# Year 2 Welcome Meeting



#### Year 2 Staff

**Class Teachers** 

**Miss Randall** 

Mrs Bland

Miss Hutt

Support Staff

Mrs Westbury

Mrs Parveen

Mrs Fakih

Ms Millard



#### Attendance & Punctuality

Curriculum - every lesson counts. One lesson leads to the next and missed lessons make it harder to learn and understand the full curriculum

Appointments - (other than hospital consultant/ clinic appointments) must be made outside of school hours

Breakfast & bedtimes - including no devices in bedrooms

Attend on time every day!

Children cannot be collected early for parents/family members appointments



#### Lunches

**UFSM R/1/2** 

School lunches must be ordered in advance - any issues take up with AiP (contact details displayed near office)

Children will be encouraged to eat the food on their plate

Packed lunches - NO NUTS!!! including any chocolate spread. Balanced meal - get children involved making lunch so they are more likely to want to eat what is in their lunchbox

If lunch is not ordered or brought to school, you will be contacted and asked to arrange for a lunch to be brought into school. The child will not be given a school lunch as the meals are ordered in advance.

Water bottles with water, not squash/juice



#### **Birthday treats**

Birthday treats - not necessary!

From an email sent to parents in January 2024:

If you wish to send something in for your child's birthday, please adhere to the following:

- Send in <u>one</u> small chocolate/sweet per child (no more)
- No cakes/drinks/toys etc
- Everything has to be NUT FREE
- A large number of children in the school cannot eat gelatine

Anything beyond this will not be accepted, not given out and will be returned to you.



## Uniform

School uniform - jumpers/ branded items available from the office

PLEASE NAME SCHOOL CLOTHES

Shirts to be tucked in and shoe laces tied

PE Kit - updated expectations, advance notice from summer term

Coats, even if you travel by car



#### PE and Games

Tuesday – Specialist Coach

Thursday - Teachers

Correct PE kits are <u>essential</u> and can be purchased from Asda/ Primark etc but MUST be plain



#### **PE Kits**

Our PE kit is a plain kit consisting of:

- <u>Plain</u> royal blue shorts or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (plain navy-blue leggings may be worn if they are changed from leggings worn as part of the full school uniform);
- Plain royal blue crew neck t-shirt;
- Plain navy-blue tracksuit top, hoodie or sweatshirt;
- **<u>Plain</u>** white or black trainers.

Please note, the following will not be acceptable:

- Branded clothes (e.g. Nike/adidas), except trainers
- Football kits
- Clothes in other colours

Our PE kit does not need to have the school logo on (unless you want it to) and will be widely available from a range of local retailers. In line with DfE policy, we are actively pursuing uniform options at the lowest possible cost to our families.



#### **Curriculum topics**

This half term, our curriculum looks like this:

Master Readers – Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

English - embedding basic skills (Jack and the Beanstalk)

Maths – number and place value addition/subtraction

Science - everyday materials

Geography – Countries and capitals of the UK Art – The Pop Art Movement (Andy Warhol( Computing/Music/Oracy/Metacognition

You will have already seen an email containing all of the knowledge organisers.

Keep an eye on website and Facebook where photos will be updated regularly



#### Trips and experiences

Autumn 1: Virtual tour around the UK Autumn 2: Windsor Castle Spring 1: Flight Day Spring 2: Planting seeds Summer 1: Sculpture Garden virtual tour Summer 2: Whipsnade Zoo

Permission and payment on ParentPay

No more than £30 (less than £1 a week)

Trips/ experiences will be cancelled if insufficient funds are received. We ask for payment

In advance of the trips because coach companies and venues have strict

cancellation policies.

THIS HAPPENED AT LEAST TWICE LAST YEAR!!!



