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***Learning together. Achieving together.***

Dear Parents,

We are very much looking forward to getting to know your child and working with them in Reception this year. We would like to share a few details with you about how we work.

Mrs Jones will teach the class all week apart from Thursday afternoon when Mrs Cartwright will be with Reception. Mrs Hughes will be in class every day, finishing at lunchtime on a Friday when Mrs Stanworth will come in.

### Mornings

You are welcome to bring your child to our outdoor area and wait by the small, metal gate. We will be there to meet you and help the children when they get into class. If your child is reluctant to leave you, we have a waving window from inside class, so have a quick wave before you go! Please collect your child from the same place at the end of the day. If your child is being collected by someone different, please let us or the office know.

### Readers

At the start of the year, children will choose a library book from the class book corner. We call this our 'book for pleasure'. Please share the book with your child and read several times together through the week. As the term progresses, the children will have a guided reading session, either individually or in a group, with a teacher or TA. Children will be assigned a 'reading day' when they will return the books they have read and will choose new books. This day may change throughout the year, but we will let you know if this happens. We use a digital reading record, 'Go Read' we will send out the login details once the children have settled in. Please keep the children's books in their bookbag throughout the week and ensure all books are returned. The children will receive new books once the previous weeks have been returned. Please keep water bottles out of the bookbags as we often have spillages!

### PE

PE will be on Thursday and Friday. Please could all children bring a named PE kit (black shorts, house colour polo shirt and trainers) in a small, named **drawstring bag** and leave it in school. A spare set of clothes can be kept in your **child's bookbag** if you feel they may need them. Please do not send in any other bags as we don't have room on our coat pegs.

### Homework

Children are expected to read regularly throughout the week. Little and often is usually best. Later in the half term, children will begin to get additional homework, this will link to the children's learning. We use a home learning platform called 'Seesaw'. Further information and login details will be sent out. Each week, we will let you know what the children have been learning in class through the Seesaw App.

### Rewards

We strive to have happy, motivated, and well-behaved children. We have a behaviour system called 'The Waverton Way':

- Be safe
- Be ready
- Be respectful

Our class works together to earn "jewels in the jar." Once full, the class earns a reward. We also use house points to recognise effort and good behaviour. These are counted each Friday, and the winning house team is announced in assembly and receives extra playtime.

### Snack

The children will have a choice of water or milk and will be given a piece of fruit. Please ensure you send a named water bottle into school (please do not put this into the bookbag in case of leaks!), this will be returned at the end of each day. As we are a 'Healthy School' we ask for water only, no juice please. We offer the children an additional snack e.g., toast, crackers, breadsticks, pancakes etc, for a small voluntary contribution of £10 per term, this can be paid via SchoolMoney (you will have received log in details this week). You do not need to put extra snacks in your child's bag. Any funds left over from snack money are used to buy classroom equipment. Last year we were able to buy books, gardening equipment, story CDs and role play equipment.

### Belongings

Although we know how much children love pencil cases, we would ask that they leave them at home! We will provide them with all they need at school. On the same theme, we would ask children not to bring in toys, footballs, collectables etc.

### Topic

Our first topic this September is called 'Only One You!' We will be drawing pictures of ourselves and our family, learning each other's names, making handprints, talking about how we are the same but different, reading stories and lots more. Our author is David McKee and we will read all of the much-loved Elmer books.

If you would like to ask us anything through the week you are welcome to email the office at:  
[admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@waverton.cheshire.sch.uk)

We would also be happy to speak to you at the end of the day, once the children have left.

We hope this hasn't completely overloaded you! We are looking forward to a really positive and fun filled year.

Many Thanks,

Mrs Jones, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Stanworth