

## Kea Community Primary School

9 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a lovely summer. It has been such a positive first couple of days and the children have enjoyed seeing their friends, making new friends, exploring their new classroom and the outdoor environment. We are really excited about the year ahead.

We hope you have enjoyed watching some of the welcome videos and stories we have uploaded onto Tapestry over the summer. It is our intention that these helped the children become more familiar with the adults in class and the school environment. We will be using Tapestry to share with you the children's learning but also as a means of communication. Please may we ask that you are registered with Tapestry and can log in. If there are any issues, please talk to the office.

It has been lovely looking through some of the summer photos you have uploaded onto Tapestry. We intend to use these as a talking point with individual and groups of children to encourage us all to get to know each other. We also look forward to looking at your child's special box over the next week or so. If your child has taken their special box home, please may they bring it back in for Mrs Lawrence to see.

We are sending home 'Proud Clouds'. These are for you to use to fill out as and when you have something that you are proud of about your child. It may be an achievement, an act of kindness or something they worked hard at. They can bring these into school and we will share them with the class. When you need more proud clouds, just ask your child to ask for some more.

At school, the children have a small snack at morning break. Children in Foundation and KS1 are provided with a piece of fruit or a vegetable in school if they wish to have some. Some children like to bring their own snack instead of the school snack. School policy is a piece of fruit, vegetable, cheese or plain biscuit. (Friday is treat day and children may bring in a snack of their choice – not sweets). It is worth bearing in mind that their lunch is around 11.45, so snacks don't need to be huge. Please make sure that snack pots are labelled with your child's name. We are a nut free school.

Children will need a named water bottle in school with them every day. We will encourage them to drink throughout the day and will send the bottles home at the end of each day.

If your child is bringing a packed lunch with them, we will show them where to put their bag or box when they come into the classroom in the morning. If your child is having a school dinner, you can order their meals via Parent Pay. This enables you to make selections for their lunches in advance at home. We always find it is helpful if you talk with your child about what they are having for lunch before school. Please contact the office should you have any problems with ordering school lunches.



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PE in Foundation is on a Wednesday and Friday. The children can wear their PE kits all day on those days. Please also provide a pair of named wellies to keep in school as we will try to use the outside environment regularly.

May we remind you that currently children are not allowed to bring any toys in from home.

Thank you again for working with us to help settle your child at school. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at any point as we are happy to help.

Kind regards,

Catherine Harvey and Kim Lawrence