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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to Key Stage 1

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and hearing about what they have been doing at home. You will probably already know that the class names have changed to represent the class saints. Year One is now St Francis of Assisi Class and year two is now St Michael the Archangel Class. Whilst year one will be taught primarily by Mr McEwan and year 2 by Miss Brooks we are very fortunate to also have Ms Horn who will work with the children from both classes throughout the week. Below are a few reminders for the beginning of the school year:

Jewellery This is a reminder that jewellery is not permitted and whilst we do encourage children to begin to learn to tell the time in Key Stage 1, we ask that children do not wear watches to school as they can be a distraction. Please also remember that, for health and safety reasons, long hair must be tied back.

Physical Education The children will take part in PE throughout the week. Children must have a red t-shirt, black shorts and black plimsolls for indoor PE. Please also provide your child with some black jogging bottoms so that they can keep warm when we do PE outside. Please send your child to school with their PE kit on a Monday, leave it in school all week and take it home on Friday for a wash as our PE days are subject to change.

Outdoor Learning and Forest School. The children in KS1 will have access to the playground in all weathers and will also attend Forest School. Your child will need to bring a waterproof coat to school **EVERY DAY!** Wellies and spare socks can be left in school so that the children can go outside even when it is wet. Hats, scarves and gloves will be needed in cold weather and a sun hat will be needed when it is hot and sunny.

Creative Curriculum Money In Key Stage 1, we try to do lots of cross-curricular creative activities. This could involve cooking, making models and cards, sewing and lots more. Unfortunately, we have a limited amount of funding to provide this, so we kindly ask for a **voluntary** contribution of £3 a term which goes towards these activities.

Tissues We often get lots of colds and sniffles in Key Stage 1 so if you can spare a box of tissues for the classroom, the teachers would be hugely grateful!

Homework Your child needs to bring their book bag to school every day. In the book bag you will find a Reading Record book, a Letters and Sounds book and an exercise book. The Reading Record book is for you to note down when you have read with your child and the red exercise book is for recording homework that your child has done about the book they have read. There is a list of reading homework activities that your child can choose from. For maths homework, we will be asking your child to learn important number facts by heart e.g. number bonds, times tables and division facts depending on where they are on their maths learning journey. We will stick the number facts in the red homework book for you to learn with your child and will update them when they have been learnt. The Letters and Sound book will show you which sounds your child is working on for reading and you can use these books to practise at home. Spellings will go home on a Friday for the children to learn for the following Friday.

Birthdays In Key Stage One we know that a birthday is an exciting time for a child and that they enjoy sharing the occasion with their friends. We politely ask that if your child has **birthday invitations** to hand out that this is done **after school with your help**. As we have some children and adults in schools with allergies, we politely ask that you no longer send your child to school with cakes, chocolates or sweets to hand out for their birthday. Instead we will celebrate with your child in class with a special birthday sticker.

Food Some children and adults in school have severe nut allergies so we are a **nut free** school and ask you to please check the ingredients of packed lunch items. If you meet your child with a snack at 3.15 please give it to them beyond the green gates.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

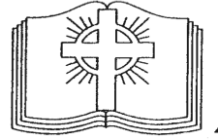
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