



### YEAR SIX FLAGS REACH THE ANTARCTIC

#### WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to school. We are all working hard to ensure a happy and successful 2019. I must also welcome Mrs Miller to the Year One team - she is covering for Miss Fiveash, who is now happily at home with her baby boy who was born on Christmas day.

#### SCHOOL UNIFORM

We aim to begin the New Year as we want to carry on. The expectation is that your child will arrive at school in the correct school uniform, with black school shoes or plain black trainers with no markings (not boots). If you require any uniform items Mrs Lyman has a good selection of nearly-new trousers, dresses, skirts and track suit tops. These are all available at £1 each, so there should not be any reason for children to be wearing the incorrect uniform. Hair styles should not be extreme - patterns or colours are not suitable for school. Long hair must be tied back to help avoid outbreaks of head lice.

#### PE KIT

Children are expected to wear the correct PE uniform - black shorts, white T-shirt and black trainers/plimsolls. During the colder months they may wear black track suit bottoms. Children will be provided with kit if they do not have the correct clothing, and will bring a letter home to remind parents of the expectations.

#### PHONICS

We are very fortunate to have been awarded a place on the Read Write Inc programme for teaching phonics. EYFS and KS1 parents will begin to notice a difference, with new books coming home. Please help us to keep the books in good shape, as the school has spent a considerable amount of money buying these new resources, and we are very excited to be delivering this new approach to learning to read.

#### TODDLER TALK & TEA TIME

A reminder that parents/carers of babies and pre-school aged children are welcome to join Mrs Lyman at 9.15am on Thursday mornings for an hour in the Studio. This is a very informal gathering of parents and children. We were very pleased with the uptake, and please encourage parents/carers/grandparents to join in with the fun. This is an ideal way to meet new people and for your little ones to socialise with others.

#### FROM THE GOVERNORS

On behalf of all the governors I wish you and your family a Happy New Year. The governors were delighted by the improvement in the school's attainment in July 2018. We spent a day in school in November visiting classrooms, looking at the wonderful displays of work and meeting children and staff. We were able to see at first-hand how all the hard work and dedication of the staff was providing children with a new, rich and exciting curriculum, and a happy and safe experience in school. The main focus of our activities this year is engagement with parents/carers and we look forward to opportunities to meet and listen to you. There will be a governor present at the parent evenings on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> March. I know it will be a busy time of the day for you but, if you can, please do come and talk us.

With very best wishes

Mrs Margaret Brook (Chair of Governors)

#### BAD WEATHER

At this time of year, as always, there is excited talk about the possibility of snow. Should there be a need to close the school we will let you know via Parent Pay, as well as posting a message on the website.

Kind regards

Mrs J Rowntree  
Headteacher