

## Welcome Letter - Foundation 2



Mrs Caldicott



Mrs Lewis



Mrs Davies



Miss Evans

Welcome to Bidston Avenue Primary School! We hope you had a lovely summer holiday. We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child over the next year.

There are 2 classes in Foundation 2:

**Mrs Caldicott F2C**

**Mrs Davies F2D**

The children in Foundation 2 start school at 8:45am each morning. Please enter school via the gate on Tollemache Road and down the sloped walkway, into the playground where you will be met by a member of the F2 team at the Foundation Unit garden gate. Our F2 children finish at 3:10pm. Please enter school the same way via the gate on Tollemache Road and wait in the playground for the children to be dismissed. If you have not already done so, please provide a password for your child, as this will be asked for to ensure that your child is handed over to the correct adult at the end of the school day.

Regular homework will be in the form of shared and independent reading, topic themed tasks and online activities. At Bidston Avenue, we place a high priority on fostering a love of reading and developing children's vocabulary. Your child will need a reading bag; available from the uniform shop in Birkenhead. Please ensure that your child's book bag is brought to school every day as reading books may be changed on different days as part of our Read, Write Inc phonics programme. We also use your child's reading bag to send home other letters and important information.

In Foundation 2, we use Tapestry to create online 'Learning Journeys' for each child. By logging on with a secure username and password you will be able to view observations, photographs and even videos of your child during their time in Foundation 2. This will enable you to follow your child's individual progress closely and you can reflect upon their achievements with them. You will also be able to add photographs and comments of your own to show learning that takes place at home and outside of school. Tapestry accounts will be set up for F2 children in the next couple of weeks. You will receive an activation email asking you to set up your account and create a password.

You will need to provide your child with a labelled water bottle. The children are able to re-fill this in school and have access to it throughout the school day. All children in Foundation 2 are eligible for a free universal infant school meal (this is different to free school meals). However, you may provide your own packed lunch for your child should you wish so. Also, if you have not already done so, please visit the Cool Milk website to register your child for milk at school at <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/>

PE for both classes in F2 will be on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. Children need to attend school in their PE kits on their allocated days. This is a white T-shirt, black shorts and pumps, or trainers. During colder weather, black tracksuit bottoms or leggings can be worn.

Your child will be allocated their key worker during our induction period over the next couple of weeks. We will send a letter home informing you of which adult this will be.

Got a smartphone? You can download our free school app. Works with iPhone, Android and Windows. Search for us in your app store and download it today! <http://jsa4.me/baprimary>

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to ask any member of the F2 staff.