

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

Year 2– Autumn (1st half)



Welcome to Year 2. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together!

We are currently enjoying getting to know the children. We are taking time to help them settle back into being at school as well as assessing where they are in their learning. Their mental wellbeing and happiness is our number one priority.

Google Classroom

We are continuing to use Google Classroom to set home learning and to distribute class news. The Google Classroom is the same login as last year. Please let us know if you are having trouble accessing this and we will happily assist you. We will post homework on Google Classroom every Thursday as well as any other updates. It is vital that you check it **each week**.

Reading

We are currently assessing the children's reading levels and assigning books to match their ability level. Therefore, reading books and reading records will be distributed next week. In the meantime, continue to share books at home with your children to encourage their love of reading. Many thanks for your patience with this process.

Please see attached our topic overview.

Year 2 home learning

Subject		
Reading	Weekly Please bring book bags on a Thursday for changing books. Yellow reading records will be checked every Thursday.	We expect the children to read at home daily. Daily practice can really support your child's progress, even if it is just for five minutes every day. Each week we will continue with the three reading practise sessions, they will then share this with you at home. They will also bring home a book to read for pleasure to share with you. Thank you for your support with this. As part of your reading routine, you can support your child by asking questions about the book. E.g How is Lucy feeling when? What do you think will happen next? Can you discuss your favourite words and phrases?
Spelling/ Phonics/ Maths	Friday	Homework will be posted every Friday on Google Classroom. This will include spellings which we will be learning each week in class.

Reminders

School lunch and snacks	Year 2 children are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Please see the school website for the menu and now order the meals on Parent Pay. You can send a packed lunch if you prefer. We promote healthy eating at school and so lunch boxes should not contain more than one chocolate snack and one packet of crisps. Children are welcome to bring fresh fruit or vegetables for a snack at break time. We are a nut free school. We have children with potentially fatal nut allergies in school, therefore no food containing nuts may be sent into school.
Drinks	Your child must have a named water bottle in school every day. Please only send in water, no juice or fizzy is allowed.
Uniform	Please ensure all uniform is clearly named. Grey trousers or shorts, grey skirt or pinafore dress, white or grey socks, grey tights, White polo shirt, Green logo school sweatshirt or cardigan. Warm weather option – green and white gingham dress (dress with shorts instead of skirt is acceptable) Hair past shoulder length must be tied back – please use plain hairbands in green, black or white, not brightly coloured bows. Nail varnish is not allowed. School shoes must be black and no heels, trainers or boots.
Wellies	Please can you provide a pair of named wellies that your child can use and keep at school, when needed. This will enable the children to enjoy the outdoors without the fear of soggy feet!
PE kit	Green t-shirt with school logo, black shorts, black or navy jogging bottoms and trainers. Ear rings must be removed or covered with tape for PE lessons. Watches must be removed for PE. PE kit must be worn into school on a Monday and a Tuesday .
Bags	Book bags in school every Thursday please. Children can have a bag or rucksack in school but please avoid the large bulky ones as 30 rucksacks take up a lot of room in the class.
Mornings	School starts promptly at 8.50am. Your child will be greeted at the patio gate by an adult. Please only pass on quick messages then, for a longer meeting please make an appointment. Children and parents arriving after 9.00am will be asked to sign in at the office.
After school	School finishes at 3.30pm. If someone other than yourself is collecting your child please ensure the office has their details. We will not let them leave unless we are sure they are safe.
Contact details	Please ensure you contact details and those of other people who may collect your child are always kept up to date. Please see the office asap if you change your phone number or address.

Teaching assistants

The teaching assistants who will be working with your child this half term are Mrs Shapter, Mrs Mullans, Mr Hammond and, Miss Preston Mrs Kerr.

Specialist teachers

Mrs Gates will be teaching the children on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoon. We will also have a session with Primary Sports on a Tuesday morning.

We recognise the importance of passing information between parents and school so we are available at the start and end of the day if you need to pass on any messages. However, if you would like a longer chat please make an appointment with us.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Spinks and Mrs O'Mahony.