

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, it is lovely to be reunited with this class again; I am very excited to be teaching your children this upcoming school year.

Here are just a few points to remember this year.

Uniform

Children must wear full Sacred Heart uniform, i.e. navy blue jumper with Sacred Heart logo. Children's shoes must be black.

Jewellery

As in line with our uniform policy, children **are not** permitted to wear earrings of any description.

PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit at school. This consists of a plain white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and outdoor trainers. A warm jumper can also be worn if needed, but your child can simply wear their school jumper for this if you would prefer not to send an extra jumper into school. All of these items should be **clearly named**.

For health and safety reasons shorts are only permitted to be worn inside (not tracksuit bottoms). PE kits should be sent to school in a plastic bag/separate from their school bag – these will stay in school and get sent home at the end of each half term.

Indoor and outdoor PE (weather permitting) – Monday afternoon

Attendance

Please ensure that your child is in class for **8.55am** every day. The class register is taken at this time, as lessons start promptly at 9:00am. It is vital that they **do not miss any** of their lessons through late attendance, as this can have a huge impact on their learning.

Home time

The children finish at **3:15pm** and will be dismissed promptly through the classroom door. If your child is being collected by another adult, please inform a staff member from our class prior to this collection.

Reading

Children should read their book every night, reading regularly at home will certainly benefit your child's progression in reading and we actively encourage you to listen to them read every night and to also discuss the book to ensure full understanding of the text. It will be very much appreciated if you could write a comment in your child's reading record as to how they have read, their fluency, expression and understanding of the text.

Children should bring their reading books and reading record into school every day in order for staff to change books when necessary and to listen to your child read.

Fruit and Toast

Children in Key Stage 1 receive a free piece of fruit during morning break time, additional fruit for afternoon break costs 10p per day. Toast is available for children every Friday morning, this also comes at a cost of 10p.

Water bottles

All children should bring in a water bottle clearly labelled with their name, this will be kept in school for children to drink during break time.

Homework

The children will receive a homework book from school. Homework will be given out on a Friday and collected in on a Tuesday.

Spellings

Spelling tests will be held every Friday; therefore, the children will receive a list of words to revise a week in advance.

Lunch Boxes

Please support our Healthy Eating Policy when sending your child to school with a packed lunch. In addition, due to our healthy eating policy we no longer accept sweets/ chocolates/ cakes to be given out on birthdays; however, your child is able to wear their own clothes on their birthdays as a celebration.

Below is an overview of what we will be studying this this year.

<p style="text-align: center;">Literacy</p> <p>We will be exploring many genres of writing throughout the year and writing effectively for different purposes. The children should be able to demarcate sentences with the correct punctuation; beginning to use question marks and exclamation marks appropriately. Co-ordination and subordinations should be used within sentences to join clauses.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Numeracy</p> <p>The expectation is that all children know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables fluently as well as odd and even numbers, so it would be beneficial for the children to practise these at home. The children will also be learning more formal written methods of addition and subtraction which include using a number line. They will also be using arrays to support their multiplication and division.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Topic</p> <p>Geographical study of Scotland & Ireland Transport past & present Study of non-European countries Event beyond living memory Weather worldwide Life of a significant individual</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Science</p> <p>Everyday materials Seasonal changes Animals including humans Plants</p>

- >You can help your child by:
- >Hearing him/her read daily and talking about the characters and plot
- >Helping him/her to learn the weekly spellings
- >Encouraging him/her to complete homework activities
- >Helping him/her to learn their times tables
- >Making sure he/she gets a good night's sleep

If there is anything that you would like to discuss in relation to the teaching and learning in year 2 this year, please make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Brooks

Year 2 Class Teacher.