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### Year Reception – Autumn 1

Dear Parents,

I would firstly like to take this opportunity to welcome those parents who are new to the school or new to Class One and a big welcome back to those parents who had children in Class One last year. I am sure that we will all have a lovely year working together, Class One is a time for your children to have fun, settle into school and learn to love learning!

**Staff in Class One** – As you know I will be teaching your child this year. I will be supported by Mrs Stoney who is a very experienced Teaching Assistant, joining us from Glusburn School and Mrs Smith who worked in Class Five last year. Mrs Stoney will be with us full time and Mrs Smith will work every morning and a Wednesday afternoon. On a Wednesday afternoon the Class will be taught by Miss Bell and on a Thursday afternoon the class will be taught by Mr Whitehead. This is to enable me to carry out my role as Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator.

**Reading Books** – Reading books will be changed on a Monday and a Thursday. Please note that all children will be issued with a book without words to start with, regardless of their reading ability. This is to allow us opportunity to assess all children during the first half term and also to promote children talking about books in addition to just 'reading'. There will be two important information evenings regarding your child's reading this half term: **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 5pm** - EYFS / Phonic information session at 5:00pm in Class One. On **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 6pm** there will be a whole school reading information event in the hall.

**PE** – PE will be on a Thursday. All children should have a PE kit in school all the time. Please ensure that all items of PE and uniform are labelled. It has been known for children to return home in the wrong trousers and I still have two school dresses from last year!!

**Snacks** – A reminder that children will have access to school snacks in a morning. They can bring in their own fruit for snack and a water bottle. A reminder that snacks should only be fruit. We are a nut free school as we have two children in school with nut allergies. **Please do not allow children to bring anything into school containing nuts.**

**Homework** – I have decided to introduce 'homework' for the Reception children based on parent feedback that children often want to join in when older siblings are doing their homework! They will be given a homework book and a sheet with simple tasks which they can choose to do each week, if they so wish. This is in no way compulsory, if children decide to do some 'work' at home they can bring it in to show us and their friends in school!

**Stay and Play Event** – A key element of EYFS is parental involvement and as such we like to offer you opportunities to come and spend time with your child in their learning environment. Our first session will be on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 at 2pm**. You will be able to come and play in the classroom or outdoor area with the children before joining us in the hall to watch the good work assembly.

**School Trip** – I am very excited about our first school trip of the year! On **Wednesday 18th October** Class One and Two will be going to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' at Kings Hall, Ilkley. This trip will take place within school hours and further information will follow in a letter sent home.

**Parent Consultation Evening** – We will hold parent consultation evenings the week before half term. To give you advanced warning the dates of these meetings are: **16<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**. A letter will be sent home for you to book a time to see me on these dates. However, please do not wait until then to catch up with me about any queries, concerns or comments you have about how your child is doing. I am always available!

**EYFS and KS 1 School Nativity** – It seems very early to be thinking about Christmas. However, we are mindful that your child's nativity is a very important event for you, them and us! As such I wanted to give you the dates as far in advance as possible. We have booked the church for the Nativity on the **14<sup>th</sup> December**. There will be an **afternoon performance at 2pm and an evening performance at 6pm**.

In future, at the start of each half term, you will receive a curriculum map which will outline the planned teaching and learning for your children during that period. This half term, in the main, is about settling your children into school and assessing where they are at. I do, however, hope that you will also see lots of progress in their learning and development over the next few weeks.

So, by the time you read this we should be well underway and settling into school. We may have had some tears and you may be feeling a little overwhelmed with dates and events and things to do and remember! Please don't worry, this is a lovely time in your children's education and we want you to enjoy it as much as they do.

I look forward to working with you and your children and I'm sure we'll have a great year.

Miss Akrigg

