

New to Year 2 Information - Honeybees

We have put together some information for parents of children moving into Year 2 at Reigate Parish Church School. General school information is contained in the Welcome Book you received when your child started at Reigate Parish. This information is intended to be specific for the year group. Curriculum information will be given early in the new school year at an evening meeting and will continue to come home every term or half term. Teachers' medium-term planning is also on display in the classroom. Monday evening 'drop ins' (3.05 pm - 3.30 pm) will continue, providing the opportunity for informal chats with the teacher and a chance to admire work on display.

As you may be aware, Mrs Gray only works four days a week. The class will be taught by Mrs Collinson on Fridays who will work closely with Mrs Gray to ensure continuity for the children.

Equipment needed in Year 2:

Every child needs a long-sleeved **art apron**, preferably waterproof.

PE kit should include plimsolls, navy shorts, team-colour plain t-shirt and navy tracksuit bottoms. We would like everyone to have their team-colour t-shirt all year - not just for sports day. Please check every half term that the plimsolls still fit.

***All of the above must be clearly named and be in school from the first day of term including hats, gloves, scarves and hoods.* VERY IMPORTANT.**

Your child may bring a **bottle of water** to have during the school day. It must be named and have a 'sports' top and be taken home daily to be refreshed.

Please do not let your child bring in a pencil case: there are plenty of pens, colours, rubbers etc in school and things from home tend to get lost.

No jewellery is to be worn except stud earrings for pierced ears and they must be removed on PE days. Staff do not remove or replace earrings for children: this must be done at home.

Hair bands, clips and elastics must be plain, preferably blue and remain in the hair! Please remember to always have hair tied back on PE days.

Children who are really beginning to tell the time may wear a named, inexpensive analogue (traditional dial face) watch. Watches worn as fashion accessories or with alarms etc may not be brought to school. All watches have to be removed before PE lessons.

As before, toys are not to be brought to school unless by request for a class project.

In order to keep the borrowed books in good condition, please remember to use your book bags for books only and a rucksack/other bag for everything else.

Celebration assembly - your child may bring in certificates or awards achieved outside school to be celebrated during our Friday assembly.

Show and tell

Please encourage your child to bring in things related to their class topic. Show and tell in Year 2 does not have a set day.

Parent helpers

All parents are very welcome to help in their child's class. At the beginning of the new term the class teacher will display a timetable with helping slots in the classroom. Parents are asked to help in a variety of activities from reading with individual children to helping a group with a maths game or art activities. If you are not able to make a regular commitment, which can be as little as half an hour a week, then you may be able to help with class outings. Please ensure you are CRB checked - the office has information regarding this.

In September we will be inviting parent helpers to an induction/training session to answer any queries about the helper role and give ideas on how best to support the children you work with.

Routines:

Class	PE	Reading Books	Library Books	Words of the week	Other homework - after Christmas
Honeybees	Tuesday and Friday	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday OR as necessary with longer books	Day depends on helpers	Monday - tested and given	Maths. Alternate Wednesdays to be given in the following Wednesday - 1 week later
Dragonflies	Monday and Thursday	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday OR as necessary with longer books	Day depends on helpers	Monday - tested and given	Maths. Alternate Wednesdays to be given in the following Wednesday - 1 week later

Extra activities available in Year 2:

French Club: Letter to follow.

Fulham Football coaching sessions: At the moment the pattern for football coaching has been after school on a Thursday. There will be two courses in each term and the autumn term course starts on Thursday 18th September 2008. Further details will be given in September.

Chess Club: Coulsdon Chess Fellowship offer after-school chess activities, currently on a Monday until 4.15 pm. This will start on Monday 15th September 2008. A letter will follow about this.

Violin: if you wish your child to learn the violin we work with Surrey County Arts to provide tuition within the school day.

Recorders: Lessons are also being organised through Surrey County Arts.

Drama Club: This will start on Monday 15th September 2008. Letter to follow.