



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

"Let faith be your shield"

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Dear Year 2 Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year. It has certainly been a strange year so far and I hope you have all managed to cope with the chaos this year has brought with a smile on your faces. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school properly and whilst this has not been quite as smooth as it usually is, things are improving daily.

I am looking forward to a jam packed term ahead, full of hard work and hopefully lots of fun too. My primary focus at the minute is getting the children back into the swing of school. We will be doing lots of circle time activities to give all children the opportunity to talk about the events of this very unusual time and will be focussing a lot on our emotions. Activities will encourage children to recognise their differing feelings and aim to reassure them that it is okay not to feel happy all of the time. We will be developing ways to deal with negative emotions and will be discussing ways to celebrate feeling positive. In science we will be exploring our bodies including what they need, how to keep fit and healthy, and how to keep ourselves safe. We will explore self portraits by a range of different artists and investigate different media to create our own self and peer portraits. In P.E. we continue to improve our fundamental movement skills including running, hopping, skipping and jumping. Further details about the rest of our curriculum can be found on our school website.

I would like to take this opportunity to clarify a few other things for you here.

Uniform All children need to wear a jumper or cardigan to school every day please. The windows in class are open all of the time to help to minimise the risks of Covid and our classroom is particularly cold. As the weather becomes even colder, I would also strongly advise the children to wear vests and tights rather than socks with their skirts. A coat is also essential every day please.

Water bottles These need to go home daily for cleaning please and must only contain **water**. Children are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack for playtimes as we do not eat our dinner until 12:30pm.

P.E. kits Our standard kit is black/navy shorts, a white T-shirt and pumps. If you would prefer your child to wear trainers this is fine too but children must be able to tie their own laces. They will be asked to do dance and gymnastics barefoot in the hall if they do not have pumps. Several children have struggled to get changed independently this week so please can all children practise this at home. New shoes and dresses seem to be causing the most difficulty at the minute. All parts of your child's kit should be named and in a bag please. I am happy to name any kit that may have been missed as kits will not be sent home until the half term holiday. If your child does accidentally bring their kit home before then, please ask them to return it to their locker before leaving the school grounds.

Reading books These will be sent home twice weekly to allow sufficient time to "quarantine" the books before another child can read them. Reading records need to be kept at home for you to write in daily please. All children need to return both reading books and their reading records every Friday. This will enable me to check them and award the relevant number of raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are awarded for every signature in the reading record and a winner is drawn weekly so your child may be returning home with a small prize. Reading records will be returned to you on a Monday ready for you to record the next weeks daily reading.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school office who will happily pass on a message to me or contact me via email.

Yours sincerely,

