Palfrey Infant School

Happy Children Aiming High

Year 2 Information for Parents

The Year 2 teachers are looking forward to working with you and the children this year. We have put together some useful information for you to read through and if you have any further questions please speak to or email your child's class teacher.

Year 2 has three classes:

Class 7 = Mrs Middleton
Class 8 = Miss Jenkins
Class 9 = Mrs Collett

Other useful emails
Mrs Walsh : support@palfreyinfant.co.uk
Mrs Adams : madams@palfreyinfant.co.uk
Mrs Dunkley (Senco) : tdunkley@palfreyinfant.co.uk

Attendance, punctuality and illness:
It is extremely important that your child attends school every day as absence can have a big impact on their learning. However, we understand that children get ill so if your child will not be attending school due to illness then please phone the school office as soon as possible 01922 720713.

Year 2 can be a very demanding year as the curriculum is challenging and children can find it difficult to catch up with work they have missed.

School Times
Year 2 starts at 8.45am and it is important that the children are on time because we do important learning activities right from the start of the day they should arrive by 8.55am. Year 2 finishes at 3:15 and children must be collected by an adult. If somebody different is collecting your child or you have been delayed, then please call the school office to let us know. ***Please make an orderly line to make it easier for staff to dismiss safely.***

Uniform:
Please make sure all uniform is labelled, especially jumpers and cardigans, and that children are wearing sensible school shoes (No open toe sandals).

Medical Conditions:
If your child has any ongoing medical conditions, including allergies and asthma, please ensure the school is informed and update us if there are any changes to these. Please go to the office to complete a form.

PE:
Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day (black jogging bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt, sensible trainers/pumps). They could wear outside shoes to school and **put black pumps in PE bag and leave these in school**.
No jewellery should be worn. Any earrings that cannot be taken out at home should be covered with a plaster. Make sure the kit is labelled

- PE kits to be labelled with name and worn to school on their child's PE day;
- Class 7 Thursday
- Class 8 Friday
- Class 9 Thursday

Outdoor clothing:
Children should come to school with coats appropriate for the changing British weather. Please make sure all coats are also labelled so that we can easily identify them if they go missing or get mixed up with another class. When the weather is hot and sunny children should have sun cream applied at home and wear a sun cap.

Reading:
This year we will be returning to **sending home reading books** so it is important that the children bring their **book bag into school every day**. It is important to read regularly, at least 4 times a week to build confidence and fluency. Children should be able to read 90-100 words per minute by the end of Year 2.

Children will also take a library book home to develop reading for pleasure , please share this book with your child.

If school reading books or library books are lost or damaged there is a fee of £5 towards a replacement, this should be paid via School Gateway.

Water Bottles:
Please send a water bottle clearly named and only filled with water. (To protect pupils with allergies.)

Homework:
Please read with your children often, ask them questions about the book so you know they understand what they have read. Your child can read their book more than once to develop fluency and then try and retell the story in their own words. Year 2 children will get a mixture of homework to complete each week, along with their reading.

Trips:
We will be looking to take the children on a trip during the Summer term. Trips are important to enrich the children's experiences and will be part of the curriculum, with follow up work to complete. We may also have visitors to school , we may ask for a small contribution towards the cost of these enrichment opportunities.

Parent's Evening and Pupil targets:
We will have our first face to face parents evenings during the week before October half term. You will be able to discuss how your child has settled into Year 2 and you will be given some targets that you can support your child with at home.

Year 1 Phonics Screening & End of Year 2 SATS :
If your child did not achieve the national expectation in Phonics in Year 1 they will re-take in June 2026. The children will be assessed regularly and split into groups across Year 2 to enable us to best support them towards this assessment.

Year 2 will complete a teacher assessment throughout the year . We then moderate against End of Year expectations in reading, maths, writing and science in June . Pupils need to show competence across the whole end of key stage learning objectives. Teachers will complete the assessments and this information is then sent to their new school in Year 3.
It is nothing to worry about but coming to school everyday is vital as there is so much to cover and learn!

Apple Money / Free Fruit:

To be paid prior to the start of the half term, via School Gateway App. Please ensure you do this to avoid your child not receiving their apple.
Pupils also have a piece of free fruit daily.

Concerns:

Finally, if you do have any concerns about your child or have any questions please do email your child's class teacher. You can pass messages through Mrs Walsh and Mrs Adams on the gate in the morning or ask to speak to the teacher at the end of the school day.

Passwords/ School Gateway:
You will shortly be receiving passwords for Purple Mash. Please can you log on once these are received and save the passwords in a safe place.

All school payments are now completed via School Gateway, please make sure you set yourself an account. Information about School Gateway is on the school website.

Transition to Year 3

You will receive an email to complete from Walsall Council later in the Autumn Term. You must complete and return to Walsall Council to ensure your child has a place at a local school in Year 3. Please note transition to the Juniors is NOT automatic , parents must complete a transition application form.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in helping your child to have the most successful year that they can have.

If you have any further questions please speak to the class teacher or see Mrs Walsh on the gate.