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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 2! We hope you had a restful summer, and we are delighted to welcome the children

back to school for an exciting year. We hope this letter will provide you with all the information you need but if you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact us through the school office or have a chat with us at drop off or home time.

**Structure of the day**

The day begins at **8.35am** with the children entering school via the cloakroom door in the left corner of the school building. The children will arrive to early morning activities, silent reading or ‘Next Step Time’ at their tables before the register is taken at **8.45am.** Lessons begin at **8.50am** and these will now become increasingly structured in comparison to the children’s experiences in Year 1. The children will have opportunities to work independently, in small groups and with the class as a whole.

**8.35am SCHOOL GATES OPEN**

**8.45am REGISTRATION**

**10.30am BREAK TIME on the playground or field**

**11.45am LUNCH TIME**

**3.15pm HOME TIME**

At home time a member of staff will release the children to an adult listed on your contacts form. Please ensure all your contact details are correct with the staff in the office. If you have a new mobile number, please pass it on to school as soon as you can.

**Planning Preparation and Assessment (PPA) Times**

For their PPA time, Miss Mascord and Mr Gorton will be out of the classroom on Monday afternoon; these sessions will be covered by Mrs Todd and Mrs Stroud.

**Project**

For Term 1, we will be covering Towers, Tunnels and Turrets and following this up with Let’s Celebrate in Term 2. These projects are fully cross-curricular and influence all areas of the curriculum. This term we are excited to be exploring castles, bridges and structures looking at how they are built, who built them as well as focusing on their representation throughout fiction, art and culture.

**Homework**

In Year 2, we will be setting homework on a weekly basis. In the coming weeks, your child will be given a homework book with the logins and passwords for PurpleMash. This homework book should be used at home to complete the tasks and then be returned each week to be marked. Throughout the year a range of activities will be set linked to our topic and areas of study we are covering. Some of these activities are weekly with others fortnightly, depending on the task. Homework will be set on a Thursday and should be submitted by Wednesday of the following week, unless otherwise stated please.

It is also imperative that the children have as many reading experiences as possible. Ideally the children should be reading for 10 to 15 minutes each evening with a grown up. Phonics reading books linked to the phonemes being learnt in class will continue to be provided by school and these will be changed by an adult. There is also a lovely range of Reading for Pleasure books that the children can bring home to share with you. The adults at school will support the children in changing and choosing these books. Please make a note of any reading you complete at home using our school Reading Record books and please also feel free to record other books you have shared at home in these too. We love to see what the children have been reading!

**E-safety / internet**

We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that ‘social networking sites’ such as ‘Facebook, are age restricted and should not be available to primary school aged children. The school policy regarding e-safety is regularly reviewed and we will carefully consider how we can monitor and report any inappropriate use of the internet outside school, including social networking sites and examples of cyber- bullying. We wish to work alongside parents, to ensure the children are safe and secure in their use of the internet. Can we encourage you to monitor your child’s activity and check that any games being played are not exposing the children to inappropriate material and are age appropriate.

**PE**

PE is currently timetabled for **Wednesdays** so please can your child(ren) arrive at school in their PE kits on this day each week. For PE lessons and for Sports Day your child will need a coloured t-shirt and this colour matches the House Point Team they are in. The children will also need to wear plain blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and for colder weather, a plain blue or black jumper. The children should wear safe trainers on their feet please. As a safety issue, children are not allowed to wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot take out and put back in their own earrings, please make sure you take them out before they come to school. Long hair (below shoulder length) needs to be tied back. Please ensure your child has an inhaler (labelled) in school if they use one.

**Rewards**

Class Dojo Points

House Points

House Point Certificates

Star of the Day/Monster of the Day

Fill the Marble Jar

Treat Day

Celebration Assembly Certificate Nomination

In Year 2 this year, we will be using a reward system called Class Dojo. This system will allow each child to earn points for positive behaviour throughout the school day. These can be earned for a range of reasons from being a kind friend to producing an excellent piece of work. These points will be converted into house points at the end of the day and the children with the highest scores will be recognised.

For exceptional individual achievement we will also be awarding house points which will contribute to their house’s overall total at the end of the term. We shall be recording the amount of house points awarded on an individual basis on a sticker chart and it will be acknowledged when children meet certain milestones.

**Pegs**

The children will each have a peg to keep their personal belongings safe. These are clearly named for the children to access independently. The children should hang their backpacks, book bags, lunchboxes and coats here every morning on their arrival to school.

**Free School Meals**

As you may already know, all children in Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free hot meal at lunch times. You are under no obligation to take this up but if you would like to order school dinners for your child then please do so on your Scopay account.

**Class Contacts**

We will notify you of your Class Contact once this information is available, but we would recommend you sign up for Classlist.com for news directly from the SNSA.

If there is anything you wish to clarify please do not hesitate to phone the office or speak to one of us at the end of the day. We look forward to getting to know you and your child better and also look forward to an enjoyable and exciting year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Mascord Mrs Bower Mr Gorton

Class 6 Teacher Class 6 Teacher on Fridays Class 5 Teacher