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# CRADLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The children have settled quickly into school and are all working hard. I have had some very positive feedback from the residential, the trip to Boundless Outdoors and Cattle Country Farm Park. What an exciting way to start the term.

Please see below some important information and reminders.

## Dropping Off

Please do not drop children off at school before 8.30am, unless they are booked into Breakfast Club. We cannot have unattended children on school premises and we can not take responsibility for them before 8.30am. If children are booked into BC you need to accompany your child to sign them in.

## Collecting At The End Of The Day

Please collect your child from the school playground or Class 1 from the Nursery/Class 1 door. Children will not be sent out to parents who are not on the playground. Dogs are not allowed on the playground. Dogs on school premises should be on a short lead. We will review this policy if there are any problems.

After clubs please collect your child at 4pm from the main school entrance.

## Snacks and Water

Children in Class 1 and 2 receive a free piece of fruit each day. Children in KS2 should bring a piece of fruit for breaktime. Cereal bars, fruit winders etc should not be eaten at breaktime. Children will be asked to save these snacks for lunchtime.

Parents can order milk through Cool Milk. This is free until a child's 5th birthday. Children over 5 can still have milk but there is a cost to this.

All children should have a refillable drinks bottle in school. This should preferably contain water. Children will not be able to have their bottles on their table if they do not contain water.

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## PE

Children should bring a PE kit into school as they will change before PE in school. Children should not come into school wearing PE kit unless it has been pre-arranged with me or children are in Class 1.

Children should wear a white school PE t-shirt and red shorts. As the weather gets colder, they can wear black or grey leggings or joggers and a plain red hoody. Hoodies are not permitted at any other time.

Children attending a sports club can change into sports kit for the club and go home wearing it at the end of the club.

Children with hair longer than their shoulders should have it tied back. Jewellery is not allowed except a watch and small stud earrings which must be removed for PE lessons.

## Homework

This term we are going to review our Homework Policy.

We are considering the impact of homework on children, parents and school staff. We want it to be purposeful, manageable and have an impact on children's learning.

We know from experience and research that being able to read has a huge impact on children's attainment. Children who read regularly, with support from parents and for pleasure are likely to be more successful across the curriculum. We are, therefore, having a focus on reading as homework this term. Children will be taking part in a reading challenge (see below) and need to read every day. They will still have phonemes to practice in Reception and spellings in Year 1 and 2. KS2 children will also have times tables to learn and practise.

## Reading Challenge

This year we are putting a strong focus on reading across school. We would like children to read widely and often. Your child will come home with a reading record (either book or card), please be sure to fill it in any time your child reads at home. The aim is for a minimum of 10 minutes a day every day as this has been shown to have the biggest impact on attainment.

To encourage this, we are setting a reading challenge.

We offer a child 5 chances a week to get their record signed. There will be certificates and prizes when your child has read for 10, 25, 50 and 100 days and had their card signed by an adult. If a child reads every possible day of the challenge, there will be an extra special award. On a Friday celebration Collective Worship, we will award these prizes. The Digital Leaders will also be creating our certificates with Miss Guy.

## Volunteers

We always welcome volunteers in school to help in a variety of ways. If you, a grandparent or neighbour have a short time to spare we would be thrilled to have you.

We need people to help:

- With forest school sessions;
- With practical activities like cooking, sewing, art and DT;
- To listen to children read;
- With trips outside school;
- With after school clubs.

If you can help, regularly, occasionally, for ½ an hour or a whole morning/afternoon please let the school office or your child's class teacher know and we will get back to you.

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## Attendance

Children being in school every day is very important and is one of the biggest factors to children reaching their full potential. Children must stay at home if they have a tummy bug or a high temperature. If children are a little under the weather it is important that they try to be in school. Appointments should only be made during school time where there is no alternative.

Family days out and holidays should be taken during school holidays and children should only miss school in exceptional circumstances. Holidays should be requested at least 6 weeks in advance by emailing the school office.

Children who arrive after the bell will receive a late mark which may result in an unauthorised attendance. If your child arrives after 8.50 an adult must bring them to the school office where the adult must sign them in. We will not be able to let your child into school until this has happened.

We are looking forward to a busy term with lots of things already planned. Please keep an eye on dates on the Weekly Newsletter and further information about events and activities on Tapestry.

Thank you for your support.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Jones

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