**Year 1 Informal Parents Meeting - September 2017**

Please find below outline of information discussed at the Year 1 informal parents meeting.

**Expectations**

* We expect the children to follow the class rules. These are the same throughout the school.
* Children are beginning to be able to work more independently and there will be times when we ask the children to work silently.
* We expect the children to work to the best of their ability, which differs from child to child.
* We expect the children to work without disturbing others.
* The children will receive a reward (house point, name on the rainbow chart, sticker) for working to the best of their ability and behaving very well.
* Consequences for Children not following the school rules are: a warning, working away from others, miss a play and speak to a senior member of staff.

**Homework**

* Homework will be given on Friday and expected back by Wednesday (to give us time to mark and put new homework in). Homework is important as it reinforces the learning that has taken place during the week.
* Spellings: the children will be given three high frequency words and three sounds from phonics every week to learn this term. We will give these out on a Friday and test them the following Friday.
* All Year 1 classes have a class soft toy that will go home with a child every week. Please encourage the children to write a few sentences about what they did over the weekend and maybe draw a picture in the diary that accompanies the toy. Please feel free to take a photo of your child and the soft toy to be put into the diary.
* Reading: the children will be able to read to the class teacher or TA at least once a week and more than once if we have parent helpers coming in. The children choose their own books from the banded books to take home. It would be very helpful if the children read at home for at least 10 minutes every day. Check that the children understand what they have read by asking questions about the text read.

**Phonics Screening Test**

* In June, children in Year 1 will take the National Phonics Screening Check. Children will apply their phonic knowledge to read 40 real and pseudo (alien) words which can be decoded using their phonics.

**Procedures**

* Snack and milk- if children have paid for milk they will receive their milk mid- morning. Snack is provided during playtime- carrots, pears, apples, bananas or strawberries.
* No dinner tickets are needed up until Year 3.
* Each child needs to have a named water bottle (no squash please).Water bottles can be refilled in class and children can have a drink at designated times. They are also encouraged to drink from the fountain at playtimes.
* The children are encouraged to use the toilet during play and lunch times. They will be able to use them during class time if they need to.
* Feel free to ask quick questions at the end of the day otherwise please phone the office to make an appointment so that a suitable time can be arranged.
* The children should bring in their book bags to school each day **(no backpacks as BOOKBAGS please)**. If you have an Engayne rucksack already this can still be used for PE or swimming.
* Year 1 teachers plan lessons together therefore provision for each child will be same.
* P.E and swimming – timetables were sent with the children during the first week. Please make sure all items are labelled with your child’s name to avoid mix up.

**School Website**

* Don’t forget to check our website for more information and important dates

**Playground/School Grounds**

* Please remember to keep your child with you at the start and end of the school day keeping them off the grassed area and infant outdoor gym for health and safety reasons.

**Home/School Communication**

* The yellow reading diary in your child’s book bag is primarily used to record how well your child is reading. Please write in these regularly as it informs us of their reading progress at home. This diary also serves as a two way communication with us and you. Please use this diary to jot down any questions, concerns or brief notes. These are checked every morning by our TA’s.