Plympton Primary School

Starting School 2015

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to your child’s first term of school for 2015. I am looking forward to an exciting and learning filled term. As your child’s teacher, I am committed to providing an engaging environment and an appropriate curriculum that embraces the school’s values and encourages children in their enjoyment and development in learning. In this letter I will include some information that you may find helpful.

As our class this year will be a Reception and Year 1 class, this may be your child’s first schooling experience. It is important for them to learn and become familiar with the daily routines of school life. In the beginning the children may need assistance and guidance with the routines, however there is an expectation that they will become independent and able to get organized for the school day on their own. We will spend a lot of time practising this.

**Morning Organisation**

The school day begins at 8:50am. Children will be able to enter the classroom from 8:40am onwards. On arrival each day, your child’s responsibilities are to:

1. Place school bag onto their hook and remove their book bag and water bottle
2. Place their water bottle on top of the drawers
3. Remove any notices, sight words or lunch orders from their book bag and place them in the appropriate boxes
5. Place book bag in the book bag basket
6. Write their name on the sign in sheet
7. Choose a Discovery Time learning activity
Once your child has settled please say goodbye and reassure him/her that you will be back in the afternoon.

**Parent Participation**

Parents have many skills that can be shared in the classroom. In our class, parents can be involved in listening to children read and checking sounds and sight words. Please speak to me if you are interested in helping. Volunteers must have a criminal history screening.

**Curriculum**

Following arrival and morning organisation, the children independently choose a 'Discovery Time' learning activity. These activities use problem-solving and inquiry skills and actively engage students in their learning. The areas of learning during the day will include English, Maths, Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS), Science, The Arts, Health, Physical Education, Japanese and Music. You will receive a 'Curriculum Newsletter’ in the coming weeks which will give you an overview of the learning for this term.

I am looking forward to an exciting term of learning together! If you have any questions, it is best to chat after school or to contact me via email;

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Kind Regards,

Georgina Ninos
Please clearly label all items with child’s name

- Backpack
- Water bottle
- Lunchbox containing:
  - One item for Healthy Eating at 10:00am (e.g. fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, yoghurt, salt reduced crackers)
  - One item for recess
  - Savoury lunch option (e.g. sandwich, roll, wrap, salad, pasta, sushi)
  - One other healthy option
- School Hat
- For starting Receptions a transitional item such as a small soft toy

Please supply 1 box of tissues for class use.

Feel free to donate small cardboard boxes and clean food containers for our box construction. Thank You.