



Dear Panda Parents,

A very warm welcome to all our students and families in Y2 Panda class!

It is going to be an exciting year, filled with interesting and fun learning opportunities that will encourage your child to blossom, grow and make friends with children from around the world. Please ensure that you regularly visit the DBIS Hub & Parent Portal as important information will be posted here.

### **The Panda Team**

Hello, my name is Radhika Gidwani and I am the class teacher in Panda Class. I joined DBIS as an Educational Assistant in Reception in 2017 and decided to study my PGDE in Early Childhood Education at the University of Hong Kong to become a full time teacher. I have been a class teacher for 3 years now. I attended DBIS as a student from Nursery to Y6 so it is lovely to come back as a teacher. I am an energetic, compassionate and supportive teacher and believe that each child is unique. I cannot wait to meet the children and start our learning journey together.

Hello, my name is Jean Capito and I am the Educational Assistant in Panda Class. Born and raised in the Philippines, I have been living in HK since 1991 with my 21 year old son. I graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Elementary Education holding a teacher's certificate issued by the Education Bureau. This is my 15th year at DBIS. I started working at the school's office as a receptionist for six years and I love being with the kids so I decided to transfer internally to perform the role as an Educational Assistant. I am an empathetic hardworking individual with passion for helping children. I believe that "learn through play" can help children develop social and cognitive skills, mature emotionally, and gain self-confidence. Also my aim is to assist students in discovering who they are and what abilities they have, allowing them to shine with their fullest potential. I am looking forward to meeting your child soon.

### **Communication**

It is extremely important to all the Y2 teachers that we establish a positive home-school partnership. We have exciting plans for the year and we will let you know what they are through the DBIS Parent Hub and classroom communication boards, so please keep checking

all the communications regularly. Should you wish to discuss your child's learning or any sensitive issues in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Georgina Clothier (Y2 Year Group Leader) to arrange a meeting at a mutually agreed time. If you wish to use email, then please send any communication for the attention of the appropriate teacher through the school office: [dbis@dbis.edu.hk](mailto:dbis@dbis.edu.hk)

### The School Day

Our classroom doors open from **8.25am** each morning. We encourage parents and carers to say goodbye to their child at the door. We expect children to come into the classroom independently, put their belongings away and begin their learning. The school day will finish for Y2 children at **3.10pm**. Y2 families can enter campus via the main gate, please remember to bring your Parent ID Card with you for pick up time. Any parents and carers without a Parent ID card will be required to sign children out. If your child is unwell, please communicate absences through the DBIS Hub jotform: <https://form.jotform.me/72201104115435>

What your child needs:

- DBIS School Bag (Please keep spare underwear and clothes in case of accidents)
- DBIS School Hat - clearly labelled with your child's name and class
- Named Wellington Boots & Rain Coat for Outdoor Learning
- Water Bottle (Clearly labelled with name. No metal water bottles to be brought to school.)
- 1 named A3 plastic folders for home reader books and Library books
- A small snack e.g apple (in a container they can open independently labelled with your child's name and class)
- Named lunch box (labelled with your child's name and class - *unless your child is eating at the cafeteria*)
- Snack and Lunches must be packed separately.

### Healthy Lunches and Snacks

Y2 Snack occurs at 10am during the outdoor break and Lunch at 11:55am. If you would like your child to eat lunch in the cafeteria, please contact [dbis@dbis.edu.hk](mailto:dbis@dbis.edu.hk) If your child is having a packed lunch, this should be placed in the boxes provided outside each class. To promote health and well-being, we encourage all students to make healthy choices for snacks and lunches. Sweets, candy, fizzy soda pop/soft drinks and chewing gum are not allowed at school. Please also be aware that we are a **Nut Aware** school and we kindly ask that **no products containing nuts or traces of nuts** be brought onto the school premises. **(This includes Nutella and store-bought pesto: pine nuts)** If your child has an allergy that concerns their safety, please speak with your child's class teacher.

### Outdoor & Experiential Learning Experiences

We value the importance of Outdoor and Experiential learning opportunities at DBIS. In the coming weeks, we will communicate further information about your child's Forest School and Woodwork opportunities. In preparation for this, we kindly ask you to bring rain boots and a raincoat to be kept in school. Y2 students have multiple opportunities to explore outside learning areas, it is helpful to apply sunscreen and insect repellent before school.

### Timetable:

Panda Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
What do I need to wear to school?	School Uniform	PE Kit	School Uniform	PE Kit	School Uniform
What's happening today?	PE Mandarin Forest	Mandarin PE	Learning Technologies	PE Mandarin Library Forest	Assembly
What do I need to bring today?	Please bring hat, water bottle, snack, lunch and A3 book folder to school <u>each day</u> .				
	Wellies & Raincoat for Forest. (These can be left in school)		Return home school link book, home reader & library book	New Library book & home reader books go home.	Spelling Words will come home

We are looking forward to getting to know all our Panda families. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working in partnership with you.

Kind Regards,

Radhika Gidwani & Jean Capito