

## **Information for Foundation 2**

Dear Parents

Welcome to Foundation 2 at JESS! Detailed below are some general points of information about the arrangements within the year group.

### **Beginning and End of School Day**

Children should arrive at school by **7.40 am** at the latest. It is very important that your child arrives on time as this start to the day is designed as a social start when children and adults get to know one another and develop friendships. If your child arrives after 7.45 am, they should go to the office to sign in.

The school day for Foundation 2 finishes at **2.00 pm**.

If your child is to be collected from school by another person, then this authorisation should be entered by you in the class pick-up book.

Foundation 2 is a continuing learning journey from Foundation 1. The emphasis of the teaching and learning is through play and structured practical activities. Topic webs will be on display in class windows informing you of what the children are learning.

### **Playtime**

There are two periods in the day when the children get a chance to have a break in the playground: 9.40 – 10.00 am and 11.30 – 11.50 am. During second break children have the opportunity to play in the Foundation Stage playground.

Children are supervised at all times by members of staff.

There is shaded climbing equipment, shaded sand pit, blackboard, large truck and train for the children's use. In addition there are painted play areas and plenty of shaded seating. Children will also have access to bikes, trikes, skipping ropes along with smaller toys.

We request the children **do not bring toys** to school as we feel there is plenty of opportunity for creative play; it also avoids the problems associated with broken or lost toys.

Chilled water and toilet facilities are available in the playground.

**All children must wear their school hats/caps during outdoor play.**

### **Snacks**

The children have a snack following break at 10.00 am and again at 11.50 am. Snacks are taken in the classroom and additional water is available in the central area if needed. The children must bring their own non-spill, refillable water bottle as

they are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure that the lunch box is of a manageable size and that it is clearly named. We request that you avoid any containers that might be dangerous e.g. ring pull cans or glass bottles.

We have found that one of the more favoured healthy options, that most of the children respond very well to, tends to be a variety of small containers offering chopped-up fruits, cheese, vegetables and different selections of breads or pasta.

Fizzy Drinks and sweets are not permitted at school.

Please ensure that the children are provided with drinks sufficient for 2 breaks and throughout the day.

As certain children have allergies to particular food items we do not allow the sharing of food. **Nuts must be avoided.**

### **Uniform and Equipment**

All children from Foundation through to Year 6 wear school uniform. It is extremely important that all items are clearly marked with the child's name in order to avoid confusion and loss of uniform items. **Naming of all uniform items is necessary.**

Earrings and nail polish are not permitted at school. Girls with long hair must wear it tied back. Blue or JESS hairbands only to be worn. Boys are not permitted to have long hair; collar length is the maximum length allowed. Ankle length socks (white for girls, navy blue for boys) should be worn.

As the weather cools down, children may wish to wear the school sweatshirt or cardigan; this must be navy blue – no zips or hoods are permitted. Between December and February boys are permitted to wear long trousers and girls, white or navy tights. These items are available from our uniform suppliers.

For P.E. the children wear white shorts and T-shirt with the JESS logo in the appropriate 'house' colour (this stays the same throughout their time at JESS). School swimming costume should be worn with a swim hat in the appropriate house colour. A towel and flip flops will also be required, and we advise that you apply sunscreen to your child prior to coming to school on swimming days. The children will not require armbands or goggles.

The 'house' colours are as follows:-

Lanner – Yellow      Saker – Red      Merlin – Blue      Peregrine – Green

**\* Please note these are 'house' colours and are not linked to class colours.**

Children are required to carry their reading and library books to and from school in a book bag which can be purchased from our uniform suppliers.

**Large bags or wheeled suitcase bags are not permitted as they present us with significant storage and safety issues.**

### **Reading**

Children should be encouraged to read every night for enjoyment in a relaxed environment. To increase their level of comprehension and widen their vocabulary, it would be greatly appreciated if parents would support the reading time with the

children. Please sign your child's reading record on a daily basis. More guidance on supporting your child's development as a reader will follow later in the term.

Children in Foundation 2 will extend the exciting journey of learning to read. At JESS we teach the 42 letter sounds using Jolly Phonics. Jolly Phonics is a highly systematic and synthetic approach to the teaching of phonics.

### **Parent/Teacher Liaison**

Teachers are usually available informally at the beginning and end of the school day for short messages or questions. Should you need more time to speak to the teacher, please arrange a mutually agreeable time for you to meet. If you need to see the teacher, but do not normally deliver or collect your child, please telephone the school office and it will be arranged for you.

We request that you inform the school officially if your child will be absent from school at any time other than the normal school holidays. If your child is ill please inform the school on the first day of absence.

### **Parent Helpers**

At JESS parent helpers are seen as a very beneficial and important asset to the school. If you can commit to helping on a regular basis (often weekly), please let Mrs. Parr, Deputy Head for Foundation & Key Stage 1, know and she will arrange for you to help in the library or in a classroom. If you have a particular area of interest or a specific skill you would like to share at school, please let us know. Parents are not permitted to volunteer in the year group in which their child is placed.

We look forward to welcoming your child into Foundation 2. It is our aim to make this transaction as smooth as possible for your child. Please do not hesitate to ask any Foundation 2 staff member should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

**The Foundation 2 Team**