

# Year 2 Parents

Thursday 3rd September 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely summer.

We are having an open evening on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm, which will give us a chance to tell you more about Year 2 and answer any questions you may have. In the meantime, here are a few details about this term in case you are unable to attend.

The first homework will be set on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September and will be due in by the following Friday. This will usually be a chance to work on some spellings with your child and some maths work. Regular reading with your child would also be very beneficial. Please see the front of your child's homework diary for more information about homework.

Both 2W (Miss Woods) and 2M (Miss Moulds) will have P.E. on Tuesdays and Fridays. Please ensure that children bring P.E. kit, suitable for both indoor and outdoor use, to school on these days. It is very helpful if this is also named.

All children should bring a water bottle to school every day and place it in the box near the classroom sink. This is especially important in warmer weather. They should take their bottle home each night to be washed and refilled.

We ask that all children have an indoor and outdoor pair of shoes with them at school every day. Some parents may wish to use trainers/plimsols as both P.E. and outdoor shoes. Sensible slippers may be worn as indoor shoes.

Book bags and reading records should be brought to school every day, even if children haven't had a chance to read at home. It is really important to change reading books as often as possible. We advise doing this with your child at the end of the school day (colour banded and chapter books can be found in the infant corridor).

Please be aware that staff are not permitted to administer medicines to children. If your child is attending school, but requires medicine you may return at lunchtime to help them take it. If your child needs an asthma inhaler this should be handed to the class teacher to be kept in the classroom medical box.

Because the corridors get very busy at the beginning of the day, we would appreciate it if you could leave your children at the main Infant entrance to make their own way to the classroom. We have asked all children to wait in the classroom until they can see the person that should be collecting them at the end of the day. If children are still waiting at 3.30pm they will be taken to reception.

On Thursday afternoons, children will be taught by Mrs Pyke, Mrs Brignell and Mrs Sheehan. They will participate in Music and R.E. sessions. If you need to speak to either of the class teachers at the end of Thursday, please let the office staff know.

Please be aware that toys are not allowed at school. Children will have a variety of activities and toys to choose from in the school council shed during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Golden Time will be at the end of Friday afternoons. This is a chance for children who have worked hard all week to choose from a range of fun activities.

For your information the topic this term is 'Our Local Environment'. After half term it will be 'Schools Now and Then'.

See below for specific details about each subject:

Literacy	Instructions, Explanations, Patterned poetry, Stories with familiar settings.
Maths	Counting, partitioning, calculating, securing number facts and relationships, understanding shape, handling data, measures.
Science	Plants and Animals in the Local Environment
History	Victorian Schools
Geography	Keeping Our Local Area Safe
R.E.	Special Books, The Christian Family
P.E.	Foot Skills, Rolling and Throwing, Dance
S.E.A.L	New Beginnings, Getting on and Falling Out
Music	Pulse and Pitch
D.T.	Paper Folding
Art	Drawing
I.C.T.	Data handling, Research, Control, Modelling and Simulations, Presenting Ideas, Communicating with Others.

We will be sending home a show and tell rota shortly, in the meantime, **could children bring in one favourite book to share and discuss for tomorrow afternoon.**

Please be aware that you will be receiving an additional letter very soon about the upcoming year 2 trip to Wandlebury.

If you are able to volunteer some time to hear readers or help with art activities, please let the class teacher know.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September. If you have anything additional to ask, but please feel free to pop in after school at any time.

Best wishes,

Hannah Woods and Rachel Moulds