



September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school and we hope you enjoyed a restful summer holiday. The children are settling well into their new classes, and are becoming familiar with the new routines - which are detailed below for your information.

Arriving and Leaving

The school day starts at 8.50a.m and registration is at 9.00 a.m. prompt. Both classes must stay in the main playground until the bell has rung. At the end of the day, Year Two children should be collected from outside Elm class, by the roundabout. We ask pupils to tell us when they see the person who is collecting them so we can ensure all children go home safely. We are grateful for your patience whilst we do this. If your child is being collected by anyone different, please notify the class teacher or the office.

Physical Education (PE)

Year Two children have a weekly indoor and outdoor PE lesson. Please ensure your child's full PE kit is always in school with all belongings clearly labelled. We will send kits home at the end of each half term.

Home Learning

We thank you for your support with listening to your child read daily at home. In order to enable your child to develop their comprehension skills, please talk about the book, the characters and their favourite part to see how well they have understood the text. Please record this in their reading diaries so we can monitor their progress.

Now children are in Year Two they will be given homework which they are expected to complete each week. The homework will be explained before it goes home and it will link to their learning in school that week. Homework will be given out on Thursdays, due in the following Tuesday. Spellings will be given out on a Monday and will be tested the following Monday.

Our International Primary Curriculum (IPC) unit of work for this term is 'Hooray... We went on Holiday!' If your child has something in particular to research please help them. If you have the chance to further their interest in this theme please take it - your enthusiasm and interest can really encourage learning!

We ask that children do not bring in any objects from home unless it is linked to our topic in class. However, every Friday one child will be selected to take home the class 'Special Bag'. This is an opportunity for the child to choose something that is special to them and share it with the class. By doing so we hope to encourage your child to enjoy writing, so please support them but allow them to do this as independently as possible.

Lunches & Snack Time

Please read through the menu at home with your child to check what they want and whether they will like that option. We provide free fruit for snack time, and toast can be bought for 10p. If your child chooses toast as an option then please ensure their snack money is in a named purse or wallet. During school hours we will continue to remind children to drink plenty of water and we ask that children only bring in water in a named drinks bottle.

Medication

The school can only administer prescribed medication which needs to be left in the office with a signed form. Any other medication will need to be administered by parents/carers.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate in contacting your child's teacher through the office so a suitable time can be arranged for a chat.

Kind regards,

Mrs Barons, Mrs Moules and Mr Arrowsmith