

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 1. We hope that you have had a fantastic summer and made some happy memories with such lovely weather. It has been great to hear from your children about some of your thrilling adventures. We are excited about getting to know your children throughout this year so please let us know of anything they do well so we can celebrate their achievements.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead, I will be teaching fulltime, and Mrs Oliver will be teaching your children every other Thursday. Miss Coath, Mrs Ntioudi and Mrs Cook are our amazing Teaching Assistants who will be supporting the children with their learning.

Our theme this term is 'From Land's End to John O'Groats' and our big question is '**What does it mean to be British?**'

A curriculum poster is attached to the back of this letter with more information.

A few things to note:

Start time: Classroom doors open from 08:35 and the register is taken at 08:45. Children will be engaged in learning tasks as soon as they arrive. Please try and arrive promptly each day to make the most of this learning opportunity.

PE: PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will bring PE kits into school and leave them here until the end of half term.

Dinners: Please complete the lunch orders online. Please let us know of any allergies and specific requirements.

Homework: This will be spellings which will come home on a Friday, learned ready for a test on Wednesdays. Later in the term we will be sending home children's logins and explanations for Spelling Shed. This is a great resource to support your child's learning and allow us to monitor your child's progress.

Reading: Your child will be bringing home reading books each week. Please try and read daily with your child. We want all children to develop a love for reading so continue to share other books and support your child in reading words in their own environment.

Label: Please ensure that all clothes or items they bring in are labelled with their name.

Website: Please check out our class page on the school website. This will keep you up to date with their learning and is a great source of information.

If you do have a question or need to contact us then email the school at: admin@st-andrews.plymouth.sch.uk or speak to one of the Year 1 team.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to seeing your child flourish.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Wills, Mrs Oliver, Miss Coath, Mrs Ntioudi and Mrs Cook

