



Kea Community Primary School

11 September 2019

Dear Parents

The children have settled into school really well and have already formed some lovely new friendships. From Monday 16 September the classroom door will be opened at 8.55am and we would really appreciate it if you could encourage your child to enter the classroom independently in the morning and to sort their belongings on their own; this makes for a lovely calm start to the school day and helps develop the children's independence. The whole school are invited to take part in our Wake and Shake routines at 8:50 am each morning on the court before school begins; we hope to see you there!

You will notice that the children brought home a library book in their bag yesterday. Every Tuesday the children have a library session at which time they can choose a library book to bring home to share with you. If your child wishes to change their library book, please ensure they return it on a Tuesday morning ready for our library session.

On Monday 16 September we will be holding a meeting for parents in the classroom with the purpose of providing you with some information on how we teach phonics, reading and writing at school and information on Internet Safety. The meeting takes place at 2.45pm and will be led by Mrs Harvey and Mrs Olive (Year 1 Teacher and 'Read, Write Inc' lead teacher). Children will begin bringing home reading books on Tuesday 17 September. These books will be accompanied with a 'Reading Record.' Please can you make a note in your child's reading record when have they read their chosen book and then we will change it - reading books will be changed on a daily basis. To begin with the books will have simple 'decodable' words and some books will contain just pictures that the children can use to make up their own stories and develop their comprehension skills.

Just a little reminder about snacks – if your child wishes to bring their own snack to school rather than having the fruit supplied at school, please could you ensure your child's snack complies with the school policy. Snacks could be fruit or vegetables, a plain biscuit or a piece of cheese. We kindly request children do not bring in yoghurts, smoothies or cereal bars. On a Friday children may bring a treat such as a crisps or biscuits but we do not allow sweets or chocolate bars. Many thanks for your cooperation.

If you have not done so already, please can you kindly send your child in with a pair of wellies as we like to take our learning outside whenever possible, many thanks!

Yours sincerely

Sarah Walker and Catherine Harvey