



CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to St Charles and to 2D. I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. Please read the following which outlines the key routines and important information regarding your child for the coming year.

● **Homework will be set twice a week**

Maths and phonics/grammar will be given out on a **Friday** which is due back on the following **Friday**. This homework is marked and kept in your child's folder. If there are any difficulties or issues arising from this homework do let your child's class teacher know.

Spellings/sentences will be given out on a **Monday** to be completed by **Friday** for your child's spelling test. Marks for their test will be in their red spelling book for you to see on **Monday** when their new spelling homework is set. **Please ensure your child brings their reading folder and red book to school every Friday so that books and spellings can be updated.**

This work will be explained to your child however it is important that you supervise them while they are doing it, drawing attention to handwriting and spelling. Each piece of work should take no longer than 30 minutes. Advice for completing spelling homework will be outlined on the inside cover of your child's red spelling book.

● **Phonics**

This term we are introducing a new phonics scheme called Essential Letters and Sounds across the school which will be taught to the children daily. It is essential that children continue to read and practice these sounds on a regular basis at home through reading daily.

We will:

- Hear and identify the sound in words including digraphs and trigraphs.
- Learn to read and write Harder to Read and Spell words and practice using these in short sentences.
- Practise letter formation using cursive script.
- Sound out and write words and sentences with increased independence.
- Continue to read stories as a class and individually, encouraging children to decode words and discuss what they have read.

- Reading

Reading nightly is part of your child's weekly homework. Your child will be issued with a reading folder, books and yellow reading record. It is important that your child brings these items to school daily and is responsible for their safekeeping throughout the year. Please listen to and read with your child every night and sign their yellow reading record. **Folders must be brought in everyday** and new books will be issued every Friday. It is essential that you hear and read with your child every night as progress can only be made with this invaluable parental support.

- Physical education

PE will take place every **Monday**. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their P.E kit on the day.

- Music - Rhythm and Pitch

The children will learn to sing songs with increasing control and use the voice expressively, through a variety of singing songs and games. Rhythm will be explored through learning to recognise and use rhythm symbols and focus on composing simple rhythms to notate and perform. The concept of pitch will be further developed through pitch matching activities, following the pitch and changing the pitch of familiar songs.

- DT

We are in the process of updating the DT programme for the rest of the year and will confirm once finalised.

- Stationery & Uniform

It is helpful for your child to have a pencil case containing the following equipment: pencil, rubber, sharpener, coloured pencils, ruler and 1 glue stick. Please ensure full school uniform is always worn and is **clearly labelled** with your child's name as well as any equipment your child may bring in, including water bottles.

- Collection and Home time

Regarding children being collected, please ensure you have called the office or notified the teacher if there is somebody different due to collect your child. We will not be able to dismiss your child for child protection reasons without this information.

Please see the attached topic map for details of what we will be covering this term.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to request a call back through the school office or email me on our class email address.

Best Wishes

Ms. Denis  
2D Class Teacher