



# 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 smiles and enthusiasm. They have settled well into their new class and we have already had a very enjoyable and 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** – Mr Banham from Premier Sport for PE and Mrs Bowen for Computing (first thing in the morning) and then Mrs Dunham (from break time onwards)

**Thursday** – Mrs Dunham

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

**Reading Books:** We cannot stress enough how important it is to read with your child regularly. Year 1 is a key year for developing reading skills, and your support at home really makes a difference. Please do read with your child as much as you can. You can write short comments in your child's blue Reading Record when you have read with them, even if it is just to let us know they have finished their current book - that would be really useful! We will change books that have been read on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. All children should have now been given a reading book based on the assessed levels we have received. Please do not worry if you feel the book seems too 'easy' for your child as we will be reassessing all the children's phonics knowledge over the coming weeks, and based on this, we will adjust their book levels accordingly. Keep an eye out for details of a Phonics and Reading Information Session which will be offered soon.

**PE Kits:** The children will have PE on a Wednesday and a Friday. 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, long trousers and sweatshirts should be included. For the first half term, we will swim on a Friday for our PE lesson. Please can long hair be tied back and earrings removed on PE and swimming days.

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**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](http://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 allow them to use the field during break times and be available for any village walks we may take. These wellies can also be used for Forest School.

**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 or juice) 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.

**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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