

Dear Parents & families,

### CLASS 2K & 2F LETTER

**WELCOME:** Dear Families,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer. We would like to thank you, in advance, for the support you will give both your child and ourselves to ensure that this school year is as successful as it possibly can be. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with the following items:

- Water bottle
- PE kit (Brought in on Monday and left in school until Friday)
- Reading book, reading record and homework diary (reading books to be sent out on 13.09.17 and will then be changed every Wednesday)

### LEARNING:

#### English:

The authors we will be learning from and about this year are Julia Donaldson, Anthony Browne, Roald Dahl and Oliver Jeffers. We will also be looking at a range of non-fiction texts and poetry to develop reading skills. We will be building on the children's phonic knowledge and developing their spelling skills, therefore it is important that children practice their weekly spellings. Further information about expectations in English will be shared during Parents' Evening.

#### Maths:

The children will develop their understanding of place value (100s, 10s and 1s), they will work with numbers within 100 developing their confidence using the four operations and learn times table recall facts for 2s, 5s and 10s to support mental maths. Children will revisit and enhance their understanding of shape and measurement and apply this to problem solving.

#### Science:

The topics covered in science this year will be: 'Animals including Humans', Living Things and Their Habitats', 'Materials', and 'Plants' offering them an opportunity to work scientifically and develop their scientific knowledge and vocabulary.

#### Learning Challenge:

Our L.C curriculum incorporates Geography, History, Art, D&T, Music, Dance and Drama.

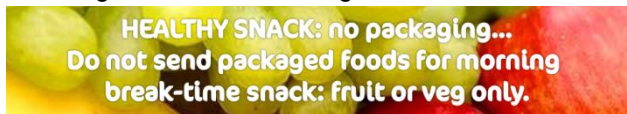
We will be learning about the explorers, Captain Cook and Neil Armstrong, how travel has changed over time and what life was like when Queen Elizabeth came to the throne. The children will compare where they live with a contrasting locality in the UK and a non-European country. These learning outcomes will be enhanced through Art, D&T, Music, Dance and Drama.

**RELIGION:** Our RE curriculum underpins everything that we do in school. 'This year, we aim to enhance the curriculum through our 'Building the Kingdom' training which seeks to challenge children's thinking about the world they live in and promote creative and innovative ways of teaching religion. A new initiative this year will be the 'prayer sack' which will be sent home with a child each week. This resource can be used at home to provide opportunity for reflection. Within the sack, there will be a diary which can be used as an optional record of family reflection if wished.

**WORSHIP:** You are also invited to all of our liturgies of the Mass and class-led para-liturgies (assemblies). Please see below for these dates.

**HOMEWORK:** In Y2, the children will have a reading record to record when reading has taken place (please complete this) and to communicate with teachers regarding reading. Spellings will be sent out on a Friday and children will be tested the following Friday. As part of our homework policy, children will be set maths homework online on Abacus (ActiveLearn) and MyMaths using their individual logins.

**SNACKS:** Our morning snack operates daily at break-time (40p / day). This is 'pay as you go' only, and served in the main hall. Until the end of Y2 all children are provided with a daily fruit / veg snack free of charge. Children in KS2 are only allowed to bring a healthy fruit or veg snack to eat at break-time – they will keep this in their classroom tray, not packed lunch boxes. All children must bring a clean, named, filled water bottle to school daily.



 <h1 style="display: inline; margin-left: 10px;">UNIFORM</h1>			
ALL YEAR ROUND UNIFORM:	SUMMER TERM UNIFORM OPTION:	P.E. UNIFORM:	NOTES:
White collared long or short sleeve shirt Sacred Heart tie	Option A: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ White polo shirt</li> <li>☒ Grey long or short trousers</li> <li>☒ Grey / white socks</li> <li>☒ Black low-heeled school shoes</li> </ul>	White round neck t-shirt (not polo shirt)  White shorts  Dark grey / black pumps	Label all items of uniform with name.  Tie must be worn with year-round uniform.  No jewellery is allowed.
Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)	Option B: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☒ Red &amp; white gingham dress</li> <li>☒ Grey / white socks or white / grey / maroon tights</li> <li>☒ Black low-heeled school shoes</li> </ul>	Track suit & trainers for necessary outdoor use  Draw-string pump-bag to hang onto cloakroom hook. <small>School stocks some logo pump bags – available from the office.</small>	Coat must have a hoop for hanging onto cloak-room hook.  School book bag should have a long strap to hang onto cloak-room hook. <small>School stocks some logo book bags – available from the office.</small>
Black low-heeled school shoes (not trainers) [Velcro fastenings preferred for Reception]	Maroon v-neck jumper or cardigan may be worn with both options.	<b>UNIFORM STOCKIST:</b> Rainbows Schoolwear (Church Street) are the approved stockist of official logo uniform & bags etc.	Water bottle & lunch box must be sealable and named. <small>Only plain water is able to be brought into school in water bottles.</small>
<small>Reception <u>only</u> uniform also includes: round-neck maroon sweatshirt, white polo-shirt &amp; grey joggers option. Wellies must be provided. Waterproofs are ordered via the school scheme, and remain in school for everyday use. Spare socks / underwear may also be kept in school. <i>Shirt &amp; tie uniform is to be worn on special occasions.</i></small>			

**UNIFORM:** Correct uniform is to be worn for school. P.E. kits should stay in school throughout the week. Note that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school.

**WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:** The Sacred Heart Herald is produced by the school office each week, and is emailed to all parents. If you do not receive your copy, please let Mrs Johnson, our Head's P.A. know. Paper copies are available to collect from the office. Up to date diary dates are included each week, and are also available to view at [www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters](http://www.facebook.com/TheJourneyMatters)

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Our facebook page is updated by class staff when time permits. You may leave positive comments if you wish. This is not the forum to ask something which is better said in person to the class teacher or to make a negative remark.

**DIARY:** Key dates for this year (subject to change – but include them in your diary now!):

Class-led para-liturg[y] [assembly]:  
**2F – 20.10.17 and 16.03.18 @3.00pm**  
**2K – 26.01.18 and 15.06.18 @3.00pm**

Class visit to weekday Mass:  
**2F -25.09.17 and 15.01.18 @9.30am**  
**2K- 16.10.17 and 12.02.18 @9.30am**

Whole school Masses:  
**01.11.17, 08.12.17, 10.01.18, 14.02.18, 27.03.18, 13.04.18, 10.05.18 23.05.18 and 29.06.18**

Christmas productions: **12.12.17 @2.00PM and 7.00PM**

Residential visits: N/A

Trips & likely voluntary contribution: TBC

Parent / Teacher / Pupil evenings: **08.11.17 (by appointment) @4.00-8.00pm**

End of year reports open afternoon: **11.07.2018 @2.00-5.00pm**

Should you have any queries throughout the year, please do not hesitate, in the first instance, to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your continued support as we work in partnership together...

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Kasbia and Mrs D Furlong  
 Class teachers.