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TO PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 2

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy month at school and the children in Year 2 are settling well into the new routine of a new academic year. With a change of year group it is inevitable that routines are slightly different from those in previous years and I would like to make you aware of some of these and provide you with a little more information.

Staffing:

This year we have made some changes to how we deploy our teaching assistants in Year 2. We now have dedicated teaching assistants; Mrs Blower is with the class on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Jones is with the class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Both assistants are with the class for the majority of the day and support the children across the curriculum. In addition, Mrs Denny supports the teaching of spellings and phonics on a Monday and GAP students provide extra support during three maths or English lessons. Now that the children are in Year 2, they have several teachers from the Junior School, which familiarises them with some of the Junior classrooms and teaching staff in preparation for Year 3 next year. I have attached a class timetable which provides more detail on this.

School Council:

The School Council meets half termly and a representative from each class from Year 2 – Year 6 sits on the council. At the start of the year two members of 2L, a boy and a girl, were elected by the children to represent 2L in the Autumn and Spring terms. The process of what the school council is was discussed with the children and all of the children were invited to put their names forward for the role. 2L then held a secret ballot to vote for their preferred choices. Freya Webb and Henry Cobb were elected for the Autumn and Spring terms respectively. At the start of the Summer Term, the class will elect a member of the form to represent them for this term.

Library:

During Monday lunch break, the library is open for Year 2 children. The library is operated by Year 6 Librarians and the children are supervised by break duty staff. Each child may borrow one book at a time and this needs to be returned before a new one can be borrowed. There is a box in the central area of the Moat for returned books or your child may take their book back on the day.

Homework:

A weekly spelling list will be sent home in your child's book bag on a Monday for your child to learn throughout the week. The spelling test will take place on the following Monday and we ask for the completed spelling sheet to be returned on this day. Each child is rewarded with a house point for completing this sheet. The children will also continue to bring reading home every evening, just as last year.

Clubs:

I do hope your children are enjoying the introduction of after school clubs. Some parents have asked whether or not the children should bring in an extra snack to see them through to the end of a longer day. Please do provide an extra snack for your child if you would like to.

Speech and Drama:

I am aware that there has been some confusion over the provision of Speech and Drama lessons. I have discussed this with Mr Wright. We will be looking into this, and reporting back to you in due course.

I do hope that your children are enjoying Year 2 so far. Please do get in touch with me if you have any queries or concerns. I appreciate that the beginning and end of the school day can be busy – for parents dropping off, and for me too. If it is difficult to catch me at these times, or if you would rather, please do feel you can leave a note in your child's reading record book or get in touch by email via the school office if you would like to discuss a concern or raise a query. I look forward to meeting with you all at the next scheduled consultations in November, if not before.

Yours sincerely,



Liz Lord
Head of Pre-Prep

2L Timetable

		Lesson 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Monday	Assembly	English EL, TB,TD	English EL, TB,TD	Maths EL, TB	Maths EL,TB	Humanities EL,TB	Humanities EL, TB	Games KM, ST, GAPS	Games KM, ST GAPS
Tuesday	Assembly	Art KG, TB	Art KG, TB	Maths EL, TB, GAP	Maths EL, TB, GAP	English EL,TB	English EL,TB	Music HCM	Move- ment NB, TC
Wednesday	Assembly	Maths EL, AJ	Maths EL,AJ	English EL, AJ, GAP	English EL, AJ, GAP	Singing HCM	Drama KD	RE PM, AJ	French PM, AJ
Thursday	Form time	French CL, AJ	ICT TH, AJ	English EL, AJ	English EL, AJ	Maths EL, AJ	Maths EL, AJ	Swim RT, SD,	Swim RT, SD
Friday	PSHE	Maths EL, AJ GAP	Maths EL, AJ GAP	Science MW, AJ	Science MW, AJ	PE ST, AJ GAP	ICT Maths EL, AJ	Activities EL, AJ	English EL, AJ, TD

EL Mrs Lord

TB Mrs Blower

AJ Mrs Jones

TD Mrs Denny

KM Mrs Matthews

ST Mr Turpin

KG Mrs Gummerson

HCM Mrs Copley-May

CL Miss Lambert

PM Mrs Moon

RT Miss Toolan

SD Miss Deakins

TH Mr Hutchinson

MW Mr Wilkinson