

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents,

### Welcome to KS1

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year ahead for all the children. They have settled really well into their new classes and are getting used to the routines of the day. We have been very impressed with their sensible behaviour and positive attitude to learning.

### Autumn Term

This half term our theme is 'Fantastic Fremington'. We will be out and about exploring our local area and finding out what makes Fremington a great place to live. A copy of the Autumn term overview is attached, which gives details of what the children will be learning.

### Swimming

Our swimming time is on a Tuesday afternoon. We rotate every three weeks. On swimming days please bring your child's swimming kit in a labelled bag and hang it on their peg. Children with long hair must wear a swimming cap.

If you are able to help with swimming please see your child's teacher. We need lots of help to ensure the children can continue to go swimming, if we have no helpers we may have to cancel swimming sessions.

### Swimming Dates:

Class KC – 6/09 , 27/09, 18/10, 15/11, 6/12

Class SMB – 13/09, 4/10, 1/11, 22/11, 13/12

Class KU/SP – 20/09, 11/10, 8/11, 29/11

### P.E

Class KU/SP : Monday      Class KC – Tuesday      Class SMB – Friday

This term we will be going outside for P.E as much as possible. Please ensure your child has a labelled P.E kit in school including trainers and a tracksuit.

If your child has their ears pierced they must be taken out or tape provided for P.E. Long hair must be tied back.

### Homework

Reading – each week the children will read to an adult in school and have the opportunity to change their books. Please read with your child as much as possible at home and write a comment in their reading record. This will help us know how they are getting on with the books and helps them to make good progress with their reading.

Each child has a reading bookmark in the back of their reading record. Every time they read at home and a comment is written they will be rewarded with a stamp from school. When they achieve 20 stamps they win a prize.

Spelling - Spellings will be tested MONDAY and set on a TUESDAY. Your child will receive a spelling book with their new spellings in the front. Spelling tests are at the back of the book so you can check which spellings they found tricky and may need to practice again.

Homework – we may give additional topic or research tasks linked with our learning. When we set these tasks a letter will be sent home with details of the task and when the homework is due in.

### Morning Routine

We open our doors to parents from 8:50-9:00 am. Please help your child choose their dinner option and organise their reading books into the correct boxes. We welcome parents to stay and read with their child during this time.

### Behaviour and Rewards

We have a 'Reach for the Stars' board to support our behaviour policy and encourage good behaviour. The children start on the rocket each day and aim to reach for the stars. We may sometimes move children down the chart to Earth if they need to stop and think about their behaviour. When they reach the stars they win 5 Dojo points.

We have also introduced Dojo points to the children for good learning behaviour. Hopefully you have received your invitations and have signed on to our Dojo page.

### Parent Helpers

We are always looking for helpers in school, especially for reading. If you would be interested in helping, please speak to your child's class teacher.

In KS1 we are very keen to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child feels happy and settled at school. If you have any concerns or questions please come and speak to us and we will be happy to help.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Miss Bolton

Miss Upton

Mrs Pye

Mrs Collier