

ST GEORGE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**WELCOME TO CLASS TWO.**

Dear Parents,

We are sure that this will be a happy and successful year as we work together to ensure the best educational opportunities for the children in Class 2. This year your child will be taught by Miss Gabler from Monday-Thursday and Mrs O'Mahony on a Friday.

With us are Julie Smith who will be teaching swimming on Thursdays at 1.30pm and Mr Kennard from Arsenal Soccer School who will be teaching PE on Tuesdays afternoons. Please make sure that your child has the correct kit in school and is clearly named.

The curriculum coverage in the core subjects for this term will be as follows:

- RE** Family - Beginnings.  
Belonging - Signs and Symbols.  
Loving - Preparations.  
Christmas.
- English** Phonics - Read, Write inc.  
Writing - Fiction, poetry, information texts.
- Maths** Counting; properties of number and number sequences; addition and subtraction; problem solving; length; 2D and 3D shapes, time.
- Topic -** **Geography** - Indian (first half of term)  
**History** - Remembrance Day (second half of term)  
**Science** - Materials and Space.
- Homework** **Every day - Reading.** If your child has read please write this in the home reading log with comments where appropriate. **Reading Books will be changed at least twice a week.**  
We will also be sending home a weekly piece of homework which will have a different focus each time to consolidate what has been done in class.

## Dates for your diaries -

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.00am - Multisport festival at Bishop Fox's (Weather dependent)**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am - Harvest Festival in the school hall.**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October - INSET day.**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm and 6.00pm - Nativity Play.**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm - Nativity Play.**

We look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on one or more of these occasions.

To help your children settle in quickly and happily in their new class, it will be helpful if they arrive **in the playground** before 9am, in the correct uniform and properly equipped for the day.

Your child should take his/her bags for the day down to the playground or leave them under the covered area and not enter the classroom before the bell.

PE kits should be kept in school in a clearly named drawstring bag so that it hangs easily from a hook and is available every day. Swimming kit will be needed on Thursdays.

It would be useful if you could provide a colouring/activity book for your child for use during wet playtimes.

Last year you also provided a box of **tissues** each, it would be helpful if you could do this again as it kept us in stock for the whole of last year, the sniffles have already started!

**ALL equipment, clothing, lunch boxes and water bottles MUST be clearly named to avoid upsets and misunderstandings.**

The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme, which provides a healthy snack for all the KS 1 children will be continuing this year. Please remember that the first day of each half term will not be covered because of delivery difficulties. So far the children are enjoying the new school lunches, however there are still some children not bringing a water bottle to school. **It is essential that the children still bring a drink.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who have already volunteered to help in class 2 this term. You ease the organisation and delivery of the curriculum, so many thanks.

If you have any queries or worries, please do not hesitate to come in and see us. We look forward to meeting you all during the next few weeks.

Regards from

Miss Gabler and Mrs O'Mahony.