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Class 1 newsletter September 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new academic year and we hope that you have all had a good summer. A lot of the children will already be familiar with our class, but there will be big changes for some becoming full time Reception and others joining our class. Our stage of school is known as the 'Early Years Foundation Stage' (EYFS): *The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) is the statutory framework that sets the standards that all Early Years providers must meet to ensure that children learn and develop well and are kept healthy and safe. It promotes teaching and learning to ensure children are ready for school and gives children the broad range of knowledge and skills that provide the right foundation for good future progress through school and life.* We will be holding an Early Years' curriculum session later this term to answer any queries you may have about this stage of school life.

The theme for Class 1 this term will be 'All about me'. We will be finding out about each other and learning about things that we enjoy doing. It is an important time for the children to learn essential social skills for school life as well as the rules and routines but most importantly having fun and feeling secure. Our plan for learning this term is attached but we remain flexible to follow the interests of the children.

On a daily basis the children can choose to play and work inside or outside and so jumpers, coats, hats, gloves etc. are require appropriate to the weather. A personal pair of wellies is not essential as we have a plentiful supply.

We provide a healthy snack and drink for the children every day, so they do not need to bring in their own unless they are stopping after school for club. Please let us know if you have not signed up for milk and we can let you have a form from the dairy. Also please keep us informed about any allergies or food intolerances.

Mrs Hartshorn will be teaching Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Mrs Dickinson will teach on Thursday and Friday and we will be supported during the week by our teaching assistant - Mrs French. The children will need a PE kit in school all week as our PE session will mainly take place on a Tuesday but this is always subject to change. We are still lucky to have Mr Mason coming into school to take some of the PE sessions.

The Reception children will have our Staveley school planner given to them in their first week. We use this for communication as we sometimes will not get a chance to talk in the morning line. We will get a chance to communicate verbally with Nursery parents upon their arrival. Please let us know if you have any specific queries or concerns about your child and we can arrange a convenient meeting time.

*With Thanks,*

*Mrs Hartshorn & Mrs Dickinson*

