

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic first few days with the children in Venus Class and we could not have done it without your understanding and support. Starting school and a new year is always a big step for children and parents alike, but this has been a uniquely challenging time and we really appreciate all your help in making the process as safe and as smooth as possible. So, a big thank you for all your cooperation and patience this week.

Over the last few days in Venus we have been getting to know each other. Next week we will introduce a more structured timetable, which will include literacy, phonics, maths, R.E. and our topic. You will receive a letter around the same time containing an outline of what we will be learning this half term.

Please find below some general information about Venus and its day to day routines.

### **Venus Staff**

There are two other members of staff in Venus. Mrs Mawson is a teaching assistant who has been at Kirk Fenton for 20 years and has experience across all year groups. Mrs Hey is an equally experienced higher-level teaching assistant, who will be teaching the class on Monday afternoons when I am occupied with planning and assessment.

### **Uniform**

We ask that all items of uniform and personal possessions (especially cardigans and jumpers, water bottles and book bags) are clearly labelled with your child's name. This will enable us to make sure that any lost clothing or items are returned to the owners as quickly as possible.

### **P.E.**

Starting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, Venus will have P.E. every Tuesday afternoon on our school field. Please ensure your child comes into school on Tuesdays wearing their P.E. kit. The kit consists of a white t-shirt and red shorts, with the option of a dark hooded top and leggings/jogging bottoms for cooler weather. These items should be as plain as possible, without logos (other than the Kirk Fenton logo) and clearly labelled with your child's name. Trainers can be any colour.

### **Behaviour**

In Venus we use a daily chart to encourage and celebrate positive behaviour in class, particularly in the areas of good manners, listening and effort. During carpet time at the end of each day, we talk about the good behaviour of children on the chart and hand out stickers as a reward. A certificate is awarded to those children who have gone 'above and beyond' by demonstrating outstanding behaviour throughout the day.



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### **Good Work Assemblies**

Every Friday the children take part in an online whole school assembly which celebrates children who have worked particularly hard or made good progress in their learning. Every week a child is chosen from each class to receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts and their achievements.

### **Reading Books**

Your child will receive his or her reading book by the end of next week. You will receive a letter containing further details shortly beforehand.

### **Marvellous Me App**

At Kirk Fenton we use an app called Marvellous Me, which enables teachers to send messages to the parents of children in their class, such as notifications, reminders and feedback. It is a great way of keeping you up to date with what is going on in class and your child's progress. You will receive a letter providing more information on this subject soon.

### **Getting in Contact**

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or the class, please do not hesitate to email me through the school office. If you would prefer, a telephone conversation could also be arranged.

It has been a pleasure to meet the children this week. The Venus team and I look forward to sharing in their learning journey over the coming year.

Kind regards,

Miss Hendrickson

