

**HERTFORD ST ANDREW
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
CALTON AVENUE
HERTFORD
SG14 2EP**



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15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to again welcome you to our school and to thank you for your support in settling your child into new routines and our school behaviour expectations. Mrs Amofa and I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the children so far and we are excited about the year ahead.

To help your child become independent with their self-help skills, there are a number of items we would like to bring to your attention:

All children are encouraged to bring in their own labelled drink bottle that must contain *water*. Drinking squash throughout the day has a detrimental effect on teeth and can cause early decay. Please see the poster displayed on our classroom window for more information.

We have breakfast cereal available to all children on arrival. We also offer fruit, toast and milk throughout the morning. If you wish to send in an additional snack for your child, you are very welcome to do so. Please ensure this snack is healthy, e.g. fresh fruit or vegetables, such as sliced carrots or cucumber. We are continually teaching children the importance of a healthy body and mind.

It would be helpful if you could provide a spare set of clothes for your child, including spare underwear. Each item should be individually labelled and placed in a named bag. These spares will remain on your child's peg and will only be sent home should new set be required.

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for all weather types, including footwear for wetter weather (wellies). We will use the outside areas throughout the term and this will mean the children will get wet and sometimes muddy underfoot.

PE will take place on a Wednesday. Your child should come to school in their PE kit on this day. Details for kit can be found on the school's website.

All children up to the age of 7 years old are entitled to a free school meal. A menu from for the term was sent out at the beginning of this term. Do not hesitate to contact us should you require another copy.

For those children who have a packed lunch, may we remind you the contents should promote a healthy and balanced diet. May I remind you that we are a nut free school; therefore please check all items carefully before sending them in to school.

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Ways to help at home – share books with your child daily to develop their love for reading, ask them questions to clarify their understanding and encourage them to give their opinions about what they have heard. Count with your child and ask them to recognise numbers and shapes in the environment. If they want to write, give them a purpose – write a shopping list or label items in the home. Encourage your child to be as independent as possible in their everyday tasks, such as asking for the things they need, carrying their own school bags, getting dressed and using cutlery.

You are invited to attend a 'Get to know the systems' session that will be held on Tuesday 19th September. During this meeting, I will explain how our reading system works and how you can support your child's development at home.

May I signpost you to our school website <https://www.hertfordstandrew.herts.sch.uk> Lots of useful information can be found there. We recommend you look regularly to view all the latest updates and correspondence. You can also view our class page, 'Willow Class'. I will add photographs and examples of learning on a regular basis.

Please remember there is also a teacher email address, which is teacher@hertfordstandrew.herts.sch.uk Feel free to send photographs of the different activities/experiences you have at home, the children love to share these with their friends in class.

We hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything you would like to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Sampson

Mrs Amofa