

# YEAR 2 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2017

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

## WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

It is great to see that all the children have settled into their new class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful year. Year 2 is full of exciting themes, activities and trips! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates before they are printed in the Purple Post, such as class assemblies and trips.

<b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b>	<p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p>	<b>UNIFORM</b>	<p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3.</b> All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform.</p>	<b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY</b>	<p><b>This term we are having a whole-academy focus on handwriting.</b> We have decided to dedicate SODA time (between 8:45 and 8:55am) to handwriting. Therefore, during this time your child will have the opportunity to practise and improve their handwriting. You will also find a copy of our handwriting scheme's alphabet in your child's homework book.</p>
	<p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>		<p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from the academy office.</p>	<b>ARRIVE ON TIME</b>	<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day (after registration) the focus will be English/Maths. If your child arrives late they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:55am</b>) every day.</p>



<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>YEAR 2 CURRICULUM</b></p>	<p>Please see the sheets attached to this newsletter for more information about the themes in Year 2 this term.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b></p>	<p><b>Our PE days this term are Mondays and Wednesday.</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to bring a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. PE kit can be left on your child's peg in their classroom.</p> <p><b>All jewellery must be removed.</b> Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings.</p> <p>If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>HOMEWORK</b></p>	<p><b>Queensmead Quests</b> will continue to be given out once per half term with your child's homework book. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support.</p> <p>In addition, we expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.</p>
	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);"><b>TRIPS</b></p>		<p>This term we are really looking forward to our trip to Tropical Birdland on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Letters have been sent out. Please make sure you return the slip as soon as possible.</p>		
<p><b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b></p> <p>Please see below for the date of your child's <b>Class Assembly</b> – we hope you can make it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Valerie Thomas Assembly on <b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2018</b></li> <li>Shirley Hughes Assembly on <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018</b></li> </ul> <p>NOTE: All class assemblies start at 2:55pm and finish at approximately 3:15pm.</p>		<p><b>If you have any problems or concerns – who do you ask?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class Teachers – Miss Bradley (Shirley Hughes), or Mrs Alton (Valerie Thomas)</li> <li>Deputy Principal – Mrs Bentley</li> <li>Principal – Mrs Latham</li> </ul> <p>Thanks on behalf of the Year 2 team.</p>			