

17th September 2020

Swallows Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to see all the children back at school and settling in so well. It is usually at this time that we would be welcoming you into class for our annual 'Meet the Teacher' session, but as you know, due to the current pandemic situation, we are unable to invite you into school. Instead we are writing to you to inform you of our routines and expectations for the coming year. Also attached to this email is the curriculum map for this half term.

To reiterate Mrs Gaze's communication to parents last term, we have made some changes to the structure of the school this year. EYFS and KS1 children have now become one class called the 'Swallows' and KS2 have become the 'Amazons'. (These names come from the classic book 'Swallows and Amazons' by Arthur Ransome.) Mrs Simmons and Miss Baigent will be teaching in our class, supported by Mrs Barton, Miss Newton and Miss Parry. PE will now be on a Wednesday and a Friday and until further notice should come into school wearing their PE kits (including the tracksuit)

Uniform has not been changed and is as follows:

- Navy crew neck sweatshirt or cardigan with school emblem.
- Grey trousers, shorts or skirts (no pinafores)
- Royal blue polo shirt with school emblem
- Socks (white, grey or navy) / tights (grey or navy)
- Black shoes
- Girl's summer uniform (optional) blue and white checked dress with white socks
- Hair should be tied up in a plait or pony tail if longer than shoulder length and long fringes should be clipped back (hairbands and clips should be small and discrete)

P.E Kit

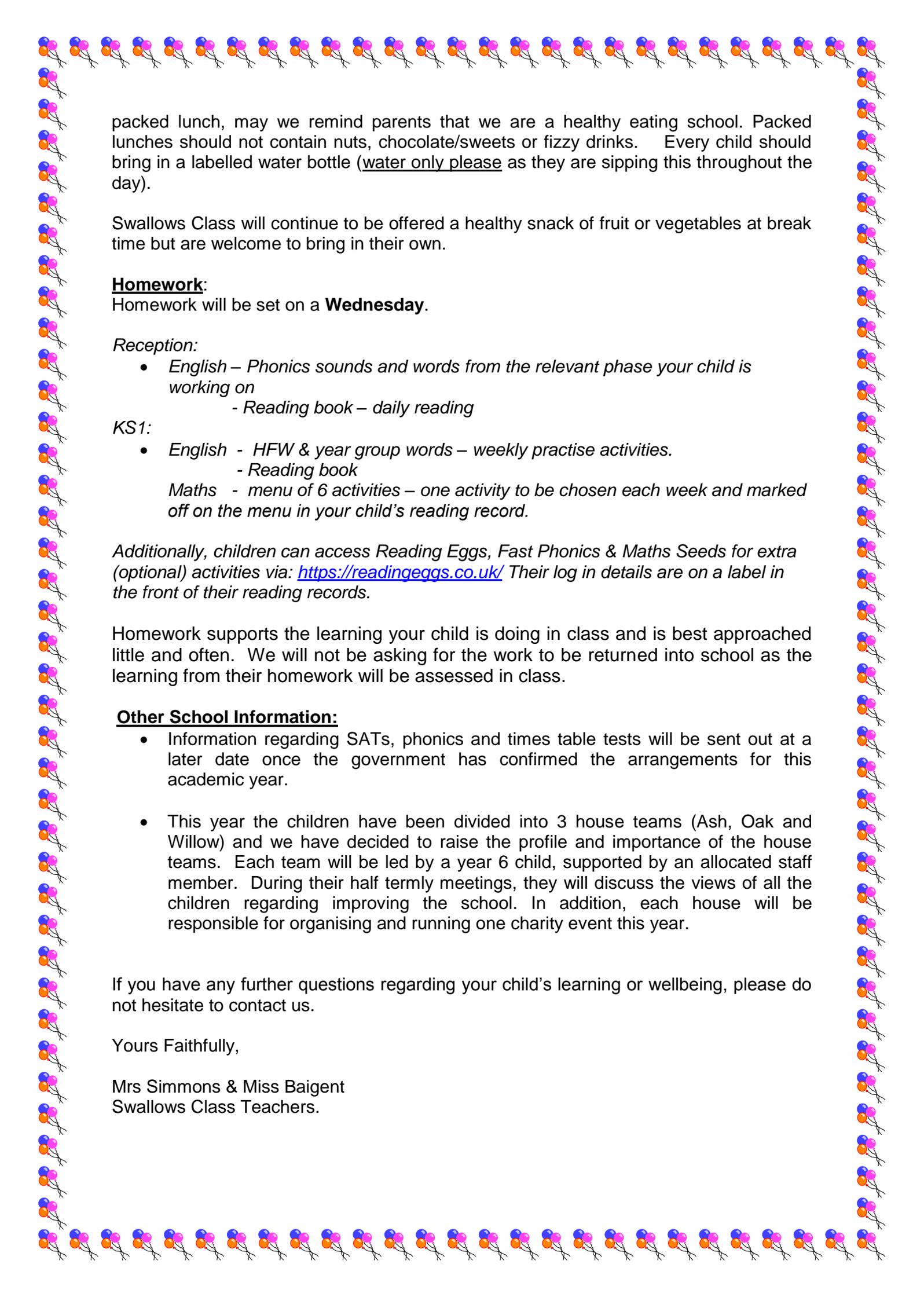
- Navy, quick-dry t-shirt with school emblem
- Navy shorts
- Royal blue tracksuit top and bottoms (provided by the school and which can be exchanged for a larger size as required – please email school office)
- Trainers
- If earrings cannot be removed for PE, they will be taped up for safety reasons (watches will also have to be taken off)

Other items

- Swallows class should bring a book bag every day; Amazons should not bring a bag.
- Children should bring a coat in every day that should be shower proof and as the weather gets colder, should also be warm. (unless it is raining very heavily children play outside at break and lunchtime)
- All equipment (eg: pencils, rulers etc.) is provided by the school and children should not be bringing in anything from home.

Lunchtime/Snacks:

Mrs Roberts provides freshly cooked hot meals at lunchtime (which are free for children from Reception to Year 2). There is always a meat/fish option as well as a vegetarian option and a choice of vegetables and salad. If your child prefers to bring their own



packed lunch, may we remind parents that we are a healthy eating school. Packed lunches should not contain nuts, chocolate/sweets or fizzy drinks. Every child should bring in a labelled water bottle (water only please as they are sipping this throughout the day).

Swallows Class will continue to be offered a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables at break time but are welcome to bring in their own.

Homework:

Homework will be set on a **Wednesday**.

Reception:

- *English – Phonics sounds and words from the relevant phase your child is working on*
- *Reading book – daily reading*

KS1:

- *English - HFW & year group words – weekly practise activities.*
- *Reading book*
Maths - menu of 6 activities – one activity to be chosen each week and marked off on the menu in your child's reading record.

Additionally, children can access Reading Eggs, Fast Phonics & Maths Seeds for extra (optional) activities via: <https://readingeggs.co.uk/> Their log in details are on a label in the front of their reading records.

Homework supports the learning your child is doing in class and is best approached little and often. We will not be asking for the work to be returned into school as the learning from their homework will be assessed in class.

Other School Information:

- Information regarding SATs, phonics and times table tests will be sent out at a later date once the government has confirmed the arrangements for this academic year.
- This year the children have been divided into 3 house teams (Ash, Oak and Willow) and we have decided to raise the profile and importance of the house teams. Each team will be led by a year 6 child, supported by an allocated staff member. During their half termly meetings, they will discuss the views of all the children regarding improving the school. In addition, each house will be responsible for organising and running one charity event this year.

If you have any further questions regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Simmons & Miss Baigent
Swallows Class Teachers.