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Lower Key Stage 2 - Welcome Letter

Dear parents/carers,

A very warm welcome to you all, we hope you have had a lovely summer break filled with lots of fun. It is lovely to have the children back in school and we can tell they are excited to start the new academic year. It should be a very exciting year, filled with lots of nice activities. This letter will give you some additional information about how the department is run, along with an overview of the plans for the term.

Classes

There are three classes in LKS2:

Year Group	Class Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Year 3/4	Miss Rankin	Mrs Hodges
Year 3/4	Mrs Hunter and Miss Baxter	Mrs Woodward
Year 3/4	Mr Houghton	Mrs Davies

PE

Children are to continue coming to school in their PE kit on their PE day. We ask that children wear a set PE kit as follows:

- blue, black or dark grey jogging pants/leggings/shorts
- plain white t-shirt
- blue, black or dark grey hoodie/sweatshirt (weather dependent)
- pumps for indoor PE, trainers for outdoors

This term, the PE days are as follows:

Class	PE day
Miss Rankin	Monday
Mrs Hunter and Miss Baxter	Monday
Mr Houghton	Tuesday

Homework

Reading

Reading plays a crucial role in helping your child progress. Therefore, reading at home with your child each day is of great importance. We ask that reading records are signed and returned to school so home reading can be monitored. If there are any unreturned readings books at home, please send them to school as soon as possible.

Homework grid

Children will receive a cross curricular homework grid. We ask that children complete one piece of work each week.

Maths homework

This year we will continue to be using the online resource Mathletics. Each week, the children can complete a piece of maths homework linked to the lessons taught in class.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home in a booklet so you have access to all the spellings covered during autumn term. Please support your child in practising their spellings ready for the spelling check on a Friday.

Parent Volunteer Readers

If anyone would like to volunteer to read with the children in school, please do let us know. This is something we would like to reintroduce to give the children extra support with their reading.

Rewards

We are continuing to use Class Dojo in school as a way of recognising good behaviour and celebrate individual success. Class Dojo is also an effective way for your child's class teacher to share important information with the class. It can also be used as a tool to keep in touch with your class teacher. We will continue to hold our weekly Rewards Assembly in school. Each week a certificate will be awarded in each class, one for Mary's Missionaries (Catholic life award), Star of the Week and My Happy Mind.

Water

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day. We ask that water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Labels

Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled. This is a great help when trying to return lost items.

LKS2 Meeting

The Meet the Teacher meeting for Lower Key Stage 2 will take place on Wednesday 20th September at 2:15pm in the school hall. This provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, find out about life in school and ask any questions you may have.

Thank you for reading this letter. We look forward to seeing you at the LKS2 meeting if you are able to attend. If you have any queries, do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

Kind regards,

Mr Houghton
LKS2 Phase Leader