. It is called, 'The Reception Baseline Assessment.' It is essentially a short practical and interactive series of activities, taking no longer than 20minutes in total. The assessment activities cover areas of mathematics, speech and communication skills and literacy. Activities are carried out in the same way as any other activities in class, so your child will not be aware at all that they are completing an assessment! There is no pass or fail. Indeed, there are no scores at all for adults in class to see or share with you. Data is seen and used only by the Department of Education to plan for year 6 outcomes. We will start to implement this system once the children are all settled in to school. Further information on the Reception Baseline Assessment will be sent to you in due course.

And finally, if you have any other queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to ask one of us. We are always more than willing to make the time after school to chat with you. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year,

Many thanks,
Class 6 team

Mrs Hutchinson,



Ms Goodband



Mrs Bailey