#### Annual Challenge

	Early Years	Lower Phase			Upper Phase			
	Reception	Y1	<mark>Y2</mark>	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	
Physical	Hula hoop 30 secs	Skip 10 times in 1 minute	Bounce and catch a ball 10 times in <mark>1 minute</mark>	Dribble a ball over 10m coned course	Run 1 lap of field without stopping	Do 5 x keepie- uppies	Hold the plank position for 45 secs	
(These will be tested in school)	Hop scotch	Throw and catch a ball/beanbag to yourself 20 x in a minute	Touch your toes without bending knees	Do 30 Star jumps in a minute	Do 20 burpees in a minute	Do 20 squats in a minute	Swim 25m (any stroke) Bleep test level x	
Community Service	Donate to charity (e.g. put 20p in a charity can)	Donate a tin of food to the One Can Trust (Asda drop box)	Join a community service event (e.g. fundraiser, woodland clear up)	Raise money for charity i.e. do a sponsored event	Take part in a litter pick	Do a kind deed for a neighbour	Be of service to the school (School Council, Prefect, Play leader)	
Visits (nature)	Go on a teddy bear's picnic in a field/park Go to the woods	Climb a hill	Go and find a woodland flower display – snowdrop walk	Go on a waterside walk (not at the Rye)	Visit a nature reserve	Visit a Country Park	Climb the highest hill in an area	
Visits (local tourist attractions landmarks)	Go on a bear hunt (from 101 things)	Rye Park river walk (above the river)	Wycombe Museum	Hellfire caves	Pick your own fruit (e.g. <u>Copas</u> Farm)	Dashwood Mausoleum	Bucks Railway Centre, Aylesbury or Steam train at Chinnor	
Baking/cooking at home (parent help needed)	Make a sandwich	Make a jelly or cold dessert/pudding	Bake some biscuits	Bake a cake	Bake bread	Cook a hot dessert	Cook a main course for dinner	
Arts	Make a macaroni necklace	Make a sock puppet	Create a picture with bark or leaf rubbings	Learn and recite a poem	Draw a picture (any style)	Make a collage	Upcycle something	



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Grow a plant	Plant and grow herbs	Plant and grow flowers or fruit			Plant and grow vegetables		
Reading	Visit a local library for story time	Visit a local library and borrow books			Visit High Wycombe Library and borrow books		
Real life skills	Know when your birthday is	Know your full home address	Know your parents' mobile number	Put a washing load on (parent help needed)	Make a cup of tea/coffee/hot chocolate (parent help needed)	Be able to sew a button on (parent help needed)	Be able to iron a shirt or pair of trousers (parent help needed)
Getting involved	Attend a free event at the Eden centre (Emergency services day, Eco Elves, Green Eden etc)	Regularly take part in an out of school activity e.g. Scouts, Brownies etc, Sports club, Swimming lessons					

	Visit an art gallery
	Visit the seaside
Beyond the basics	Visit a museum (not in High Wycombe)
	Camp out in a tent or sleep away from home for a night (without your parents)
A different one	Attend a sporting or music event
must be completed	Go on a train
each year.	Watch a show/pantomime/musical in a theatre (not cinema)
	Go ice skating or roller skating
	Visit a building of architectural interest (e.g. Stately home or in a major city – the Shard)
	Visit a tourist attraction that is not in High Wycombe



#### Drop off and pick up

#### **Morning**

Gates open at 8:35am and close at 8:50am

Staff on the gate to welcome pupils and parents

#### <u>Afternoon</u>

Gates open 3:20pm and close at 3:30pm

Come onto the playground and collect your child from staff from where they are lined up Don't stand on the gates and wave

Avoid using your phone while collecting your child - this encourages communication between teachers and parents and parents and children



#### Homework

Mon, Tues, Weds: Times Table Rockstars (10 mins) Thurs, Fri: Mathshed (10 mins) Read everyday for 20 minutes.

Teachers check on TT Rockstars/Mathshed etc who has logged on and completed work and keep a record

Must be completed daily - journal must be signed by an adult.

Shows you are interested in what they are doing and that you value their schoolwork.

Reading and maths scores are reported to the whole school on Fridays

and classes that win the challenge win a prize.

Children are never to old to be read to!



# Why read 20 minutes at home?

STUDENTS WHO READ: 20 minutes PER DAY 3,600 minutes per school year 1,800,000 words per year



900 minutes per school year 282,000 words per year



STUDENTS WHO READ:

180 minutes per school year 8,000 words per year

PER DAY



#### Use of devices/ Internet safety/ Media

The internet is brilliant! We use it all the time in school.

Please monitor your child's use of devices and internet.

Know how to apply parental controls and age restrictions for games and platforms (including streaming services eg Netflix).

Be alert to misuse of devices - talk to your child about what they are looking at and their internet use...'Show me what you have been reading/ looking at/ watching..."

Think about where you child uses their device... do they have unsupervised use eg in their bedroom?

Have a cut off time where devices are put away an hour before bedtime.



#### Communication

Please inform the office:

- Change of address
- Change in email address
- Change in telephone numbers

Contact the office if you want to see a teacher, or catch on the playground. Appointments can be made

Class teacher  $\rightarrow$  Year leader  $\rightarrow$  Phase Leader  $\rightarrow$  DHT  $\rightarrow$  HT



## Finally...

Parent readers - let office know if you have an hour or so to spare each week to hear readers. Training is provided.

PTA - always happy to hear from parent volunteers PTA@castlefield.bucks.sch.uk

Remember... we all share a common interest - your children. We work hard to provide the best primary education we can for them all and thank you in advance for your support.

