**Class One Information.**

We have included some frequently asked questions about next year and hopefully it will ease any concerns you may have.

**School uniform**

Uniform differs slightly from Treetops:

In the autumn term all children can return in their summer uniform (weather permitting) or wear white shirts and school ties.

All other uniform is the same as Treetops.

Children are asked to wear black shoes.

Summer term:

Boys are asked to wear red checked shirt (no tie)

Girls are asked to wear red checked summer dresses.

**Where do I drop my child off in a morning?**

Parents are asked to bring their children to the cloak room door at the beginning of the day. The cloakroom door is at the opposite side of the school to reception, it is right at the far end of the building For the first couple of days, you are welcome to help settle your child in. Each child will have a peg for their coat, a tray for their book bag and PE kits are put in the boxes provided. We have one box for girls and one for boys.

Most importantly, it is crucial that both parents and children are happy within the first few days. Please feel free to come into the cloakroom and help your child. Follow them through into the class if you wish and have a look around. It is important that children have your support and approval, but that they also see adults forming relationships and communicating.

Children will be expected to come into school independently after a few days. A member of staff is on the door each morning to take any messages and to answer any questions. If you wish to speak to a teacher in more detail, please don’t hesitate to ask and an appointment can be made at the end of the school day.

**Where do I collect my child from?**

Children in Class one are collected from the opposite side of the school, past the main reception area and through the outdoor area. We are the last classroom, nearest to the road.

**When is PE?**

PE is on Tuesdays and Fridays but we ask that kits are left in school all week as routines sometimes need to be changed.

Teachers will send PE kits home at the end of each half term.

Children require black shorts and a red Duddon PE t-shirt ( all items of uniform are ordered from our online supplier- [www.kids-biz.co.uk](http://www.kids-biz.co.uk)

Please can you also provide pumps and trainers for indoor and outdoor use.

**What happens at morning break?**

At morning break time, children are offered the opportunity to buy a snack. We recommend that each child brings a small purse or wallet for their money. A familiar teacher is always on duty and will be able to help Year 1 children will money, so please don’t worry. If you wish to send a snack in with your child instead, we ask that it is a healthy snack such as fruit or breadsticks, chocolate and crisps are not allowed at snack time.

Snacks available to buy include:

Bagels 25p

Toast 20p

Hot chocolate 30p

Ice smoothies ( summer months only) 35p

Changes to prices will be addressed on the schools newsletters.

**How will year one differ from the foundation stage?**

The National Curriculum differs greatly from the Foundation Stage Curriculum that the children have experienced in Nursery and Reception. We try to ensure a smooth transition for both children and adults but the new national curriculum is very prescriptive and requires more focus on adult led activities.

Staff are very familiar with the children coming into class one and are excited about learning and exploring the topic of Ourselves and our Environment. There will still be plenty of opportunities for fun activities and we aim to create an exciting and stimulating curriculum based around the interests, abilities and needs of the class. Your children maybe more tired and will probably notice a change in the pace of the day. During the summer term, we have been helping the children to adapt to this change of pace, offering more focussed activities.

There will be an information evening highlighting the New Curriculum in the autumn term.We hope that you can attend as it will discuss how parents can support their child’s learning outside school.

**Reading in Year One:**

In September, your child will bring home a reading diary. This is a record for you and your child. Parents are asked to read with their child at least three times a week, ideally four. Please record when you have read and any comment such as if they enjoyed the book, if they could retell the story and answer questions.

Each child will be given a day of the week when their books are changed. On this day your child will be read with and given the following:

2 books from their reading band.

1 book from the reading band above ( for challenge)

1 book from the library. (This can be read together or for parents to read to the child.)

Within school, children will be read with during their one to one reading time, Guided Reading sessions ( reading the same text within a small group and completing activities based on the text) through daily phonics sessions, through reading big books together and through our daily Literacy activities. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

**Will phonic sessions still continue?**

The children have already started to learn their phonics sounds in nursery and reception and this will continue in Year 1. We have included a phonics sheet and a list of high frequency words for you to read with your child at home.

We have also included an information sheet about Hearing your child read at home and have included some sample questions that you could ask your child to ensure they have understood the story. We hope that this information is helpful.

**Will my child have homework?**

Reading with your child each evening is considered to be homework. More formal homework will start to be sent out after Christmas. Maths and Literacy tasks will be sent out on alternative Fridays and it is asked that it is returned to school by the end of the next week. We also start spelling tests after Christmas. More information will be handed out nearer the time.

**How will I know what is going on in Class?**

All information is put up on the class website. This will include a topic web for the half term, dates for your diary and important messages. We will also send letters and texts about certain events in school. Staff are always available to speak to, please speak to someone on the door in a morning or request a longer appointment at the end of the day.

A school newsletter will continue to be sent out each week.

**Can I help in Class one?**

We love help from parents. We usually allow time for the children to settle in, but, after the first half term, we would love parents to come into school and work with us. If you have a particular skill, please let us know.

**What can we do over the holiday to help prepare our child for year one?**

Firstly have a lovely relaxing summer; the children are all really tired. Collect memories of your summer on the sandcastles provided. You can write, stick photographs or drawings on to them. These will be displayed in the classroom and will be shared with the other children and adults.

Complete the jigsaw piece together, again this will make a display in their new classroom. Be creative and add whatever you like.

We have also included a little booklet for children to write and draw messages for us. Although we know them really well already, this is another way of ensuring a smooth transition into Year 1.

We have included a phonic sheet and some high frequency words to look at together over the holidays. The children have learnt their sounds so well and quick regular recaps will ensure that they remember their sounds in September.

We are very much looking forward to working with your and your child,

Please contact us if you have any further questions.

We hope you have a lovely summer.

Many thanks

Mrs Entwistle, Mrs Kinsey, Mrs Speed and Mrs Lansdell