Welcome to the Year 2 Parent Information Session 2015
A strong home-school link is essential for success.

What is the Programme Book?

• The Programme Book is used to arrange meetings, give feedback on successes/problems at home and at school, encourage positive behaviour and develop organisational skills.

• Please regularly check the Programme Book for notes and upcoming events.

• Please ensure children return their Programme Books to school each day.
Year 2 is a great year for consolidation of skills. In the first two years of their education they have learned the basic skills of the different Key Learning Areas.

In all Key Learning Areas, our goals are for your children to become more self-motivated, independent workers who can better manage their time to complete tasks.

**ENGLISH**

In English lessons, we will be focusing on your child:
- Writing texts with more interesting and complex language, as well as consolidate basic punctuation skills (capital letters, full stops, etc.)
- Handwriting should be becoming neater and letters being a consistent shape and size.
- Spelling - each child will receive an individual lists which will be taken from the results of initial assessments.
- Reading - Home readers only need to be changed when your child has finished them. Other reading should be encouraged and these can be added to the Reading Log.
- Comprehension - working on written comprehension skills.
What will my child be learning this year?

MATHEMATICS

• Structure: This year we will be having one Maths lesson each day. The first lesson of the week will be the modelled and instructional lesson which will give us some information on your child’s prior knowledge of the concept.

• Students will then be working in three ability-based groups to explore and learn more about the concept. Learning experiences will consist of:
  1. Practical/Hands-on activity
  2. Technology-based activity
  3. Textbook page

• The remaining lesson will be focused on problem solving.

• Our aim is to refine and consolidate your child’s basic skills and knowledge and, when necessary, provide extension work.
What will my child be learning this year?

**HSIE: 'Me' Project**

Poster displaying the various groups that your child belongs to:

- Family - Country of origin
- Sports
- Hobbies
- Musical
- Other
- School
How much Homework should my child be doing?

- NGS Policy states that Homework for Year 2 children should be 15 minutes per night.

- This should primarily be READING for 10 minutes... This can take a variety of forms - have your child read to you, share the reading, model reading with expression and fluency, read the book for a couple of nights to build confidence and fluency. Don’t forget to ask questions - What do you think the book is going to be about? What type of book is this? What do you think will happen next? Describe the main character....

- Each child will also complete a set task from Mathletics each week which will consolidate Mathematics concepts taught in class. Students are also encouraged to work on Mathletics Live once they have completed set tasks.

- Spelling activities- Students will be required to complete two spelling activities from their Spelling Contract each week.

- Homework Grid- To recognise the wide range of after school activities that students participate in and to encourage positive family interactions.

- Class News

- Homework will be issued on Friday and collected Thursday. Two Home Reading books will be issued on Tuesday for the week. However, we encourage your child to read other books of interest to them.

If your child is finding Homework difficult please see your child’s teacher immediately - there should never be tears or frustration - STOP and put a note in the Programme Book.
Fruit Break, Birthday Cakes & Lunches...

- **Fruit Break** - usually at 10.00am - please only provide fresh fruit or vegetables (apple, banana, carrots etc). It is preferred that fruit/vegetables are pre-cut.

- **Birthdays** - if you wish to provide a class treat for your child’s birthday please ensure that it can be easily shared. Please also be aware that the school is working towards a no nut policy. Cakes can be left at the School Office.

- **Lunches** - please ensure that the majority of the children’s lunch is healthy - fruit, health bars, sandwich, water etc

Special Events coming up...

- Get to know you interviews- Tuesday 11th February. Please make an appointment with Mrs Foster.
What you can do at home?

• Read with your child every night.
• Encourage your child to apply Maths concepts to every day events. Eg cooking, shopping, time, puzzles, building (Lego)
• Enrich units covered in class through such things as discussions and newspaper articles.
• Encourage organisation and independence.
Newcastle Grammar Junior School recognises the importance of developing students' Social and Emotional wellbeing so that they may be successful and happy individuals in school, at home and in the community. The research-based program aims to explicitly teach students skills in 5 key aspects for social and emotional development.
Questions??

Thank you.