**Welcome to Year 2**

**September 2020**

Hello everyone!

I am so excited for the beginning of September when everyone can return to school. It has been lovely to see lots of your faces back in school for the final two weeks and I have really enjoyed getting to know some of you better over this time. Hopefully, you are now feeling excited about the year ahead in Year 2. If you haven’t been in yet, don’t worry. We will be easing you in at the start of the year and I’m sure you’ll settle in very quickly.

If you don’t already know me, my name is Mrs Dalton and I can’t wait to be your new teacher. We are also very lucky to have someone you already know, Mrs Knights, as our teaching assistant ☺

There are so many exciting topics that we cover in Year 2 including The Great Fire of London, The Polar Regions and learning about Neil Armstrong and Space. I think you will love it!

I thought I would just give you a few ideas about what Year 2 in September 2020 will be like:

**The School Day**

Children will be in a bubble with their class. This means their start times are slightly different. Year 2 start the school day at 9:10am and finish at 3:00pm.

\*However, if you have an older child then your child will start and finish at the same time as the older/oldest sibling.

Can we ask that children wait by the gate in the car park on the same side of school as the main entrance- near the kitchen and big bins (the way you come in to school when watching a Christmas Play in the hall or for sports day). Mrs Knights and I will then walk with them around school to the Year 2 cloakroom and lead the children in to their classroom. This will stop the children mixing with any other year groups as they arrive in school. The children will also leave school this way. Please ensure that you are on time so that we can avoid mixing with other year groups.

**Hometime**

If your child is being collected by someone different from usual, please make school aware of who it will be before the end of the day. We may have to question who is picking up your child if we don’t recognise them or haven’t been made aware of a change in plan. Please note we are only doing this to keep your children safe and ensure they are going home with the correct adult.

**Uniform**

Please make sure **ALL** items of clothing, including P.E kits, are clearly labelled with your child’s name.

**P.E**

P.E lessons take place throughout the year but as the days of these lessons change half termly I cannot give you the specific days at the moment. Sometimes we have specialist P.E. coaches who come to teach e.g. football skills so children need to have their P.E. kit in school every day.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit.

Pumps,

White T-shirt

Blue shorts.

**Please make sure all kit is clearly labelled with your child’s name.**

As outdoor P.E. is part of the curriculum it would be a good idea for the children to have jogging pants/leggings and a sweatshirt (blue or black) for the colder weather.

**Reading**

Due to the unprecedented situation, one of my priorities when we first return will be to find out where the children are up to with their reading. Please note that initially I may end up giving your child a book which they have read before but I may do this for confidence, comprehension etc. so please bear with me.

Please can you return any school books you may have from before the school closures.

**Homework**

I may set homework in different ways this year. In the past, I have set a ‘Homework Menu’ with a variety of tasks for you to complete over a period of weeks, but following the success of the Seesaw app used throughout the closures, I may set some homework via that app. I know Mrs Plant has been impressed with lots of your work on there! ☺

**Water Bottles**

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day, filled up, with their names clearly labelled on them. They will bring them home each day. Please ensure that your child only has **water** in their bottle as they are not allowed anything else in class.

**Birthdays**

We love celebrating birthdays in Year 2! If you would like to bring in sweets for other children, please can I remind you that we are not allowed to give out lollipops.

**Fridays**

Please note that I am not in school on Fridays so the class will be taught be Mr Halstead on these days.

**Meet the teacher**

Unfortunately, we won’t be able to hold a ‘Meet the Teacher’ this year, but please look out on the website for a little introductory video from myself (and a bit of story time!)

I can’t wait for us to get started and have the best year ever!

Mrs Dalton and Mrs Knights ☺