

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite you to a meeting about the importance of Mother Tongue. This is particularly for Year 2 parents but also for any **Pre School** or **Primary School** parents whose child's mother tongue is not English.

The meeting will take place in the Year 2L classroom, on the ground floor in Primary, on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 2.45 - 3.15.

We target Year 2 students moving into KS2 as research shows this is a critical time in the development of higher level academic skills, particularly in Reading and Writing. A concentrated effort in developing these Mother Tongue skills in the KS2 years can be of enormous benefit to the development of both languages, Mother Tongue and English. Options are also widened for the Secondary School years, Tertiary Education and generally for your child's place in the world as a global citizen with a strong cultural identity.

I will deliver a short presentation that will hopefully answer frequently asked questions concerning the maintenance of Mother Tongue. This will be followed by time for discussion and questions.

Yours sincerely,

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