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Dear families,

I want to warmly welcome you all to Year 1, we will be busy and we will have lots of fun!

Staff - I am Miss Poulton, the class teacher for Cove Class. Teaching assistant support will be provided by the wonderful Mrs Burton (Tuesday-Friday) and Mrs Brett-Hill (Monday). Forest School on a Tuesday morning will continue to be led by Miss Gates (waterproofs and wellies for the weather please), while P.E. on Mondays will be led by Mr Westhorpe and myself.

Early morning routine – We collect the children from the playground at 8:25am and register them by 8:30am. As we settle in to our routines, early morning work will take place in the form of phonics, mindfulness and curriculum linked activities.

Fruit and drinks – We will provide a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for morning break time. Each child will need to bring in a **named** water bottle to drink throughout the day. Water bottles will be easily accessible in the class room and the children are given lots of opportunities to have a drink throughout the day.

Lunchboxes – These will be stored together in the classroom. ***Please remember we are a nut free school*** and operate a **Healthy Lunchbox** policy.

End of the day routine - The day ends for the children at 3:00pm and you can collect your child from the Reception gate.

Uniform – Please label your child's uniform and P.E kit clearly and ensure they have appropriate clothing for our changeable weather. We will be outside rain or shine!

P.E. – Our PE lessons will take place on Monday and Tuesday mornings. On these days, children should attend school in their P.E. kits with appropriate clothing for our forest school sessions (Tuesdays). Please could all children be provided with jogging bottoms as P.E. will continue even in colder weather.

Reading – Each child has been given a reading record so that any reading done at home or school can be logged. Even 5 minutes at home each day makes a huge difference. These books are levelled and are mainly for home reading. We have a fantastic library here, as well as many lovely books in our classroom for children to enjoy.

Home Learning – We will send spellings, English and Maths activities home in a homework book once we are settled into our routines. Much more information will be available when we begin.

Class Dojo – This is how we will give you any important information and how you can keep in touch with us if you have any concerns or wish to celebrate something your child has done.

Huge thanks for all your support, I am looking forward to an exciting year!

Miss Poulton and the Year One Team.