

# Welcome to Cove Class

Dear Parents/Carers

We welcome you and your child to year 1. This letter is to let you know about some of our routines.

**Staff** – The teacher for Cove class is Mrs. Jones, supported by Mrs. Burton.

**Morning routines** – Your child will be greeted at the gate at 8.25am by a member of our class team. A member of the team will lead the children to the classroom. We ask that you allow your child to come into class independently as they settle a lot quicker. Registration is completed upon entering the classroom by 8.30am. Should you wish your child to attend morning club, this is available from 8am. Please see Mrs. Bucket in the office.

**End of day** – At the end of the school day (3pm), the children will be taken to the gate. If someone is collecting your child for you, please make sure you have notified the school office or we will not be able to let your child leave with them.

**Uniform** – We ask that you regularly check that all clothing is clearly named, especially jumpers and coats, including their PE kit, and that all children are provided with a coat as we like to get the children out at every opportunity. If the weather is good, please ensure they have a sunhat.

**PE** – We will be doing PE Mondays and Tuesdays. Please can you ensure your child is wearing their full PE kit into school. For health and safety reasons, please ensure your child can either remove their earrings, or provide them with surgical tape to cover them. If your child has long hair, it should be tied back and out of their face.

**Outdoor Learning** – This will be on Wednesdays. Your child will need to come to school in their normal school uniform, with suitable additional clothing in a bag, such as waterproofs and welly boots. These can be kept in class for each half term.

**Food and Drinks** – We recommend that your child brings in a named water bottle to drink throughout the day. They will be fully accessible in the classroom at all times.

**Snacks** – The children can have a piece of fruit after break at 10.30am. As part of the Government scheme, your child will be provided with a piece of fruit or vegetable, or they are welcome to bring a piece of fruit from home.

**Toys and belongings** – Please can you ensure that your child does not bring in any toys to school. We will provide writing equipment for your child to access within the classroom.

*Reading – This is a vital part of your child's learning. We will hear your child read in groups or individually every week, so please make sure that your child has their reading books and reading records in school every day. We write in the reading records every time we hear your child read to keep you informed on their progress. However, these reading books are mainly for home use, as we will share different books in class. To support your child, we ask that you listen to them read at home as often as possible and question them about the text. Please record every time you listen to your child read in their reading record. Please beware that sometimes your child will repeat pages or even whole books to develop their fluency and accuracy and we may not necessarily change a book each time they get to the end, as we have to make sure of their understanding of the story and characters in the book.*

*Thank you in advance for your support*

*Kind regards*

*Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Burton*