



Dear parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to all children and parents and an extended welcome to any new children and families. We hope you have had a wonderful summer break and are ready to start the school year.

This week your children will spend the full week with their class teachers (including the afternoons) and will start to get to know the rules and routines which were started in the last week in July. All children will have a reading book and reading diary by Friday inside a plastic popper wallet. This is to ensure books are not damaged from water bottles leaking, food etc. This is to come home each night and be returned each morning. The reading books have been allocated on a one to one basis with a member of staff. This is provided not just based on decoding words but on comprehension too.



Please be rest assured that your child's ability in reading is a priority and their understanding of the text is a vital part of reading progress. Reading at home with your child is so important to their development and there are some question prompts in the reading diary to support you with their reading.



As we have children in school with nut allergies, please can you ensure that snacks at playtime and lunches do not contain nuts. Snacks at playtime should be healthy; fruit, vegetables, crackers, cereal bars, yogurt etc. [Low fat, sugar and salt] Crisps, biscuits, cake and chocolate are not suitable. We are working hard this year to complete the Healthy Schools

Award and would really like your support.

Uniform reminder: tailored school trousers [**not** jogging bottoms or sportswear] and black school shoes are needed. Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school every day. Physical activity is so important and no kit means that a child cannot take part safely.

There will be members of staff on the playground from 8.45am each morning. Year 3 children will be walked out of school for the first half term to meet parents/carers at the school gate in the far corner of the playground. Other children will walk out of school as normal.

We look forward to an exciting and successful year at Stonelow!