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A warm welcome to the Autumn Term in Year 2

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We hope you have all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday and that your child is now settled back into the school routine. Miss Stockwell (Penguins), Miss Evans (Seals) and Mr Sibley (Dolphins) would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year Two at Knaphill Lower School. It is a very exciting year and there is so much for the children to look forward to.

As in Year One, please note that the children will be coming out in lines from their classrooms. The children have been briefed to stay in their line until they reach the front and their teacher has seen their parent/guardian. Please remind your children that if their parent/guardian is not visible they must stay with their class teacher in their line.

This half term our overarching topic is 'Nurturing Nurses'. We have planned many engaging learning opportunities around this theme. So that you are able to support your child in their learning, please see our topic outline booklet accompanying this letter. We will, wherever possible, make cross-curricular links to make the learning more meaningful to the children.

Reading

Your children should have come home with their new Reading Records for this year and a new reading book. Please note that all children have been assessed by their new class teacher and are on the most appropriate book band for them at this stage. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will regularly leave comments in the Reading Record when reading 1:1 with your children. You may leave comments about their reading at home if you wish, although this is not compulsory. We do ask that you sign the Reading Record to indicate to us that reading has taken place at home on a daily basis. It is also helpful to record a page number to show which page your child has got to. Reading Records should be brought to and from school every day, along with their current reading book. Please note that children in Year Two may change their reading book as often as they like. Children are already aware of where and how reading books are stored and are capable at this stage of changing their book themselves – with a few reminders from us of course!

Homework

Aside from daily reading, homework will be sent out on a Friday and will need to be returned, completed on the following Monday. Weekly spelling tests take place on a Monday morning, in the back of the children's yellow spelling book, with the new spellings being written by the children into the front of their books. Additional learning can be accessed via Bug Club, Mathletics and Purple Mash.



P.E. Kits

Your children will need their P.E. kit in school on the following days:

Dolphin: Every Wednesday and Thursday.

Seal: Every Thursday and Friday.

Penguin: Every Tuesday and Thursday.

We recommend that P.E. kits are brought in at the start of each half term and taken at the end of the term for washing (as the children only use them twice per week). If they do get muddy or particularly dirty before that point, we will send them home with the children before this. It would be extremely beneficial if all items inside the children's P.E. kits, as well as the bag itself, could be fully labelled please so that any lost property can be quickly returned. Guidance on earrings is that ideally they should be removed on days they have PE or at the very least covered with plasters that the children put on themselves.

Key Dates

During the course of the term, there are some important key dates which you should add to your diaries:

- Thursday 11th October 2018 – PTA School Disco at KJS (4.45 – 6pm)
- Tuesday 16th October 2018 and Thursday 18th October 2017 – Parents' Evenings
- Monday 22nd – Friday 26th October 2018 – Half term
- Monday 19th November 2018 – INSET day
- Tuesday 20th November 2018 - Nasal Flu Immunisations for Reception, Year One and Year Two
- Friday 23rd November – PTA Mufti Day
- Saturday 1st December – PTA Christmas Fair
- Christmas Production dates-TBC

All class assembly dates for 2018-2019 are on the online school calendar.

If you have any quick queries throughout the school year, all of the class teachers will be at the Year Two door every day in the morning and after school. You can also send messages to us via your child's homework diary or by personal letter. Should you have any concerns, however, which would require a more lengthy discussion, then please do not hesitate to book an appointment through the office to see your child's class teacher.

We are all very much looking forward to a full and fruitful term and we thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Stockwell
Year Leader

Miss Evans

Mr Sibley

