



15<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

Firstly the Class One team would like to welcome you to Wotton St Peter's School. We enjoyed meeting you and your child during their first days at school and are looking forward to getting to know you and your child better throughout their first year at school.

A letter like this one will be sent home every term to keep you up to date with the curriculum, dates and other general information. You will also be able to access all letters and newsletters the on the school website, a copy will also be located on '**Parents Noticeboard**' just inside cloak room, where you can find information relevant to Reception.

We are always available to chat to you informally when you bring or collect your child, always willing to help you with any questions or queries.

### **Overview of the Half-term**

The first few weeks of the starting school will be dedicated to an 'Establishment Phase' so all the children have plenty of time to find their feet and settle into school life. The children will get to know us and each other, the classroom environment inside and out, the wider school, routines, rules and expectations. We will be giving the children lots of social experiences through circle time and play based activities. We will also be focusing on our topic 'Marvellous Me' this half term. This topic will be a great opportunity for the children to find out about their friends and family, their bodies and how to keep themselves healthy. The children will also look at the local area, walking around the village and comparing different locations using maps.



**Story Telling:** This half term children will be learning '**Mr Wiggle and Mr Waggle**' by Pie Corbett. The children will be re-telling the story using actions and key story telling language and will be encouraged to make up their own stories. The children will deepen their understanding of the story through role-play, discussions and other activities linked to the story. It would be great if you could encourage your child to talk about and retell the story to you, maybe they could show you some of the actions they have learnt too.

### **Baby Photos**

As part of our topic, we will look at how the children have grown and changed. We are inviting all of the children to bring in a baby or toddler picture of themselves which we share and talk about in our group time sessions. We would ideally like to receive as many photos as possible by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017**. Please remember to name it!



### **Phonics Information Meeting**

We would like to invite you to a Year R Parents workshop on Read Write Inc Phonics on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm**. This will give you the opportunity to find out more about the RWI phonics program and how a session is run in the classroom (sorry, no crèche available).



### **Settling In Meetings:**

We would like to invite you to come and meet with Miss Harris to discuss how your child has settled into school or to discuss any queries you can sign up for an appointment on the Parents Noticeboard. These meetings will be taking place on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**.

## **General Information**

We will be making use of the outdoor space as much as possible, so please ensure that your child has wellies and a coat everyday and if appropriate a sunhat if it looks like it could possibly be sunny! It is also useful if children have a change of clothes kept on their peg in case of accidents. We do have some spare clothes but this is very limited and often children prefer their own clothes in these situations

- Please ensure your child has a named book bag in school daily.
- Please make sure your child's school uniform and P.E kit are clearly named.
- If you are providing your child with a piece of fruit for snack time, please ensure it is in either a labelled pot or a labelled small plastic bag.



## **Tapestry**

We are currently very busy adding all of the children onto Tapestry, shortly you will be sent an email allowing you to create your own password to login with. Once you have all your login information, there is an 'All About Me' section which we ask if you could fill out to form part of your child's learning journey.

## **Homework**

Over the next few weeks you will notice your child bringing some learning activities to share with you at home. Please ensure that all completed homework is returned as soon as it is completed so we can praise the children and reward their effort.

We look forward to a happy and successful start to your child's school career.

Yours Sincerely,

The Class One Team