Parents of children in Classes 1EG and 1JH 11th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 1! We have had a wonderful first week with the children and we are all looking forward to the coming year. We hope that it will be a year that your child will remember and enjoy!

**The Teaching Team:**

This year the children will be working with a number of people. Miss Greatrex and Mrs Hatch will be leading the Year 1 team alongside our Teaching Assistants Mrs Preston, Miss Pyman and Mrs Smith. Miss Elliott (Trainee Teacher) will also be working alongside Miss Greatrex in 1EG.

**PPA:**

Every other week (Wednesday) 1EG will be taught by Mrs Dorset and 1JH will be taught by Mrs Johnson. This is to cover our planning, preparation and assessment time.

**Getting to Know Year 1:**

**Tuesday 17th September 2019 –** ‘Getting to Know Year 1’ meeting.

We would love to see as many parents as possible at this meeting. It is a great chance to hear more about the year ahead and we will be sharing some important information. This will be held in 1EG classroom at 3.30-4pm. Children will be supervised by a staff member in 1JH classroom during this meeting.

**Topics throughout this term:**

**English:**  Simple sentence writing and letter formation

**Maths:** Place value, addition and subtraction, shape and problem solving

**Science** Animals including humans

**History:**  Old and new toys

**RE:** Belonging

**Geography:** Where we live

**ICT:** Word processing and mouse control

**Art:** Self portraits

**P.E.:** Outdoor games and gymnastics

**Music:** Singing and percussion

**Supporting Your Child at Home:**

There are many ways you can support your child’s education at home.

***Daily Reading:*** Please encourage your child to read at home every day or as many times as possible throughout the week. We suggest little and often to develop their decoding and fluency. It would be greatly appreciated if you could comment in their reading diary about how they are getting on at home. Children are of course welcome to get stuck in to books that they may have at home too! Reading diaries and books will be checked daily and new books will be given when required. Book bands will be reviewed regularly, but this

requires several forms of assessment, including words per minute and comprehension. Therefore, children will be moved when they have met the necessary steps to progress. One of the Year 1 National Curriculum expectations is for children to re-read books to develop fluency and comprehension. Children will be selecting their own book within their reading band and will be encouraged to read books more than once.

***Independence:*** The children have already begun to remember their new routines and we are very impressed with their independence. Try to encourage your child to come in to school on their own each morning and organise themselves ready for the school day. There are plenty of adults around to help should they need it and the Year 1 area does tend to get congested if there are too many people. If there is something you would like to discuss with us, please write a note or pop in at the end of the day to see a member of the team. We have an open door policy and will be happy to discuss any queries you may have.

**Other Details**

***Water and Fruit:*** As you are aware, the children can bring in bottles of water for them to drink from as they work throughout the day. Please ensure bottles are marked with your child’s name.The Government provide fresh fruit to the children every day and we ensure that the children have time to eat their fruit by having a snack break half way through the morning.

***Book Bags and Toys:*** Please ensure that your child brings their book bag to school daily. Your child’s reading book/diary, first aid slips and important letters will be sent home in book bags. We discourage the children from bringing in toys. We have plenty of toys in Year 1 and have found that bringing toys from home often leads to upset or arguments if they get lost or broken.

***PE:*** P.E will take place on a Monday and Wednesday but can we please remind you that your child’s PE kit should remain in school at all times as we may use spare slots. We will send it home during the holidays to be washed. The children are required to wear white shorts, a white t-shirt and can wear trainers or plimsolls. Swimming kits should also be kept in school (until October half term) as we may use the pool if the weather stays warm. Please ensure all kit is named. If your child is unable to tie their own shoelaces, please provide them with Velcro shoes. Please could you write a note to inform the teacher if your child is unable to take part in PE.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Greatrex & Mrs Hatch

Class 1EG Class 1JH