

# Year 2 Newsletter

Mrs Bailey and Miss Scadding

## P.E.

Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday. Children should wear their P.E. kit to school on these days.. Outdoor P.E. will take place on Friday, so children will require warmer clothing once it gets colder. Long hair should be tied up and earrings taped or removed.

Children are encouraged to bring in a **named** water bottle every day. Also please ensure that **all clothing** is labelled.

Welcome back! We hope you find the first year 2 newsletter informative about the coming term. We are very excited to be teaching your children this year and we hope they are excited to start year 2!

A quick reminder that school begins at 8:45. Children are responsible for bringing their own belongings into the classroom. The cloakroom is now located in the corner of the classroom.

## Snack

Children are provided with a fruit/vegetable snack daily so **do not** need to bring in a snack from home. Milk can be ordered through the office.

## Reading

Children are encouraged to read **5 times a week** as part of our school reading challenge. Scores are recorded weekly. These 5 reads do not have to be just the school reading books but anything the children like reading! Just make sure it is recorded in their reading record.

Within school we will aim to read with your child each term. Guided reading sessions will also take place daily but this will focus more on the children's comprehension skills. Home reading books will be changed once a week. **We will send a separate letter telling you your child's reading day.** If any parents would like to volunteer to change books/read with children please come and see your child's class teacher.

## Class Assembly

Our class assembly on Tuesday mornings will be partly taken by the children and will focus on our Christian values. Each term we will focus on a different set of values. We will provide a letter with further details when it is your child's turn.

## Uniform

Christ Church C of E primary School has a compulsory school uniform and expects all of its pupils to wear it for the following reasons:

- It shows that the children are all part of the same community;
- It encourages pride in the school;
- It prevents discrimination and ostentatious affluence;
- It reduces arguments at home about what to wear each day;
- It makes recognition of pupils in public places much easier therefore making the pupils safer.

## School Uniform

The school uniform for pupils is as follows:

- Navy blue school sweat shirt or cardigan ;
- White polo shirt or blouse;
- Black or grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores – no leggings or skinny jeans;
- Black shoes or plain black trainers – all logos and trims must be black
- Blue gingham dress (Summer only)
- Dark socks or tights or plain white socks.

*School sweatshirts and cardigans can be purchased from Initially Yours.*

## School PE Kit

The children must also have a school PE kit. This is worn instead of uniform on the days which they have PE. This consists of the following:

- **Plain** navy blue hoodie/sweatshirt
- **Plain** T shirt in white or your child's house colour
- **Plain** navy blue tracksuit bottoms
- **Plain** navy blue or black shorts
- Plain trainers
- Earrings should be taped and nail varnish should not be worn

*School PE kit with logo can be purchased from Initially Yours.*

## Our Learning

**Discover:** Our 'Theme' lessons will now be called 'Discover' across the school. We will be taking a cross-curricular approach to learning which will help the children to make connections and be thoroughly engaged with their learning. Each term, we will have a different Discover question. This term, our question is: "How is climate change affecting animal's habitats?" The children will be learning about animal habitats and the weather. We will learn what all living things need ('Mrs. Gren') and we will also be locating hot and cold areas of the world.

**PE:** We will be focussing on safety, co-ordination and balance.

**Jigsaw:** Being Me In My World - we will be thinking about starting a new school year and making a learning charter which we will all sign.

**RE:** We will be looking at stories from the Bible.

**Spelling:** We will learn a different spelling rule each week and have opportunities to practise this during lessons. Spelling lists will also come home each week, on a Friday, and we will have a short "test" the following Friday.

**English:** This term we will be studying the book Owl Babies. The children will write 3 pieces of writing based on this book: a letter, an information report and a short story. We will continue to build on the grammar, spelling and punctuation skills taught during the sequence of lessons.

**Maths:** We will consolidate and extend knowledge of known number facts; partition numbers to add and subtract; solve problems that involve numbers, money or measures, including time. We will also be practising quick recall of addition facts to 10, 20 and 100.

Homework is given out termly and will be project based.

Please do not hesitate to ask me any questions or talk to me about any concerns at the end of the school day. Alternatively, you can write a letter or speak to the office who will pass on your message as mornings can be a very busy time for us. Feel free to make an appointment if you would like a longer discussion.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure a fantastic year!