Dear Parents/Carers, 6th September 2019

We would like to welcome you to Class 1 and hope that you have all had a lovely summer.

I will be teaching Mondays to Thursdays and Mrs Singh will be in class on Fridays. Mrs Hunter will be in Year 1 in the mornings (not Wednesday morning) and Mrs Parison will be with us Wednesday morning and every afternoon.

Our first theme is **All about me**. This year the children have already covered their Topic books in class and an overview of the curriculum areas that we will be covering will be on the school website.

In Class 1 we like to have a show and tell day for each topic. The first show and tell day will be on **Thursday 26th September**. Please help your child to bring something into school that is directly linked to the topic. They can bring in a special object, photograph, drawing etc. Please help them to think about what they would like to say about their item as they will have the opportunity to discuss it with their table group.

Please listen to your child read every day and add a comment in their yellow reading record books. We find these comments very useful. Their reading books will be changed on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS.** The children need to bring their reading folders into school each day and put them into the correct boxes in the classroom. Please attach only one identifying keyring to your child’s book bag as we have very limited storage in the classroom and lots of keyrings take up a lot of space in the book bag boxes!

The Christian value that we will be thinking about this half term is Generosity. The children will have an opportunity to reflect on this important Christian value during Collective Worship and in class.

All the children have their own named locker for their PE bags, lunchboxes and coats. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to come into the locker area without you, to ease congestion and to help them to become more independent. Mrs Hunter or Mrs Parison will always be at the door in mornings to take messages and help the children to sort out their things. Please always let us know or the school office, if there are any changes to who is collecting your child at the end of the day.

The children need to have their **named** PE kits in school every day. They will need to wear plimsolls/sensible shoes on the playground apparatus. **Please ensure that all of the children’s uniform, bookbags and belongings are clearly labelled as this helps us to return items to their owners quickly!**

Phonic homework will be sent out on a Tuesday. Please return this by the following Monday. Maths (or Topic/Science) homework will be sent out on a Friday. Please return this by the following Thursday. Labelled boxes will be put outside the classroom on the correct days for you to put the homework in.

**Next Thursday 12th September at 9.00am is ‘Meet the teacher’ in Class 1.** Please bring your children to school as usual. The children will be in the hall for Collective Worship, while I talk to you all in the classroom about year 1 expectations and routines. It will also be a good opportunity for you to ask any questions.

Please don’t hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.

We are looking forward an exciting year with the children.

Best wishes,

Mrs Keaney, Mrs Singh, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Parison