Friday 10 September

**Year 1 Welcome Letter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to your new class. We hope you all had a restful Summer break. We are so looking forward to seeing you all and starting our topic about "Clothes”

During our first week we will be launching our topic, including fun and exciting learning activities all about Clothes for different purposes. This learning will lead into work about clothes from long ago, clothes we wear for different weather, climates and traditions.

In Literacy we will read, retell and write the stories “Aliens Love Underpants”, “The Smartest Giant in Town” and “The Emperor’s New Clothes”. Children will learn to re-tell stories from a story map and re-invent ideas for their own writing.

Maths learning will focus on counting, number recognition and place value. Please see our "Maths Overview" for more detail and ideas on how to support your child at home.

Our Science topic will be a study of seasons and seasonal changes relating to the weather and its effects on the environment.

**Staff in Year One**

Mrs Olive teaches the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs McPherson teaches them on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Addey and Mrs Averre are the TAs with Mrs Stone and Mrs Bushell also working in the class on other days.

**Communication**

We encourage you to say goodbye to your child at the small gate and allow them to come into the class independently. We cannot really have a long conversation with parents at drop off but please telephone or email the office with any messages. If necessary, we can arrange an appointment or phone meeting to discuss any issues. If you have any queries, please do hesitate to get in touch quickly so that we can sort things out.

**Important Dates**

Friday 17th September – Blackberry picking (see separate letter)

Wednesday 29th September – Y1&2 Flambards trip (see separate letter)

Friday 1st October – Harvest Festival (see separate letter)

**PE**

PE days are Tuesdays and Fridays so your child must come to school in PE kit on these days. Please ensure that your child is wearing a white or house colour t-shirt, black, grey or Kea green jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts and a red hoodie or green Kea jumper, fleece or cardigan.

**What your child needs in school**

* A named water bottle
* A named coat
* A pair of named wellington boots (these can be left in school)
* A named sunhat and sunscreen (or come to school with sunscreen already applied)
* Fruit will be provided for a morning snack or you can bring your own healthy snack (a piece of cheese, plain biscuit or your own fruit).

**Please DO NOT bring in toys, games** **or stationary from home.**

We feel very privileged to be teaching your children and we are so looking forward to it. Thank you for all your support so far.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 1 Team