Welcome to Year Two. Your teachers this year are Mrs Cerniauskas and Mrs Hale (Thursday) in 2Blue and Mrs Smith in 2Gold. We are looking forward to working with your children. We are happy to answer any of your questions before or after school. If you need to have a longer discussion, please make an appointment to see us by sending a note or contacting the office.

Library
Library Borrowing is every Thursday. We encourage everyone to borrow books every week!

Sport
Children come dressed in full sport uniform every Wednesday and Thursday.

Homework
Homework folders are to be returned every Friday.
Subject Overviews

The Subject overview will give you a sense of what your children will be focusing on in class. These could be the things you talk to your child about through the term.

Religious Education
Our first topic in Religion is Jesus Helps Me To Love. This topic focuses on understanding and appreciating Jesus as the model for Christian living; living according to Jesus' teaching by means of deepening their experience of and relationship with God and with each other. Our second topic for the term is Lent: Being Alone. We will be focusing on the prayerful aspect of Lent. Our third topic is Easter Triduum: Never Alone. The students will be examining the prayerful aspect of Holy Week, focusing on the example of Jesus who was able to talk with God His Father about His feelings, fears and problems.

English
This year a major focus will be on reading. Everyone in Year 2 will participate in the Premiers' Reading Challenge. The children will bring home their guided reading book every night to practise reading. During writing this term, we will be focusing on imaginative, informative, persuasive and personal texts. There will be an emphasis on sentence structure and basic punctuation.

Mathematics
During Mathematics this term we will be focusing on efficient counting strategies; counting by 2s, 5s and 10s, from a variety of different numbers. We will also focus on mental addition and subtraction strategies such as number partners to 10 and 20, combining numbers that make 10, counting on and counting back.
We will also focus on other areas such as multiplication and division, patterns and 2D shapes.
Science and Technology

In Science and Technology lessons this term we will be identifying a variety of energy forms in the environment and describing their uses. The children conduct investigations to discover what forces take effect to influence the movement of objects. They will explore the concepts of push, pull, gravity, sinking and floating.

Human Society and Its Environment

The focus of our HSIE lessons this term is Transport. Students will identify different types of transport and their uses. They will explore safety rules in relation to transport use and the problems associated with the use of transport.

Creative Arts

During our Creative Arts lessons the children will be putting together a variety of art works that focus on the topic of red hats.

The children will continue to have music lessons with Mrs Moore on every second Wednesday.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

During Personal Development and Health lessons we will focus on ways to get along with others.

The children will have PE lessons with Mr N Jones. We will also have sport sessions in which we will focus on developing gross motor skills.
Our **sport** days will be **Wednesday** and **Thursday**.

Homework is given weekly (starting Week 4: 16th Feb) The homework folders are due back at school every Friday.

Your child will bring home a class mascot. His name will be Chester (2Blue) or Patch (2Gold). We look forward to hearing your child’s adventures with him!

Guided reading books will be brought home everyday for the children to practise their reading. We request that parents help in ensuring that these books are kept safe and **returned to school each day** for the children’s lessons.

Your children will bring home their **workbooks** this weekend: 13th Feb). We ask that you cover them in **clear contact** so their name is visible on the front and return them all on Monday 16th February.