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Newsletter

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Year 2 Parents

Building on a plan that has worked really well over the years, Mrs Martin and I have organised a series of events for Year 2 children and parents.

You can see the details in the Dates for your Diary.

The two key meetings for parents are:

June 23 2.15

In the hall when we give information and answer questions about 'Starting Year 3 at CCJ'. The leaflet we give out will be put on the website for those who can't make this meeting.

July 2 3.30 – 4.00.

Informal meeting with Class teacher in September in their class. There will be supervision available (outside or in the hall) for your Yr 2 children so that classrooms don't get too crowded

Class organisation 2008-9.

Every year we have an 'planned intake of 75 children which means we have to have one mixed age class of Years 3 and 4. The criterion we start with for the mixed age class is the oldest Year 3 + youngest Year 4. However this always needs adjusting to ensure a 'balanced ' class. See below.

This mixed class has been very successful for a number of years.

This also means that we cannot keep class group together during the 4 years of schooling here. There do have to be some changes to class groups every year, and we try really hard to make this a positive experience even if (initially) children aren't with who they would choose to be with!

Classes for 2008-9

We will soon be liaising closely with the Infant School about class groups for 2008-9. The factors we need to consider are:

1. See above.
2. Balance of girls and boys and ability levels in each class.
3. Learning Behaviour, (who, in view of the teachers, learns best with who.)
4. Friendships and children's choices.

The last one is sometimes a cause for concern and whilst we always take this into account it can only be one consideration that must be balanced by the others.

In our experience of having to make these decision for over 8 years there have only been a couple of instances out of hundreds when a week or so into a new class children have not been able to settle.

Parents supporting this and being 'positive' with their child (if they report they aren't in a class with all their friends) can make all the difference.

Dates for your Diary

May 19 Yr 2 visit CCJ for assembly, playtime and Robin Hood performed by Yr 5.



June 8 Arts Week @ CCJ: Yr 2 activity
TBC

June 19 Yr 2 afternoon in Yr 3 classes.
(Yr 3 to Infants!)

June 23 2.15 meeting for Yr 2 parents.
'Starting Year 3 at CCJ'.

June 30 Yr 2 to CCJ for Cricket (TBC)

June 26 & June 29 INSET DAYS

July 1 Yr 2 to CCJ 10.15 to 1.00.
Time in Yr 3 classes for Sept 2009

July 2 3.30 – 4.00. Yr 2 parents can meet
their child's Yr 3 teacher for Sept.

July 4 Summer Fair

July 24 Last Day of term 6

School Starts Monday 7 Sept

INSET DAYS 2009-2010

(Same as Infant School)

Sept 3. and 4. 2009

Nov 2. 2009

April 1. 2010

Curriculum Review

We are still waiting for details of how the government is planning to change what we have to teach in September following the Rose Review. In the meantime you might like to look at current subjects/topics for Year 3 which are all on the website.

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