Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I’m really looking forward to the year ahead. I will send out a letter next week detailing the homework and learning for the term. I just wanted to update you on general ‘housekeeping’ today.

**Outside Area**

As you may have noticed, we have a temporary fence around our new outside area. This temporary fence will be replaced at half term with a wooden one. We hope to develop our outside learning this year. If anyone would like to help or has some inspiration please get in touch. The fence will be opened at home time to allow you to come to the outside classroom door to collect your children.

**Mornings**

In the mornings please come in through the main entrance and bring your child into class. We are trying to build independence so children should find their own peg and hang up their belongings. They should put their reading folders in the box in the classroom.

**PE**

We will be doing PE on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure your child has shorts and track suit or jogging bottoms. As the cold weather approaches, it is better for the children to have something warmer for PE.

**Water Bottles**

In Class 2, we ask that all children bring in a named water bottle. In the mornings, they should place them in the bottle box by the waterproofs in the classroom. All bottles are taken home daily to be washed.

**Reading**

Our whole school focus this year is reading. Children will be given reading folders next week and we ask that children read daily. This practise is invaluable in developing their reading skills. We are appealing for any comics or suitable magazines that you no longer want for our reading corner. We would also be grateful for any time you could offer us to read with children in class. Please get in touch for more details.

If there are any other queries or concerns, please talk to a member of the team at the beginning or the end of the day. I’m around in school until 5pm most evenings so that is a good time to call if you need to.

The children have had a great first day and I’m really looking forward to the year ahead.

Many thanks.

Fiona Shuttleworth