

January 2019



Dear Parents

Welcome back and hope that you have had wonderful family time over the Christmas holidays. Just a few things to remind you of for the forthcoming Spring term.

### **Games Kits, Swimming and arrangements for Friday afternoons.**

Your child will need to bring in their Games kit on Monday and this will remain in school until Thursday when they will be sent back home.

Year 1 will be taught Art and Design/Design and Technology on Friday afternoons during the Spring Term and will swim again during the Summer Term. Your child will need to arrive at school in their usual school uniforms on Fridays during the Spring Term.

### **Wellie boots/outdoor trainers**

We are using the bund for many play times, so it is important that the children have the correct footwear. Please could you ensure that your child has either a pair of wellies or outdoor trainers for these play times.

### **Snacks**

This term we will continue to consume all snacks within the classroom prior to going outside to play. We ask that your child brings in a piece of fresh fruit/vegetables for their morning snack. He/she may wish to bring in a further snack for the afternoon, comprising of either another fresh piece of fruit/vegetable, a small sandwich, plain breadsticks or plain rice cakes. Please ensure that sandwich fillings **do not** contain nuts or chocolate. We advise that your child brings in a **named** water bottle, comprising of plain, still water, to access during lesson times. The children are encouraged to refill this if needed.

### **Combined Humanities - Castles**

This term Year 1 will embark on a new adventure whereby they will explore the external and internal features of Castles. They will become familiar with the attack and defence strategies used by knights as they protect their precious castles. The children will experience first-hand what Castle life leisure activities were like in the past. As our 'Marvellous Middle' the children will step back in time as they tread the creaky boards of Hever Castle.



In the coming weeks Sparky the Dragon will make an appearance in Year 1. Sparky is naturally curious about life in Year 1 and has requested that he takes a trip home each night with a different member of the class. Attached to Sparky will be a luggage label for your child to record a sentence about what Sparky got up to that evening. Should you also want to provide a photo of his adventures with you at home, they will be most welcome!

Here's to another wonderful term in Year 1.

With Best regards the Year 1 Team