

Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

A very warm welcome to Reception, Year 1 and 2. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to another exciting year at John Clare Primary School. Here is some information that we hope you will find useful over the coming weeks.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure your child's uniform is named as we do not have facilities for lost property in school. Please make sure that your child has a coat and appropriate footwear. We ask that they bring in a pair of named wellies to keep at school as we spend a lot of our time outside and in the Wildlife area.

### **Reading**

We encourage the children to read and enjoy books as much as possible in school through the daily routines and activities across the curriculum. Children will be listened to individually by a member of staff and will have a reading sticker card to record when they read at home and in school. When they have 5 stickers / signatures they will receive a house point. When they have completed a card, they will receive an invitation to the next 'morning tea session' with Mrs Nicolson. Details to follow. If your child seems too tired to read their school book, sharing a book from home is just as valuable an activity and can be included in the record. We encourage you to continue sharing a bedtime book with your child every night, as listening to stories will help their own reading endeavours.

### **Homework**

Information on homework will follow.

### **Communication**

Please contact your child's teacher via the school office email [office@johnclareprimary.org](mailto:office@johnclareprimary.org). This will be forwarded to the relevant person who will be in touch as soon as possible. Please do not contact your child's teacher directly through Google classroom unless it is about the work set.

Please remember, we are unable to release your child at the end of the day to another adult who does not normally pick up if we have not been contacted by parents either by telephone message via the office or at morning drop off.

### **PE/ Sports Clubs**

**Buttercross** PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday afternoon.

**Woodgate** PE will be on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon.

Children are to come to school in their PE kit on those days. Please refer to Mrs Nicolson's letter dated the 21st July which outlines PE kit.

Clubs will be resuming this academic year for Year 1 to Year 9. Reception will be able to join clubs following October half term.

### **Water**

It is very important that your child does not become dehydrated at school, especially in warm weather. Water is available to children all day and if your child could bring their own named water bottle, please ensure it is brought to school full of fresh water every day (to avoid the children needing to all fill their bottles on arrival!). Please make sure the bottle is not a screw top lid to avoid spillages.

### **Parent/carer helpers**

We are very excited to welcome parent or carer helpers in school. Please let us know if you are able to hear children read for an hour or so in the afternoon, or are willing to share any special talents you have! We will be looking for volunteers to help on school trips, so please do let us know if you are interested.

If you have any queries or concerns about your child settling in over the next few weeks, please do not hesitate to contact us or come and see us at the end of the school day.

We look forward to a happy and exciting year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs Keymer, Mrs Donalson, Mrs Kefford, Mrs Martin, Mrs Clarkson and Mrs Cook

*The Foundation Stage and KS1 team :)*