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Phase 2 Autumn Term

Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK! We are very excited to welcome everyone back to Lord Deramore's for the Autumn Term. A very warm welcome to all our new families joining Lord Deramore's and Phase 2.

This year, Mrs Gulliver and Miss McCormack are the Year 2 teachers and Mr Richards is the Year 3 teacher. Mrs Graham, Ms Howland and Mrs Lee will be working as teaching assistants across Phase 2.

Miss McCormack is the Phase 2 leader. Please do get in touch via email should you have any questions.

Welcome Meetings

Thank you to everyone who came to our Welcome Meetings. The attached slides might be of interest to anyone who wasn't able to attend the meeting. Please do get in touch should you have any further questions.

Communication

Each week, we send out a Weekly Note via ParentPay. We urge all parents and carers to read this letter as it contains important information about upcoming events as well as details of what your child needs to bring to school each day that week. If you have any suggestions about how we can make the weekly notes more useful, please email Miss McCormack.

Parent / teacher meetings will take place after school on Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th October. We will send more information out nearer the time. If you wish to talk to us about your child before then, feel free to phone or email or write a note in your child's planner.

Homework

We are making changes to homework this year to ensure it is both manageable and useful. Each half term, a home learning menu will be sent to families via ParentPay and added to the Phase 2 section of our website. All the activities will be linked to our learning in school. The children are welcome to bring in any home learning to share with in school. However, there is no expectation that children will complete an activity each week and will not be using homework books.

We will send home basic skills activities for children to practise when needed to support their learning in class.

Reading

We would encourage all families in Phase 2 to hear their child read as frequently as possible, even if it is just for five minutes a day. Research shows that children who read more frequently, make better progress even once they are fluent readers.

After you have heard your child read, please record the title and tick the appropriate box in the planner.



Library

Your child will bring a library book home to share each week. Your child may not be able to read this book independently. It would be great if you could share it with them. You can make a note in your child's planner to let us know you have shared this book too if you want.

The children can also change their library book in the classroom any day of the week.

Curriculum

This term, our phase topic is School Now and Then. We will be learning about how schools have changed within living memory. As part of this, we would be interested in hearing from any parents and/or grandparents who attended Lord Deramore's as well as any parents who would be happy to talk to the children about their experiences of going to school in other countries. Please email Miss McCormack if you are interested in coming into school. You will find a Knowledge Organiser in your child's planner with more information about what we will be learning and there are more details about our curriculum coverage on the Phase 2 section of the school website.

We will be going on a local area visit around Heslington to learn more about our local area and then we will go on an open top bus tour around York so we can learn about the history and geography of York.

Forest School

Year 2: Monday pm

Year 3: Wednesday pm

Please can all children have their (named) forest school kit in school. During the autumn term, they might need to have kit suitable for both sunny and wet weather. We go outside in the rain so children always need a waterproof coat with them.

PE

Year 2: Tuesday and Friday **Year 3:** Thursday and Friday.



Please can the children bring their full kit as detailed on the website. We recommend that PE kit is left at school for the half term. For health and safety, children must be able to remove any earrings before PE lessons. If their ears have only recently been pierced, and the earrings cannot be removed, please send your child with medical tape to cover them.

Food and Drink

All children in Phase 2 need to bring in a water bottle each day. Please can water bottles be clearly named. We ask that the children only bring in water to drink. If your child would like milk at break times, this can be ordered through ParentPay. We encourage the children to bring a snack for morning break. Please can this be fruit or veg only. We will provide a similar snack for afternoon break in Year 2.

Start and End of the School Day

We will open the doors each morning at 8:40 and close them at 8:50. Any children who arrive after 8:50 need to come into school through the main office. This is to ensure that all registers are completed accurately.

Year 2: Please can all children enter and leave school via the classroom door.

Year 3: Year 3 children will come in by themselves round the back of the building. At the end of the day, the children will come round the side of the building at the back of the hall and will wait for parents/carers near the bike shed. They are regularly reminded to find an adult from school if they cannot see their parent/carers.

Year 2 Assessments

Year 2 statutory assessments (SATs) take place during May. Please do not book holidays during this month. We will provide more information about these assessments at the Welcome Meeting.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us should you have any questions, queries or concerns. You can contact us via a note in your child's planner, a call to the school office or by sending us an email:

Miss McCormack: mmccormack@lordderamores.com

Mrs Gulliver: agulliver@lordderamores.com

Mr Richards: mrichards@lordderamores.com

Best wishes,

Mary McCormack

Alison Gulliver

Mark Richards

Debbie Graham Lara Howland Annette Lee

Important Dates

Harvest Festival – Friday 7th October (for children only)

Parent Consultations – Tuesday 11th October and Thursday 13th October

Individual / family photos – Thursday 20th October

Individual photos – Thursday 20th October

Halloween disco – Thursday 20th October

Half Term holiday starts – end of school Friday 21st October

Return to school – Monday 31st October

Children in Need – Non-uniform day – Friday 18th November

Phase 2 Christmas Show – Wednesday 7th December @ 2:00

Thursday 8th December @ 9:15

Phase 2 Christmas Party – Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner Day and Theatre Royal Panto – Wednesday 14th December

Christmas holidays start – end of school Friday 16th December