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# Welcome Year 2 Parents

## 2023/2024



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# Morning Routine

- Toilet
- 'Zumos' – check in
- Early Morning Task
- Lunch Choices
- Wake-Up-Shake-Up
- Prayer
- Phonics
- English
- Break 10:15-10:30
- Maths
- Toilet/Hand Washing 11:40
- Lunch 11:45-12:30



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**Year 2 - Autumn 1**

8.45 8:50 9:20 10.25 - 10.40 11:45 - 12:30 1:00 2.00 - 2:10 2:45 3:00 3.15

Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
Assembly	Phonics	Phonics	Phonics	Assembly Phonics
English	English	English	English	English
Maths Skills Check	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
Phonics	Handwriting/ GPS	Handwriting/ GPS	Spellings X Tables Reading Eggs	Library
PE	R.E.	Science	Foundation Subjects	Zippy's Friends/ RSE/ FUNS (PE)
Computing	R.E.	Science	Foundation Subjects	Golden Time
Paired Reading	Paired Reading	Paired Reading	Paired Reading	Paired Reading
Story & Prayer	Story & Prayer	Story & Prayer	Story & Prayer	Story & Prayer

Early Morning Task, Registration and Prayers



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# Break Times

- Years 1 and 2 use the KS1 yard for morning, lunch and afternoon play and have a large selection of toys
- Children can use the outdoor classroom during these times
- Children have a selection of fruit/vegetables that they can enjoy. They can have one item during morning break and one during afternoon break
- We encourage the children to use the toilets as they come into school and during break times



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# Dinner Time

- Packed lunches and school dinners sit together in the hall
- Most days, children have 5 meal options for their school dinners (+ a salad bar)
- Select what they want using a sticker
- School requires (at least) a week's notice of a change between school dinners and packed lunches
- Please don't put sweets or chocolate bars in packed lunches
- School will intervene if packed lunches are deemed too unhealthy/unbalanced
- We ask that no nuts or items containing sesame/sesame oil are included in your child's packed lunch
- [stcuthbertsk.org/web/school\\_meals/175574](http://stcuthbertsk.org/web/school_meals/175574) - Further info



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# Uniform & Related Policies

- You can see the School's Uniform + P.E. Kit policy here:  
[stcuthbertsk.org/web/school\\_uniform/175576](http://stcuthbertsk.org/web/school_uniform/175576)
- Please ensure your child has plain black shoes or trainers to wear for school and a separate pair of plain trainers for PE
- No jewellery is to be worn apart from simple, plain stud earrings, which must be removed for PE (or covered with plasters if this is not possible)

Please, please,  
please write  
your child's  
name on  
**EVERYTHING.**



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## Haircuts – Policy notes:

- Extreme hairstyles, such as Grade 0 or Grade 1 length, mohawks, tramlines and patterned or brightly coloured hair, are unacceptable.
- Pupils with long hair must ensure that this does not impede their vision, cover their face or provide a health and safety risk. Long hair must be tied up during all practical lessons, for example during science experiments or PE.
- Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be worn; however, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable.
- Some religions and beliefs may require their members to wear their hair in a particular style. The school does not discriminate against any religion or belief and will endeavour to allow religious requirements to be met where possible, whilst weighing up the needs and rights of individual pupils against the cohesion and health and safety concerns of the entire school community.



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# Illnesses

- If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact school office as soon as you can
- Please keep your child at home if they have a temperature
- Medicines – handed in to an adult, not kept in children's bags
- Medical form only available from office
- Inhalers/Epipens kept in classrooms





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## P.E.

- This half-term we are doing PE on Mondays and Fridays
- Children to come to school in P.E. Kits (all plain & named)
  - Plain black/navy/grey joggers & shorts
  - White polo
  - Plain black trainers
- If PE kit doesn't conform to policy, children will be provided with communal kit for their session.



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# Reading

- It is important to your child's learning that they are heard reading by an adult every day, even if it is for a few minutes
- Please sign your child's reading record
- You can read personal books
- Children are encouraged to access Reading Eggs at home every week



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# Reading

- Please put in bag every day (+ Times Table/Spelling books + water bottle)
- We aim to change reading books weekly
- We aim to hear each child read individually at least once a week
- We use 'Class Novels' to support reading, these are books that we read as a whole class and use as a focal point for our work



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# Handwriting – Big Focus.

- Form all letters correctly
- Begin to join
- Letters should be the correct size in relation to the line and each other
- Increase the legibility, consistency and quality of their handwriting
- Ensure that words/lines of writing are spaced sufficiently



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# Maths

- By the end of Year 2 the children should be able to recall the multiplication and related division facts of the 2, 5, 10
- They will have a weekly assessment called a 'Skills Check'
- Children are encouraged to use Times Tables Rock Stars at home weekly, at least



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# Main topics covered in Year 2.

- Oliver Twist
- The Great Fire of Newcastle & Gateshead
- Titanic
- Explorers
- Florence Nightingale
- St. Lucia



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# Trips

Autumn 1	Local History Walk
Autumn 2	Discovery Museum – Great Fire of Gateshead and Newcastle workshop. (6.11.23)
Spring 1	Tour of Quayside
Spring 2	Northern Print – Printing Workshop
Summer 1	Kenton Dene (Kitty's Drift & Kenton Collieries)
Summer 2	The Victoria Tunnel & Seven Stories



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# Homework

- Reading Daily (please comment so we can keep track)
- Spellings weekly – tested on Wednesdays
- Times Tables – Tested on Wednesdays (TTRS)
- Reading Eggs Weekly
- KS2 style sanction/reward introduced after October





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# Behaviour Strategies

- Cubes
- Greenies – review
- Golden Time
- 3 chances → Cube out of jar → Time out in classroom → Time out of classroom
- Written warnings



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Please speak to us If you have any  
concerns whatsoever!

- Contact us at [y2@stcuthbertsk.org](mailto:y2@stcuthbertsk.org)
- Emails are checked frequently and responded to twice a week
- Leave a message on the door in the mornings or catch us at the end of the day
- Make an appointment for a longer meeting if necessary



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# School Website & Social Media

[www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk](http://www.stcuthbertsk.newcastle.sch.uk)

- The school website is where you can access all of the learning support and learning at home materials

## Facebook

- School Facebook is a 'snapshot' of life in school and will be updated regularly but it is not a record of individual children, so may not feature pictures of every child every week.