

Information for Year 2

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 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 **7.35 am** at the latest. Pupils should not be left unsupervised before this time. The school day for KS1 finishes at **2.05 pm**. If your child arrives after 7.40 am, they should go to the office to sign in.

If you are not collecting your child please sign the pick-up book in your child's classroom to authorise for them to be collected by someone else.

Playtime

There are 2 periods in the day when the children have the opportunity to have a break in the playground: 9.40 – 10.00 am and 11.45 – 12.00 noon.

Children are supervised at all times by members of staff.

We request the children **do not bring toys** to school; there is plenty of opportunity for creative play. This 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 12.00 noon. Snacks are eaten in the classroom and additional water is available in the central area if needed. Each child must bring his/her own non-spill, refillable water bottle as they are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. Please ensure that your child's 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 hair bands 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 Policy

In Year 2 we expect the children to choose their reading book independently. Children should read to you daily.

The reading diary provided offers some guidelines to follow when reading with your child. Please sign the reading diary when you hear your child read and add a comment if you wish. More guidance on supporting your child's development as a reader will follow later in the term.

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.

In order for you to take every opportunity to support your child's learning, we offer the following suggestions for holiday activities if you are near a seaside resort:

- Collect postcards of how it used to be and how it is now.
- Collect artifacts such as small pottery items with the seaside town's name on it.
- A visit to the seaside town's museum would also help in understanding how people entertained themselves, clothes they work and how they traveled to the seaside and where they stayed.
- Ask Grandma and Grandpa what they did in their holidays.

Other history topics we will cover include Florence Nightingale and The Great Fire of London. If you are in London there is the Florence Nightingale Museum, which is worth a visit. Any postcards would be useful. If in London try and find the place where the fire started and collect any information on this too.

We hope you will find this information of use and wish you all a successful year.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 2 Team