PRIMARY 1 LEARNING LETTER TERM 1

**WELCOME!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Term 1. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome the children into Primary 1 this term, and they have all settled extremely well into their new, daily routines. We have been busy re-establishing old friendships, and building new friendships with each other too. We have also enjoyed lots of play activities both inside and outside the classroom. Over these first few weeks we will be working hard to establish a positive and effective classroom ethos. This will include getting to know each other, and creating our Class Charter, which helps pupils, staff and visitors to understand how the school values and children’s rights are respected within our classroom and beyond.

Mrs Smith

**CLASS INFORMATION**

**Start of school day:** Mon-Fri 8:40am

**End of school day:** Mon-Thurs 3:00pm, Fri 12:30pm

**Outdoor break time:** 10:15am-10:32am

**Outdoor lunch time:** 11:50am-12:30pm

**Indoor snack time:** 1:45pm-2:00pm

As our afternoon is now longer due to staggered lunch times, we plan to have an ‘extra’ snack break as the children will have an earlier lunch than usual. Please feel free to send an extra snack if you wish.

**Entry and Exit door:** Infant door at the front of the school building.

**Class Routines:** There will be a soft start in the morning where children come into class with an adult prior to the class teacher and school bell. At 8:40am the school day will start with the class teacher. **Handwashing:** We will be washing our hands regularly in class, particularly on entering and leaving the classroom at the start and end of each day, before and after break and lunch and outdoor learning. Soap and sanitiser will be provided in class, but if you would like your child to use their own soap and/or sanitiser please feel free to send to school in named containers. **Adults In Class**: Mrs Walker will be supervising our Soft Start each morning. We will also be joined by Mrs Clark and Mrs Butler at various times over the course of the day.

**CLASS RESOURCES**

Please bring a **named** **water bottle** to school each day. We will encourage the children to pace themselves with their water as they will not be allowed to use the water fountain anymore to refill bottles. They may wish to bring more than one bottle.

It would also be helpful if snacks are separate from packed lunch boxes.

Each child has been given a **zippy pouch** with their own set of coloured pencils, rubber, ruler, sharpener and writing pencil. (This will remain in school). This means that they are not required to bring their own pencil case but they may if they wish.

**PE AND OUTDOOR LEARNING**

As there will be a focus on outdoor learning this term, we would encourage you to send your child to school in comfortable outdoor clothing each day.

They may wear their school polo shirt as normal but wear jogging bottoms and trainers (or wellies if a wet day) to ensure they are prepared for being outside.

However, children may want to change into indoor shoes whilst in the classroom on these days, rather than wear wellie boots all day.

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with a suitable jacket too.

**Outdoor Learning/PE with Ms Brolls:** Tuesday and Wednesday.

**P.E.** Monday Thursday

**CURRICULUM**

This term we will be focusing on our children’s emotional and physical health and wellbeing. We will do this through a variety of lessons within the classroom and utilising our outdoors spaces. In P1 our first interdisciplinary context for learning will be based on the series of books ‘Elmer by David McKee