10 September 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have enjoyed the summer holidays and are ready for the exciting school year ahead. We are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout year 1. The new term has started very well and everyone seems to have settled in and the children are enjoying their time in school.

Reading books

Children will have the opportunity to change their reading books on a daily basis. They are encouraged to independently put their books into the swap box when they have finished. Please remind your child to put their book into the swap box if they need to. In Year 1 children are provided with book marks with circles for you to mark every time you hear your child read. You can mark the circles however you wish e.g. a smiley face, a sticker, your initials etc. This is the only indication we need and the reading journals from Foundation are no longer used. When children have filled their book marks they will receive a certificate and will be issued a new book mark.

<u>PE</u>

Children will participate in 2 hours of PE per week on Monday's and Thursday's. PE lessons will take place inside and outside, weather permitting. For outside PE children will require a pair of full length tracksuit bottoms, a t-shirt, sweatshirt, trainers and a pair of cheap football boots with plastic studs. For indoor PE T-shirts and shorts will be required. All children should have a pair of indoor shoes and these will be worn for indoor PE. If you can please send in your child's labelled PE kits as soon as possible it would be a great help.

Reminders

Please leave your child at the wooden gates surrounding the Year 1 area and watch them enter the classroom. Book bags will not be checked by staff. Children need to put anything for the office in the office box in the classroom.

As always, if you have any problems or queries we are available before and after school.

Yours sincerely

Miss Hudson and Miss Clarkson