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Dear Parents/carers and families,

Welcome to the Autumn Term and a brand new school year! We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning. I attach a copy of the Parent Overview for the term until Christmas. We will be spending lessons being mathematicians, readers, writers, scientists, historians, geographers, artists, designers, musicians, linguists, computer operators, gymnasts.... the list could go on! We also look forward to presenting a performance of the nativity at the end of term. For further information please refer to the Guiding Light Curriculum Longships Year A on the school website under Curriculum/Content and Plans. For Reception children, please find the EYFS curriculum document on the school website under EYFS/Curriculum. We will be holding an open showcase afternoon at 2.30pm on Wednesday 23rd October for you to view and enjoy your child's learning.

Please remember that school starts promptly at 8.45, when we mark and close the register, so you need to be arriving at the gate well before this time. If you arrive after 8.45, you will need to go around to the front of the school and enter via Reception.

The children will be having PE lessons on **Wednesdays.** Please ensure that your child's PE kit comes into school on a **Monday morning**. If your child does not have their kit in school, we will phone home to ask that it is brought in. Your child will **not** be able to take part in the lesson if they do not have their kit. Please also ensure that they have the correct kit- black or navy blue shorts/joggers and the correct colour t shirt for their Godrevy group. They can wear their school sweatshirt or bring a separate one especially for PE, but it **must** be plain navy blue or black. An exciting new introduction for this year is our whole school participation in a daily short run first thing every morning (Part of the Daily Mile initiative). We hope that this will give an important boost to the children's physical and mental wellbeing.

It is really helpful if your child could keep a pair of wellies and waterproof trousers in school, as it means that they can access the field on wet days, and take part in outdoor learning at any time. (Please see separate letter about Outdoor Learning). Please write your child's name inside each boot, on the trousers and also on a bag, so they can hang it all on their cloakroom peg. If providing wellies/trousers is a problem for you, we do have lots of spare pairs in school, so just let me know.

Your child will have a homework folder and will receive phonics/spelling homework each week on a Friday. This is to be completed by the following Friday. In addition, It is **really, really important** that you make practising letter sounds and listening to your child read part of your weekday daily routine, however busy you are. It will take 5, 10 or 15 minutes at most, but the benefits to your child are huge. It is very evident to staff which children are practising regularly and which are not, as it really impacts on their day to day progress. At the end of the week, the children place their superhero on our Empire State Building display.





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Those who have read on 4, 5, 6, and 7 days will receive the prize of a chocolate button. Please record all the days when you have heard your child read in the diary. The children really love their chocolate button, so please help them achieve at least 4 days of reading practice.

You will all be sent an invitation to the Seesaw app. It is really helpful if you try to look at notifications promptly, as it means that I can contact you quickly with class information and updates. It also means that you are aware of what your child has been learning that day in school, so that you can offer interest and support. I will try to put information onto Seesaw as soon after the end of the school day as possible. Especially exciting class news appears on the school Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085329141404 Please be aware that I cannot look at Seesaw messages during teaching time, i.e. between 8.30 and 12.15 and between 1.15 and 3.15. If you have an important message, please contact the office via email or telephone call. Messages about illness and absence should always be sent to the office.

## A reminder about classroom rules;

- -Please could the children wear the correct school uniform and P.E. kit. P.E.shorts, joggers and sweatshirts should be **black** or **navy blue** and not any other colour.
- -Please could long hair be tied back. Also could elaborate head bands, bows, slides and hair ties be avoided, as they tend to distract children from their work, and end up being constantly taken off and put back on throughout the day.
- -Please could children bring water in their bottles, not squash or juice. Please see me if this is a problem.
- -Please could the children **not** bring toys and personal possessions into school. These are again a distraction and it is upsetting if they get broken or lost. For show and tell sessions, I would like the children to bring in either a favourite story for me to read to the class, or something that is directly linked to our current learning. Otherwise I am overwhelmed with tens of children wanting to show things like small stones that they have picked up!
- -Also, it would be really helpful if you could sort through your child's book bag **each day**, making sure that their reading book, diary, spelling book (Y1/2) and homework folder are in place, and that information letters and any of your child's drawings and craftwork are removed.

If you have any questions about any information in this letter, please come and speak with me, or send a message on Seesaw. Thank you.

Marion Davies Class teacher

