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## Year Two Newsletter

Our vision: 'Life in All its Fullness' (John 10.10) and our Christian Values are the foundations to affect change from within the heart of the community. Children are encouraged to develop strong aspirations *educationally*, *socially* and *spiritually* with a desire to make a positive difference in the world.

Hello and welcome to the first edition of our Year Two Newsletter. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Mrs Jones, the Key Stage One Leader, my role is to oversee Year One and Year Two and ensure that all the children Key Stage One are reaching their full potential. I look forward to getting to know all of the children in Year One as well as watching the Year Two's grow. Please feel free to come and chat to me when you see me around school and share your thoughts and ideas.



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#### Meet the Year Two Team

Mrs Bayliss —Beech Class Teacher

Miss Wyatt - Beech Class Teaching Assistant

Mrs Pearson— Evergreen Class Teacher (Monday-Wednesday)

Mrs Jones—Evergreen Class Teacher (Wednesday-Friday)

Mrs Purchase —Evergreen Class Teaching Assistant

All children have been provided with a book bag. Please make sure that your child's book bag is in school **everyday**. Sending home regular letters is one of the many ways we communicate with you, so please make sure you check it daily.

Could you please also ensure that <u>all</u> uniform (including coats and P.E. kits) are labelled. This makes it a lot easier for us to return them to you if they go astray.

#### Dates for the diary

**Tuesday 17th September**— 2:45pm Welcome to Year Two Parents Meeting in Evergreen Class

Wednesday 25th September – School photographer Thursday 26th September – 9.10am Harvest Assembly

**Thursday 26th September** — 2:45pm McMillan Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 23rd October—Beech Class Assembly—9.10am

**Wednesday 23rd October**— Open Evening 3.10pm— 5pm

5pm **Friday 25th October** - Break up for half term

**Monday 4th November** - Children return to school **Tuesday 12th November** - Trip to St Johns Church, Ladywood and Shireland Road Mosque

**Wednesday 4th December**—Evergreen Class Assembly 9:10am

**Tuesday 10th December**—Key Stage 1 trip to Palace Theatre, Redditch

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Friday 20th December—Break up

#### P.E.

Evergreen Class— Friday afternoon Beech Class - Friday afternoon

Please ensure that your child has a P.E. kit in school at all times. P.E. kits should contain black shorts, plain white polo neck and black pumps in a named Holly Hill P.E. bag.

### Welcome to Year Two Parents Meeting

We would like to invite you into school on Tuesday 17th September at 2:45 pm to meet your child's class teacher and find out

more about what your child will be learning in Year Two. The meeting



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#### Homework

This year, we are focussing on Reading and Spelling as our Homework activities.

Reading is at the centre of all our learning and it has an impact on everything your child does. We want our children to become confident and fluent readers and reading at home with your child is an expectation in supporting your child's education.

Daily reading should take place **every night**. Please read with your child for a short period each night (around 10 minutes), encouraging them to sound out unfamiliar words and read with fluency and expression and then take the opportunity to re-read the school reading book and ask questions to improve comprehension skills. Please make a comment in your child's reading record and return this with the reading book daily. Your child will have their reading book changed twice a week.

Spelling is an important part of the National Curriculum and there are many spelling rules that the children need to be able to apply to reach End of Year Expectations. Spelling words will be shared in class each week and sent home for the children as practice. Words will be tested the following week in class. (Evergreen –Thursdays, Beech—Fridays)

# Who am I?



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Our Curriculum Focus this year will challenge the children to do 'All We Can' and, during the Autumn Term, they will be exploring the question, 'Who am I?' and learning about what the human body and mind needs to stay healthy. They will also be learning about inspirational people, who have achieved amazing things, such as Ellie Simmonds. We will also be exploring our local community and the children will be researching local projects that they can become involved with to make a positive difference.

We will be supporting McMillan Cancer Support again this year by hosting a Cake Sale on Thursday 26th September. Families are encouraged to bake cakes at home and donate them to our sale. The children will be taking part in lots of fun challenges in class and a competition to see which class can raise the most money for this very worthwhile cause. Please look out for further details.

In English the children will be focusing on writing descriptions making sure that they include interesting adjectives and conjunctions (and, but, when, because, or, if, that, so). They will also be writing short narratives.

In Phonics we will be moving onto Phase 6. The children will be learning common exception words (you will be given a list of these at the parent's meeting) and how to apply these into their writing.

In Maths we will be working on place value with numbers up to 100. We will start by writing the numerals up to one hundred and then work on counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 forwards and back. As well as this we will be comparing numbers and learning how to partition them into tens and ones.

Holly Hill's Christian values will continue to be at the heart of everything we do. This half term the children will be learning about friendship, kindness, love, hope, patience, respect and tolerance.

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