



DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back. We hope you have had a very relaxing and enjoyable summer break and are now ready for the start of Year 2. We've highlighted a few pieces of useful information below.

Our Learning

We believe it is important for you to be aware of what topics the children are learning at school and therefore a copy has been uploaded to the school website.

Getting Involved

There will be various trips, special days/ themed weeks and events throughout the year which we would love for you to be a part of. The first of these is a trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Wednesday 21st September. We will need some parent helpers but will send further information out separately. Alternatively if you could offer any other talents or your time to support the children in the class we would be very grateful. Please contact us if you wish to do this.

PE will be on Monday and Friday-please ensure kit is brought in on a Monday and taken home on a Friday

The children's kit should include: white T-shirt (no football shirts please), black shorts, plimsolls/*indoor use* and trainers/*outdoor use* and, as the weather gets colder, a tracksuit or sweatshirt and jogging bottoms (black preferably). No jewellery. Please ensure that the children have both indoor and outdoor footwear in their kit throughout the year.

Homework

We actively encourage you to hear your child read every day and would appreciate a comment to be made in their reading diaries. They will also be taking part in a mental maths home task that will be fully explained at the parent meeting on Thursday 22nd September. This will be called 'Mad Maths'. Do not worry if you cannot attend the meeting as we will ensure any essential information is sent home. In addition to this, there will be a few spellings a week to learn based on the Year 2 common exception words. The list of words will be on the Year 2 website and the children will be sent home with a hard copy. These words will be tested on a Wednesday and given back the following day.

Communication

If you feel there is something you would like to discuss with us (that is not urgent), please make an appointment. Mrs Abbott will be available on a Thursday after school and Mrs Rowntree will be available on a Monday after school. Please sign up on the classroom door list.

At times you may not have time to pop in and see us so our emails are listed below.

We would like to stress that we will endeavour to check our e-mail on a daily basis but this may not always be possible therefore please be patient if a response is required – we will deal with it. We will not be checking emails after we leave school.

FOR ALL ISSUES REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION PLEASE PHONE THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WE WILL GET BACK TO YOU.

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Routines

We actively encourage Year 2 children to be as independent as possible when coming into school and sorting their own belongings efficiently. They will be practising spellings at 8.55am whilst the register is being taken.

We do ask that pencil cases and toys are not brought into school- with the exception of birthday assembly days.

Any money coming into school needs to be contained in a named envelope or done via Parent Pay.

Please ensure all uniform, water bottles and P.E. kits are named.

Finally, on a personal note, we would just like to say we are really looking forward to this year and we feel they will be a wonderful, rewarding class to teach.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Abbott and Mrs Rowntree

