



**Withnell Fold
Primary School**



Welcome to Class One

welcome

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Foundation Stage children and welcome back our Year One children to Class One at Withnell Fold Primary school. I hope you enjoyed the summer holidays and made the most of the warm weather.

Firstly, I'd like to introduce myself, I am Mrs Kate Walls and I am really pleased to be teaching in Class One. I have been teaching for 12 years and have always been in the Early years and Year One. It truly is my favourite year group.



I have already made some really strong relationships with the Year One class and I have been enjoying getting to know our new Foundation stage pupils over the past week. Myself and Miss Boden are really looking forward to a happy and successful start to the year with lots of fun! We hope you are too! We know that for some parents this will be a new experience for you too and we are on hand to help ease any worries you may have.

Outdoor Provision

We all have daily access to outdoor play. Outdoor learning is an essential part of children's development so please could I ask that each child brings a coat and waterproof shoes to school every day as it can be messy and wet! This means we can enjoy playing outside whatever the weather! Wellies can be left in school and we have waterproof trousers and jackets to go over your child's clothes to keep from getting too wet and dirty! Please can you ensure all coats and wellies are labelled with your child's name to save any confusion.



PE Days

This half term the PE days are Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. PE kits can be left in school. PE kits should contain - A PE top, black jogging bottoms or leggings, a pair of shorts and trainers. This half term we are doing Gymnastics, Fundamental Skills and practicing for our upcoming sports day.

Proud Clouds

As you know, not all learning takes place in school so we have 'Proud Clouds' which parents can fill in to inform us about children's achievements outside school.

What can I write about?

Examples of achievements you might like to tell us about include:

- Joining a club outside of school, e.g, .rainbows, little squirrels, football, gymnastic, etc.
- Learning how to ride a bike or play a new game.
- Being brave with an injury.
- Helping with chores at home.
- Impressing parents with their reading or a new skill
- Getting dressed independently.

How do I fill in a proud cloud? All we need is a sentence to explain briefly why you are proud and add the date and your child's name and send it into school so we celebrate your child's achievements with the class and display it in the classroom.

I look forward to hearing about all those little proud moments that happen at home!

Other important information

- Please make sure that all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name.
- Your child has access to the water fountain or is welcome to bring a bottle of water - Please only fill their water bottles with water - no juice, thank you. We also have a snack time where children are provided with a piece of fruit.



Good to be green

Good to be green is our whole school behaviour and positive reinforcement scheme. If your child stays on green all week, they will receive a sticker on their book mark and a little note home to share their achievements.

Reading

Reading books will be changed on a Tuesday and Friday but please ensure your child brings their reading book in their bag everyday as we have volunteer readers that will also listen to your children read.

Reading is such an important skill and we would love it if you could listen to your child read every day.

Top Tips: -

Choose a quiet time when they are wide awake.

Help your child to:

- read the sounds and words at the front of the book, before they read the story
- sound out any new words as they read the story. Read back each page to them, after they have read it.

If the child has enjoyed the story, encourage them to read it again on the next day to increase their fluency.

Most importantly...do it all with patience and love.

Your support matters.

Foundation stage children will be given a reading book with phonemes and words in when we begin our phase two phonics teaching.

Questions or queries

If you have any questions about anything please feel free to catch me at the end of the school day or phone into the school office and I will be happy to help support you and your child's learning.

I look forward to working with you and getting to know your wonderful children.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Walls