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Dear Parents,

Class Information – September 2020

Welcome to the Hurricanes class! It is a pleasure to see the children returned to school and I am so pleased to be working with Year 1 and 2 to continue to support the children in their learning. I would like to take this opportunity to say how impressed we have been with how well the children have settled back in to school, despite the unexpected break from education last year.

Our class consists of all the Year 1 children alongside half of the Year 2 children. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Deagan in the mornings, plus Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs Sutherland in the other afternoons. The purpose of this letter is to communicate a few key points that will help the year to run smoothly.

Early Morning Activities

At the moment, we have a staggered start and end time throughout the whole school to avoid a build-up of people on the school grounds. Our class opens at 8.35am and finishes at 3.05pm. Please be prompt on arrival and collection to help with the flow of the school, and to avoid missing any learning within the classroom. Children should say goodbye to parents at the blue gate outside our classroom and come into class independently, where they will put away their belongings and wash their hands before beginning their morning activities straight away.

A note on bags and pencil cases

Due to restricted cloakroom space and to limit exchange of items between home and school, please can I request that children do not bring book bags in to school at this time. It would be far more practical and useful if children were to bring a rucksack to carry everything they may need that they are able to hang on their peg. This should be large enough for an A4 document wallet, as I will be providing plastic wallets to protect reading records and books inside their rucksack. It should also carry their snack pot, water bottle and lunch box if required. Children are not required to bring in a pencil case or stationery as everything they need is provided in their individual table tray (to prevent cross-contamination); however, if they chose to bring in a pencil case from home can I please ask that this is made of wipeable plastic as soft fabrics can retain germs and bacteria that may spread onto tables. In line with school policies, children are not permitted to use erasers to correct their work as we use our 'purple polishing pens' so please do not send these in pencil cases.

Snack Time

To help promote healthy eating children should bring in a piece of **fruit or vegetables** **only** for morning snack, this should be brought in a **named** plastic box or bag as children will be storing their snack in their drawers. Please provide your child with a **named** bottle of **water** which they will have access to during the day. Children in Key Stage 1 continue to receive free fruit each day for the afternoon snack time, supply of this has now restarted so children only require one snack from home.

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PE

This term our regular weekly PE session will take place on Monday afternoons. We are currently asking all children to come to school on their PE day in full PE kit, and their school sweatshirt.

Wellington Boots

Due to current situations, the children are having staggered playtimes within their bubbles. To utilise our full open space, different bubbles will use the story garden located at the side of the school on set days, our day will be Thursday. This area can become very muddy, so we are asking every child to bring in a pair of named wellies to stay in school at all times, I am hoping to organise some storage outside our classroom door.

Homework and Reading

Reading Records: We ask that the children read 5 times a week with an adult for 10-15 minutes, please record each time you have listened to your child read. Reading diaries will be sent home every Friday and need to be returned the following Friday. Children will have two reading diaries. This means they can be used on alternative weeks to avoid bacterial transfer, following current government guidelines. Reading books can still be borrowed from school, but on return they will stay untouched in the class quarantine box for 48 hours, before being used again. Don't forget to use Oxford Owls to supplement your child's reading books.

Next week we shall begin sending spellings home. Spelling tests will be on Friday so please support your child to practise and learn their spellings by completing activities provided.

In addition to reading expectations and spelling homework children will also receive maths and occasional topic homework to reinforce their school work. Homework will be sent home on a Monday and needs to be completed and handed in by the Friday. Please assist and encourage your child to complete all the work given.

Attendance

Finally, at the start of this new year, we would like to remind you of the importance of regular attendance at school, whenever possible. Our target is 95% because it has been proven that children who attend less than this can suffer damage to their education. 95% attendance is still the equivalent of 2 weeks missed learning over the year. Children who attend fewer than 90% of sessions can find this having a serious impact on their learning, because that is the equivalent, over a year, of 4 weeks missed learning, or 100 missed lessons.

Yours sincerely
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Hurricanes Timetable Autumn 2020

	Phonics	Literacy	Break	Snack and story	Maths	Lunch	Handwriting and reading	pm 1	pm 2
Monday	Phonics	Literacy			Maths			PE	PSHE
Tuesday	Phonics	Literacy			Maths			RE (Mrs Bostock)	Music (Mrs Reynolds)
Wednesday	Phonics	Literacy			Maths			Science OR Geography / History (alternate weeks)	
Thursday	Phonics	Italian			Maths			Guided Reading and comprehension	Computing
Friday	Phonics	Literacy			Maths			Geography / History OR Science (alternate weeks)	Shine assembly