

Welwyn St. Mary's Primary School

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Year 2

Welcome back to Year 2

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Hello and welcome back to Year 2,

We hope that you find all of the information in this leaflet useful. If you have any further questions about the term ahead please do let us know so that we can arrange a time to talk to you.

There are a few things that you can do to help us:

- Please ensure that your child brings their reading record and reading book to school every day.
- Please ensure that your child's clothing (cardigans and jumpers in particular!) are named.
- Please do not hesitate to let us know if your child struggles with a piece of homework (a note on the actual piece of homework or in their reading record is fine).

Thank you!

Sheila Anstey and Ben Ashman

Daily Routines

We encourage each child to learn and follow simple daily routines in order to make them independent and responsible for their own belongings. It would be an enormous help to the staff and your child if you could support this by doing the following:

- Lining up with your child's class once the school bell has rung.
- Labelling all belongings including clothes, PE kits and shoes.
- Ensuring your child has their PE kit on the correct days (S2 - Tuesday and A2 Friday).
- Ensuring your child has their book bag and lunch box (if they need one) with them in the morning.
- Waiting for your child at the end of each day in the KS1 playground.

Looking Smart in School Uniform

Our school uniform is simple and practical, intended to keep the children looking smart and contributing to a feeling of belonging to the school.

Girls

- White blouse or polo shirt.
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress or tailored trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt or cardigan.
- In the winter, grey or white socks or grey tights.
- In the summer, **pink (not red)** check cotton dress and plain white socks.



Boys



- White shirt or white polo shirt.
- Grey long or short trousers.
- Maroon school sweatshirt.
- Plain grey socks.

All children also require:

- Plain sensible black shoes (not boots or trainers).
- School book bag.
- Water bottle.
- School sun hat.

Sports

- Coloured house T-shirt (Blue - Normans, Red - Vikings, Green - Romans, Yellow - Saxons)-can be purchased from school.
- Plain black P.E. shorts
- Trainers/plimsolls for outdoor games
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside games in colder weather

It is helpful if the children keep their P.E. kit in a named drawstring bag to hang on their peg rather than a backpack or a large kitbag. **Please ensure that your child's plimsolls are the correct size.**

Jewellery, hair and nails

We do not allow jewellery in school as it can be a source of danger in P.E. Pierced ears should have a stud only. Earrings have to be removed or taped for P.E. Long hair must be tied back for games.

We would also appreciate it, if children with long hair could tie it back during the general school day with plain and simple bands, clips or ribbons in brown, black or maroon.

Boys hair should be a traditional style and neither too short or too long. No 'fashion' cuts are allowed. Nail varnish should be removed before the start of each school day.

Thank you for your support.

Topics for this term

During our topic on 'Growth and Change' this term, we will be looking at both plant and animal life. It is mainly a science topic but will involve all the curriculum areas, particularly geography and art.

Over this term we will be:

- ❖ Investigating the conditions vital for growth, such as water, food and light.
- ❖ Studying life cycles.
- ❖ Observing and recording the variety of plant and animal life in our Nature Reserve.
- ❖ Considering the importance of exercise and a balanced diet.
- ❖ Considering how the quality of our environment can be improved.
- ❖ Investigating our own locality and comparing it with others.
- ❖ Having fun growing our own seeds and recording their developments.

These various activities will encourage the children to develop their skills of enquiry, observation and recording, whilst making them aware of the need to conserve our environment.

Please encourage your child to observe any plant and animal life in your garden. Any interesting finds are always welcomed and can stimulate animated discussion!

We are making puppets this term based on their own designs. This technology unit of work focuses on how to join pieces of fabrics and how to use a pattern to cut out shapes.

Please continue to share your child's reading book with them and talk about their understanding. Maths and spelling homework will continue.

School Trip

We have arranged a summer term visit to Kew Gardens for later on this term. A letter with full details of this lovely visit will be sent later this term.

Homework and helping your child

Once again, many thanks for your support both at school and home.

Reading: Please continue to read and *talk about* reading with and to your child. A little bit each day makes such an impact and the 'talking bit' helps to further develop their ability to explain their understanding clearly.

Spelling will continue every Friday. Remember, a little bit of practice every night really pays off.

Maths homework will also continue. Thank you for your valued help and support in completing this on time.

Timetable

Below we have given you a chart showing when equipment and homework should be in school. You could use this to organise your week and encourage your child to become more independent in organising their time.

	YOU NEED TO BRING	SPELLING HOMEWORK
Monday	Reading Book Reading Record	
Tuesday	Reading Book Reading Record PE kit (A2)	
Wednesday	Reading Book Reading Record	Maths Homework
Thursday	Reading Book Reading Record PE kit (AT2)	
Friday	Reading Book Reading Record PE kit (A2 & AT2)	Spelling book <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling tests • New lists home

Important Dates

- Tuesday 22nd May- Great Fire Of London Day
- Wednesday 23rd May- class photographs
- Thursday 24th May- Sports Day
- Monday 28th May-Friday 1st June- Half Term
- Friday 15th June- Fun Run
- Wednesday 20th June- Kew Gardens Trip
- Friday 22nd June- Inset day (school closed)
- Monday 25th June- Inset day (school closed)
- Saturday 30th June- Welwyn Parade
- Saturday 14th July- PTFA barbecue
- Friday 20th July School ends (1.15pm)

Please keep checking news letters for any new events.

Thank you!

Finally, thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading, spelling, maths and other projects at home and to those volunteers who have supported the children in class.

Sheila Anstey and Mr Ashman