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A BEACON OF HOPE ON THE HILL; A SMALL SCHOOL MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE

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Dear parents and carers of children in Conifer Class

Welcome to a new school year! This letter explains briefly what to expect for your child this year. As always, if you need more information or you have questions please do not hesitate to talk to me at the end of the school day or to contact me via Dojo.

Our class team:

Mrs Warren is the class teacher and teaches everyday. Miss George will teach the class on a Tuesday afternoon while Mrs Warren has a PPA session.

Our learning this year:

This term we will help the Reception children to settle into school, learning about our routines and environment. 'Not all Superheroes wear capes!' and we will be finding out about people who help us in our community. For example nurses and comparing the job of a nurse now to that of Florence Nightingale in the past.

Over the year, we will learn together and learn in our separate age groups to ensure all children's needs are met and the 2 different curriculums are covered.

Reading books:

Children will be able to choose a book to take home to share with you. These are books that you read to your child, though Year 1's may start reading these as well as the year goes on. When the Reception children are ready, they will bring home a reading book to practise at home. Once we start phonics, children will bring home a sound book to practise their new sounds at home. Our phonics page on the website has further information and a video to support you as parents to help your child read. We will also organise a Reception phonics meeting later in the term when you will be able to find out how to support your children to read at home. It is very important that the reading is done as a partnership between school and home. This means all children should be reading at home 4 times a week and a comment is written in the yellow home school book. For Reception, to start with, this will be a comment about how they enjoyed their shared book and then later on, and the Year 1's, a comment about the reading of their school reading book.

Please make sure book bags are in school **everyday** – they are the best way to carry the books flat. We have had a lot of damaged books, so will be charging £5 for any book lost or water damaged this year, so that we can replace them.

PE:

Our class will have PE lessons every Wednesday and Friday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on these days. Please ensure your child has the proper PE kit and is wearing suitable footwear. We will also use the outside area to support our physical development, including bikes and scooters throughout the week.

Outdoor Play and Learning:

Our children will play outside and will get messy! They will need a coat in school every day as we use outside as much as possible - there is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes!

Homework:

Reading is the most important homework you can do with your children, as well as practising sound books and reading stories to them. Year 1 will also have a login to Doodle Maths so they can practise their maths at home.

Trips, visitors and experiences:

We hope to have lots of visitors and experiences over the year that will relate to our learning. Please let us know if you, or you know anybody who could enhance our learning with a visit.

Sharing our learning:

Our class Dojo Story will be sent out on a Friday (I call it the Friday Blog). It will celebrate the learning in class that week and show a few photos of what we've been up to. Each term a class will share their learning with the whole school in an assembly and you're invited to join us. Our class sharing assembly is in the Summer term. You can share learning that your child completes at home through their Dojo as well. We will have two parents' evenings this year, one in November and one in March and our end of year reports go home in July.

Communication:

As a school we have an 'open door policy'. It is always best to talk to us straight away if you have any worries, concerns or questions. I am available in class after school most days, or you can make an appointment via Dojo. Dojo is a very easy way to contact me. I operate 'quiet hours' but will get back to you as soon as I can. Alongside Dojo, our school newsletter is the main form of communication between school and home and it is essential that you take some time to read this each week. Lots of useful information about our school can also be found on our website. I am very much looking forward to teaching your child this year.

Kind regards,
Mrs Warren