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New School Year - Y1/2

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a new school year. This letter is just to give you an overview of the information shared at this week's meetings and a copy of some of our key letters for this new school year.

In the meeting we talked about:

- **Communication:** weekly newsletters and our school website www.fordleyschool.com give updates on events and important upcoming information. Newsletters are also uploaded onto the school website. Our Twitter page @FordleyPrimary is used to share good news, brilliant learning and reminders of events. If you have any queries or questions, please use our school email address which is fordleycommunity.primary@northtyneside.gov.uk or give us a ring on 2008030. Spare copies of letters are also posted on our website.
- **Daily concerns or questions:** class teachers are on the yard from 8:45 every morning for a quick query or to arrange a longer conversation. Mrs Pringle, KS1 Leader, will also support you with any worries you may have. Mr Maule (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Withers (Headteacher) are also available if you ask at the school office. Mrs Latimer is available for any friendship or welfare worries. We are all happy to help.
- **Medicines and medical needs:** Please come and see us if your child has a medical need that you need to discuss. We arrange meetings for this so that we can ensure we have all the correct information to share with the adults in school in order to keep your child safe. If your child has an inhaler or any other medication they need to take in school, a form must be signed at the school office before any medication can be administered. If your child has been prescribed medicine such as an antibiotic and they only have to take it three times a day, they do not need to bring this into school. Throat sweets such as strepsils are not permitted in school.
- **Reading in KS1:** Children are split into 5 groups to make sure books can be changed and we can hear the children read in school. In the front of planners it will say which group child is in and also which day they will have their books changed. Planners and books will still need to be in their bag every day. If we have volunteers or extra time we will use this for extra reading. Children have a reward chart for bringing planner and books every day. When they



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do this 10 times they get a dip in the box. We will aim to hear each child read individually at least once per week on their book change day. If child doesn't have their planner or book for their change day we will try to catch up the following day if possible. At home it would be very helpful if you could listen to your child read every day for at least 10 minutes. A letter in back of planners will explain the impact of this. Please comment or initial planner when you hear your child read.

- **Homework:** Common exception words and sounds relevant to your child's learning will be stapled into planners at the beginning of each half term. Please practise these daily with your child. Your child will have a homework grid for the half term which has activities that support our curriculum coverage for the half term. They earn rewards in school if they complete tasks on the grid.
- **PE:** please send your child's PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers/sandshoes) in at the start of every half term and we will send it home again at the end. Please make sure all clothing is labelled or has your child's initials in it.

The forms, attached, that we need to have filled in for all children are:

- Home-school agreement (please read with your child before they sign)
- Local visits form and photograph/website/twitter permission form (one sheet, double sided)

If you have a child in Year 6 and would like to give them permission to walk home without an adult from September, your child should have already brought this letter home. If not there are spare letters at the school office. Children from Nursery to Year 5 must always be collected by an adult. Forms for Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club are also included in your pack.

By completing these forms and returning to us as soon as possible, you are helping to make sure we have the right information for every child.

Thank you in advance for your help and support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pringle, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Ryder



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