



# Shalfleet Church of England Primary School

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Dear Year 2 Families,

Welcome back! We are so excited to welcome you and your children to a new school year. We have a busy and fun-filled year ahead of us, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth with your children.

## Meet the Team

We have a wonderful team of talented staff in Year 2 this year. For most of the week, it will be myself, Mrs. Thompson, and Miss Cowdrey working with your children. Miss Cowdrey is an exceptional member of our team who is trained in Emotional Literacy Support Assistance (ELSA), and she will be supporting the children's social and emotional well-being as well as their academic learning.

Our other staff members include:

Mrs. Walldock, who will teach the children on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

Mrs. Munn, who will teach on Thursday mornings.

Miss Wildish and Ms. Heimour, who will support us on different afternoons throughout the week.

## P.E. and Forest School

P.E. classes will be held on **Monday** and **Tuesday mornings** with our Sports Coach, Mr. Gutch, and myself. On these days, please send your child to school wearing their P.E. kit. As the weather gets colder, please ensure they have a jumper and appropriate clothing as we will continue to have our lessons outside.

Our Forest School routine has been updated this year. The children will still have the benefit of learning outside but now it is with Mr. McCarty every other **Wednesday afternoon**. These sessions are now slightly longer to allow for a wider range of activities. On Forest School days, children need to bring their outdoor clothing and wellies to school. They can also leave these items on their pegs, and unless they are very wet or muddy, we will send them home at the end of each half-term. The first Forest School session is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September for Year 2**.

## Daily Routines

The school gates are open for drop-off from 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. We will collect the children from the playground at 8:25 a.m. (or from the hall on rainy days). After they have put away their bags and coats, the children will have a short, early morning activity focused on skills like handwriting or number formation.

## Fruit, Drinks, and Lunchboxes

As part of the universal fruit and vegetable scheme for Key Stage 1 pupils, your child can have a piece of fruit or a vegetable for their morning snack. They are also welcome to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack from home.

Please remember to send your child to school with a **named water bottle** each day. The children will have easy access to their bottles in the classroom and are encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day. Lunchboxes will be stored in the classroom. Please remember that we are a nut-free school and operate a healthy lunchbox policy.

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## Reading

Every child will receive a reading record to log any reading they do at home or school. Reading for even five minutes each day makes a huge difference. The reading they do at home doesn't have to be their school book; any book they read can be recorded in their reading record. For every instance of reading at home, your child can earn a dojo point! We also have a fantastic school library and plenty of books in our classroom for the children to enjoy. We hope to visit the school library regularly so they can bring new books home.

## Home Learning

Once we have settled into our routines, we will begin sending spelling, English, and Maths activities home in a homework book. We will provide more information about this when we begin.

## Class Dojo

We encourage you to use Class Dojo to get in touch with any questions or concerns. You can also use it to share exciting news and events from home. If your child would like, they can share these updates with the class. I will also use Dojo to let you know if your child has been selected for the gold book. I will respond to all messages as soon as I can, but please note that I have quiet hours in the evening and won't see your message until the following day.

## Classroom Setup

This year, the classroom is set up with a variety of seating arrangements for the children to use, including standing desks, cushions and beanbag chairs with laptop trays, and our regular tables and chairs. This gives the children the opportunity to explore where they prefer to sit while they work. They will also spend time working with the adults at the main tables.

We would love for you to see the classroom and meet us in person! Please join us for our **Meet the Teacher** event on **Tuesday, September 9th, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you so much for your support in advance. We are looking forward to a great year!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Thompson, Miss Cowdrey, and the Year 2 Team

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