**Year 1 Informal Parents Meeting - September 2019**

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 reward chart, sticker etc) 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.
* Reading: the children will be able to read to the class teacher or as part of a group once a week. The children choose their own books from the banded books to take home. It would be very helpful if the children read at home every day. Check that the children understand what they have read by asking questions about the text read. The children will also be allocated ‘Bug Club’ books for them to read at home.
* As well as hearing your child read it is essential to read aloud to your child. It assists with vocabulary, intonation and expression and it allows your child to access stories and books that they can not yet read to themselves.

**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.
* All children benefit from free school meals 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.
* 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 rainbow steps, grassed area and infant outdoor gym/ pirate ship 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.
* Any important notes please put in your child’s hand to give to their teacher.