

Welcome back!

We are so looking forward to seeing the children next week but we thought it might be useful for you and your children to see the classroom and the outdoor area beforehand. It was lovely to talk to the majority of you yesterday and I hope that you have found the reintegration booklet useful but as there is a lot of information for you to get your heads around, I have also added some of the key pieces of information on here.

- The children continue to be eligible for a free school meal but these do need ordering via Aspens as usual, the night before at the latest.
- As of Monday, the children will need to arrive at **9.00** am and their school day will finish at **3.20** pm. Mrs Eaton has done a little video showing the children where they will be dropped off and collected and this can be found on the website.
- Please can you make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day.
- Please can you apply a long wearing sun cream if the weather is due to be fine before they arrive at school. They will then need a hat and to have some additional, named sun cream in their bag which they can apply at school if necessary. A spray or roll on would be ideal.
- Children should come to school in uniform and trainers.

See you all on Monday, the Year 1 Team

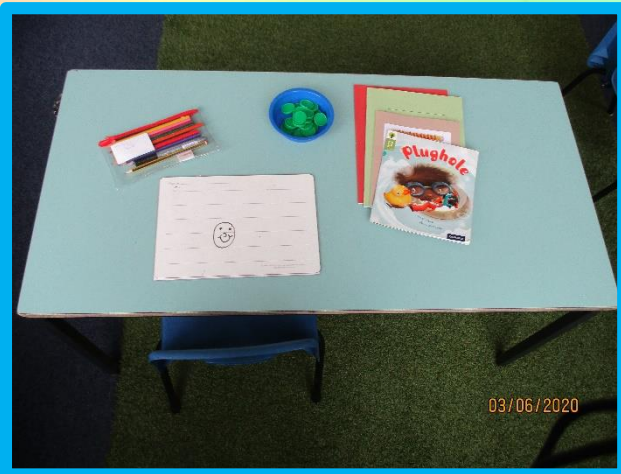


We are creating an outdoor space for the children to use as part of their learning time. This is currently under construction, more to be added soon!



We know the children will want to spend time together but, for your reassurance, we do have things in place, such as using toys that can be easily cleaned and restricting access to the activities a maximum of 2 children to try and keep them as safe as possible. We will do our very best to try and ensure that the children distance, but children are children and their natural instinct will be to get close to each other.

Indoor learning



When we are learning inside the classroom, each child will have their own table so they can keep their bags, drinks bottles and belongings in one place. They will also have their own pack of learning materials with a pencil case, **glue stick**, **white board pen**, **scissors** etc. We want to make this a very positive change and hope that the children will feel very 'grown up' having their own bits and pieces. Please be assured that we WILL NOT be expecting the children to sit at desks all day!



Whilst we will be encouraging the children to socially distance, we want to encourage this in a safe and positive way. 'Go away, you're too close' is not the kindest of phrases, but you could understand why, in these circumstances, children might say this. Within school we will be using the phrase, 'Be careful not to step on somebody's rainbow' to remind them about social distancing. Staff and children will be able to say to each other, 'Please don't step on my rainbow' without hurting somebody's feelings.

*Don't step on
somebody's rainbow!*

We really hope that your child's return to school is a positive one and we will do all we can to ensure this is the case. We will be teaching daily Bounce Back sessions which will focus on themes such as friendship and resilience. Additional resources for parents can now be found on the school website.

It might not be as easy for us to talk on the gate as usual as it will be busy in the mornings with a number of parents waiting and the children will need supervising in the classroom. However, if you have any worries or concerns at all, please drop us an email or call the school office and one of us will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Mrs Darlington & Mrs Creed

