



STRETHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Hedgehog Class! It has been wonderful to see the children come back to school with such excitement and enthusiasm. We have had a very enjoyable but productive few days. You will have already received a letter regarding Forest School sessions; we hope this letter provides you with some useful information about other routines and activities in Hedgehog Class.

Children in Hedgehog class will be taught by the following team:

Monday & Tuesday – Mrs Connolly

Wednesday – Mrs Dunham (morning), Mrs Bowen (Computing in the afternoon) and Mr Kirby from Premier Sport (PE in the afternoon)

Thursday – Mrs Dunham

Friday – Mrs Dunham (morning) and Mrs Oakman (High-Level Teaching Assistant - in the afternoon)

Reading Books: Please do read with your child as much as you can. Year 1 is such an important year for reading skills to progress and your help with this is crucial. You can write short comments in your child's blue Reading Record when you have read with them. This year we have changed our reading book scheme; a letter with more information regarding this will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. However, in the meantime this means there will be a delay to reading books coming home, which we appreciate your patience with. We are currently assessing all the children's reading to match them up with the correct reading book level. Once we have completed the assessments we will be sending home the new reading books. Your child is also allowed to take home a book they have chosen from our class library for you to enjoy together.

PE Kits: The children will have PE on a Wednesday and a Friday. Sadly, there is a problem with the pool filter so we will not be able to swim over the next few weeks as originally planned. Please can named PE kits be left on your child's peg in a named bag. We will send PE kits home at each half term, to be washed. At this time of year some PE lessons will be outdoors so trainers / plimsolls, long trousers and sweatshirts will also be needed. Please can long hair be tied back and earrings removed on PE days.

Snack & Milk: The children in Hedgehog Class will continue to receive a fruit or vegetable snack mid-morning each day. If you would like your child to have a drink of milk too, please visit www.coolmilk.com to register and pay for this.

Wellies: It would be great if your child could keep a pair of named wellies in school all the time. This will mean they can use the field at playtimes as well as being available if we go on village walks etc. These wellies can also be what they wear for Forest School.

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Water bottles: In class, the children have a named cup which they can use to have a drink of water throughout the day. If you would like your child to bring in a water bottle too that is fine (it is good on warmer days, when the children may want to take their bottle out to PE). Water bottles are also needed when your child has a Forest School session. Please make sure bottles are filled with water only (no squash) and the bottle is named.

Learning Logs: As well as reading books, the children will be bringing home a Learning Log soon, along with a list of tasks for the Autumn Term. Details will be included with a suggestion of how many tasks to complete and instructions on how to upload your child's work on Seesaw. You do not need to send the Learning Log back into school if you are able to upload work on Seesaw. We will post tasks for the Spring and Summer terms on both our class webpage and Seesaw.

Naming Clothes: A final plea to make sure all items of clothing and shoes are named please. We will always do our best to return lost items of clothes to you, but this is only possible if items are clearly named.

We hope you have found this information of use. Please do come and see us if you have any questions or queries about your child's time and experiences in Hedgehog Class. We look forward to working with you to support your child's learning in Year 1.

Kind regards

Mrs Connolly & Mrs Dunham

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