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Dear parents/carers of Year 2 pupil,

Welcome to Year 2! We are excited to be returning to school and to a new normal after a challenging few months. The children have settled in well to their new classes. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Clark, as a teacher, in Saffron Class. Miss Togher will be gradually handing over this term and taking up a teaching position in the SEND Team. Below we have outlined some key information regarding this term, that we hope you will find useful.

Social Distancing

We kindly ask Year 2 parents to drop children between **8:55am and 9.10am** and collect children between **3.15pm and 3.25pm**. Please do not arrive before these times at the start and end of the day. There have been many reminders about not driving down Dallas Rd – both as a courtesy to those who live on that street but also as a safety precaution. There are a lot of small children walking up that road in the mornings and afternoons. We need to keep everyone safe.

Reconnecting

This term, as part of our Reconnecting topic, Year 2 will be looking at two texts: Here We Are and The Heart and the Bottle by Oliver Jeffers. These texts explore the common theme of accepting change and our impact on the world. We will also be looking at building friendships and reconnecting with one another and our learning.

The science topic for this term will be Animals Including Humans. Children will learn how important it is to be healthy – this includes hygiene, healthy eating and exercise. We will also be learning about a significant person – Mo Farah - as a part of our Science focus towards the end of this term.

We are proud to have a vibrant and diverse school community at Kelvin Grove. Our aim is that our school curriculum reflects and celebrates this diversity all year round. This means that we are committed to ensuring that pupils of all races, backgrounds and abilities see representations of themselves and their families in the content of our lessons. We do this by being very purposeful in our choices of the authors whose books we read, and in our selection of the history and culture we choose to study across the year.

In Maths our main focus will be on place value.

Please ensure your child wears the appropriate kit **to school** (white T-shirt, dark bottoms), including trainers/plimsols on Monday. The children will now come to school in their P.E. kits.

Reading:

Reading for pleasure makes a huge difference to children's educational performance. Children who read for enjoyment every day develop a broad vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. You can make a huge difference by reading with your child/hearing your child read every day for at least 15 minutes and talking about books regularly. For the autumn term, home learning will be daily reading with your child.

We encourage you to continue to use the Oxford Owl reading website to access a wide range of reading materials.

Remember that every child needs to bring their book bag (with their book in it) everyday to school. The class teachers will change your child's book with their reading band level on a Friday.

Spelling:

By the end of Year 2, the children will need to be able to read and write the Year 1 and 2 Common Exception words. We would appreciate your support in helping your child to learn these words. The Common Exception are attached to this letter.

Thank you for all your support, and as always if you have any questions please do not hesitate to arrange a phone call from us via the school office.

Mrs Heron-Njie, Miss Togher, Miss Sutcliffe and Mrs Clark



Headteacher: Ian Hyde
Deputy Headteachers: Tara Magee and Kris Clark