Dear Parents / Caregivers

Welcome to a new school year. A big welcome to Plympton Primary School for all our new families.

Reader folder
The children take this home each night. In the folder will be a book for you to read with your child. Once they have read the book they can change it for another one. In their communication book you will find a reading record sheet to help keep track of your child’s reading and to encourage them to read at home. Please remember to listen to your child read for a few minutes each night and fill in the date, book title and signature on the record sheet. It is really important that you don’t change your child’s reading level number. I will let your child know when they are ready to move levels.

Communication & Home Spelling Book
In your child’s reading folder there is a book that is our communication book. This book is a means of two-way contact between home and school. Please use this book to write any messages you may have and any notes about absentees/lateness. The communication book is also used by your child to record their sight words.

Spending Money / Canteen
Our school canteen only operates on days when the forecast is 30 or more. There will only be ice blocks offered for sale. If you choose to send spending money with your child it is their responsibility and they will need to look after it until they go to the canteen.

Sight Words
Your child will be given a list of sight words to learn. Please remember that these are words for your child to be able to read and not for them to be able to spell out. Please help your child learn these words at home. I will be assessing your child regularly and will provide a new list when they have learnt all the current words. (Starting Wk 2)

Jolly Phonics
During term 1 your child will bring home a sound card each day in their communication book. It will have the sound that we have focussed on in class during the day. Please help your child revise these sounds at home. (Starting Wk 2)

Sharing
Your child's sharing day is _____________________. Your child will be given a list of sharing topics each term. Your child may bring something from home to share or they may talk about an experience related to the topic. (Starting Wk2)

Library Borrowing
Our class borrowing will be on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child brings their library bag and any library books they have each week.

Assemblies
Our school has an assembly every 2nd Friday afternoon (even weeks) in the Hall at 2:30. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. When our class is going to present at an assembly, I will let you know.

Lunches and Drink Bottles
All lunch boxes and drink bottles should be clearly labelled. Your child is allowed to have their drink bottle on their table and are encouraged to drink during the day. Please ensure that drink bottles only contain water. Our school also provides a lunch order service. If you would like your child to buy their lunch a menu and price list is located on the pin up board outside our class.

Healthy Fruit Snack
Can each child please bring in a piece of fruit or a healthy snack to eat each day for our morning snack time.

Classroom Management
As a class management tool I will be using an online program that records points for positive learning and behaviour. Your child’s account code is _________________. They can use the code to check progress and create their own avatar(character). Your parent account code is _________________. You can use this code to get reports on your child.

Student Instructions:  
1. Visit www.classdojo.com/student  
2. Log into your existing student account  
3. Enter your student account code

Parent Instructions:  
1. Visit www.classdojo.com/parent  
2. Log into your existing parent account  
3. Enter your name, email, and create a password!

Parent Help
Assistance is always greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you are interested and available to help out in your child’s class.

I am looking forward to working with you this year. Please don’t hesitate to talk to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards

Kerry Baldwin
Class Teacher