

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class One. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We will be hosting a welcome meeting on Tuesday 8th September at 3pm in the Class One classroom.

Our whole school Cake Sale will be on Friday 9th October, we would welcome donations of bakes to sell.

Children will arrive through the gates from 8.45am. The gates shut promptly at 8.55am to ensure learning can begin at 9.00am. Lateness can be disruptive for the class and the children who are late.

Please ensure that children all have a named water bottle with them and their **school book bag** with their reading record book inside. Children are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit from home as a snack (or it is free in R/KS1). Lunches can be booked up to 8am on the morning of each day. Please ensure that any changes are communicated to us if your child is being collected by someone different.

Our PE days for this half term will be **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. The children may continue to attend school in their PE kit on these days. PE kit consists of black tracksuit bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt and navy PE hoodie. Children should be wearing their full school uniform on other days. More information can be found here:

<https://www.kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Parent+Information&pid=71>

Once the children arrive in class, they will store their belongings before beginning their morning task. This will be followed each day by guided reading, phonics, maths, spelling and English sessions before lunch. The rest of the curriculum will take place in the afternoon. This involves History, Geography, PSHE, Science, PE, Music, Art, Design & Technology and Computing. Subject information pages can be found on the Class One page of our website. More information about our curriculum aims and mission statements can be found here:

<https://www.kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk/page/?title=Our+Curriculum+in+Detail&pid=190>

Children should be wearing sun screen/sun hats during any warm weather. The children should carry their belongings in a **book bag**. We do not have the space for rucksacks in our cloakrooms and as such, children using them will be required to store them outside.

At the start and end of the day, please ensure that you wait on the main playground and supervise children carefully. Children should not be playing on the top playground or play equipment.

The children will continue to choose their own reading book from our class library and they will also be sent home with a teacher choice text. Our class spellings will be sent home each term (Year 2 children only) and a weekly spelling check will take place on a Friday. Reading regularly at home is of paramount importance as this will have the most impact on your child's progress across the curriculum.

During this term, we will be having a visit from Wonder Dome planetarium to link with our learning about space in science. We will also have a visit from Sandhya Dave, a Hindu cultural champion. Sandhya will be talking to us about Hinduism and Diwali, linking to our learning in RE. More details will follow in a separate letter closer to the time. Class One will also have Forest School every two weeks on a Wednesday. The first date will be Wednesday 16th September and this will be fortnightly up until half term.

Safeguarding is of paramount importance. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs V Fenemore and deputies are Mr W Slocombe and Mrs D Rowcliffe. In the event that you have any concerns, please contact them through admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk. Nationally, there has been an increase in children accessing the internet independently through a range of device, such as 'phones, gaming devices and tablets, it is possible to view very inappropriate content.

We promote key mental health values such as kindness; resilience and open communication; helping children to name and understand their feelings. Staff are trained to identify early signs of emotional difficulty, including changes in behaviour or engagement. Our Designated Mental Health Lead (DMHL), Mrs Rowcliffe, is the main point of contact for

Early Help, supporting pupils and families to ensure concerns are identified early and appropriate support is put in place, she can be contacted through admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk and we will aim to reply within 48 hours. Teachers are not available at the start or end of the day as they are busy overseeing these transitions. If you require an appointment with me, as class teacher, via telephone or in person, please email admin@kingsnympton.devon.sch.uk to arrange a suitable time.

Kind regards,

Mrs Keast