Capel St. Mary Church of England VC Primary School

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"A Place to Learn and Achieve"

With faith as small as a mustard seed, you can move mountains. – Matthew 13 verses 31- 35

Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Unit 1 Parents and Carers,

A great big hello from the Unit 1 staff team to your children and to you as parents. We really hope that you are looking forward to joining our classes in September. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into Unit 1 and helping you to continue your learning whilst having lots of fun! We recognise the huge importance of working together to support the needs of all the children and we look forward to building up a partnership with you the parents and carers of the children in our care over the course of the year.

Our Unit 1 team includes:

- Mrs Haigh, Deputy Headteacher, Unit 1 Lead, SENCo and teaches the year 1 & 2 'Bumblebees' class on Thursday and Friday.
- Mrs Jordan teaches the year 1 & 2 'Bumblebees' class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Miss Gargett teaches the year 1 & 2 'Squirrels' class.
- Miss Moore teaches the year 1 & 2 'Ladybirds' class.
- Mrs Hambling and Mrs Mapperley, are our Higher Level Teaching Assistants.
- Mr Skingley is our PE coach.
- Mrs Pryke, Mrs Plummer, Mr Wilson, and Mrs Nixon are our Learning Support Assistants, providing valuable support for your children.

Our Unit:
In our Unit all our classes work very closely together and the teaching team plan together which ensures consistency and allows every child to receive the same opportunities. All the curriculum subjects will either be taught in year groups with a teacher from the unit or as a class with your child's teacher.

What your child needs to bring to school:
* A book bag in which to transport their reading book and diary to school daily which can be kept in their tray (**please do not use a large bag or rucksack as they cause a hazard to the children due to the lack of storage space to accommodate them)**
* A water bottle daily – containing **water**
* A hat and an application of sun cream during warmer weather
* A coat daily
* A packed lunch if required

Please **do not** bring any other items from home. We will provide all of the equipment your child will need during the day.

Curriculum Topics:
We always have a fantastic, fun and creative curriculum planned for the children and next year will be no different! More information regarding what your children will be learning next academic year will be on the school website from the beginning of September.

P.E.
Our P.E. days in September will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.
Every Tuesday and Thursday the children will participate in P.E. sessions which will include games, athletics, dance and gymnastics. These sessions will be taught by the class teachers and the PE coach.

On Tuesday and Thursday the children will need to come to school dressed in their P.E. kit. They will remain in their P.E. kit for the duration of the day. Your child will not need to keep a P.E. kit in school.

The school P.E. uniform should include:
***** pale blue polo shirt with or without the school logo
* black/navy blue shorts or navy-blue jogging/tracksuit bottoms (depending on the weather and time of year)
* plain navy-blue jumper or tracksuit top
* plain navy-blue/black trainers.

Safety
If your child wears **earrings**, please ensure these are **removed** on Tuesday and Thursday as we are unable to remove them for your child. Please also make sure that **long hair** is tied back.

Medication
If your child needs an inhaler, auto-injector (Epipen) or other medication please can you ensure that this is in school, that appropriate paperwork has been completed and that the school office and class teacher are aware of your child's needs.

Reward system
To reward the children for their hard work we will continue to use the Dojo points reward system. During the week the children will collect points for themselves and the child in each class with the most points will be rewarded in our celebration assembly at the end of the week as 'Learner of the Week'. The children can earn points for a huge variety of reasons including: super behaviour choices, excellent work, listening, kindness, focus during lessons, contributions to discussions, working hard (and anything else we can think of!). We will also choose one child in each class who has stood out for their attitude towards school life and learning to be our 'Star of the Week'. They will also be rewarded in our celebration assembly at the end of the week.

Further Information – Reading / Homework
Further information about different aspects of Unit 1 life and routines, such as the reading challenge, the homework system, curriculum delivery, phonics and early reading groups will be explained in more detail in separate letters which you will receive during our first week back in September.

All the information contained in this letter and any further information you may require about Unit 1 will be on the school website. The website will be updated during the six weeks summer holiday and new information will be available from the beginning of September.

Homework through the summer holiday
If possible, during your busy summer holiday plans, it would be really beneficial for your child in September if you could continue to practise some key skills over the summer period. These could include; reading, practising reading and writing phonic sounds and tricky words, writing sentences, counting, recalling number bonds, completing addition / subtraction number sentences.

Drop off and pick up
In the morning the children will line up in their class line on the playground to the left of the ball wall (when facing the school building). At the end of the school day the Ladybirds will be collected from their outside classroom door and the Squirrels and Bumblebees will exit from the main Unit 1 entrance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns during the year. Every member of staff in our team will always do everything they can to help in any way possible.

We hope you have a wonderful summer holiday and we will see you bright and breezy on Wednesday the 3rd September 2025.

Yours sincerely,

The Unit 1 team