

Welcome to Year 3

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am so excited to be writing to you all and to introduce the Year 3 team to you. We have already had the opportunity to meet our lovely new classes and we cannot wait for September! We hope to make the transition to Year 3 as smooth as possible for your child; we are liaising with the current Year 2 class teachers to ensure this.

The Year 3 team understand that, as your child moves from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, you may have some questions about life and expectations in Year 3. Below is a list of frequently asked questions that may help to address some of these initial queries.

What does my child's day look like?

A typical day would look something like below.

It is very similar to a day in Year 2, except our day starts at **8.30am**

8.30 – 8.50	Register and feedback time
8.50 – 9.30	Spellings/Phonics/Assemblies
9.30 – 10.30	English
10.30 – 10.45	BREAK
10.45 – 11.45	Maths
11.45 – 12.15	Reading/Handwriting
12.15 – 1.15	LUNCH
1.15 – 2.15	Project/PE
2.15 – 2.30	Daily Mile
2.30 – 3.15	Project
3:15	HOMETIME

When will PE be?

Our PE slots will be confirmed at the beginning of the year. We have an indoor and outdoor session each week. Please bring in suitable kit for all weather on the first day back (shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE, tracksuit and sports shoes for outdoor PE) in a named, drawstring bag.

What type of bag can my child bring to school?

All children will need to continue using their book bag. There will be circumstances when it may be necessary for pupils to bring in larger/rucksack bags, such as:-

- specialist outdoor/sports equipment/kit
- additional equipment for school trips
- musical instruments
- when children cycle to school (safer for children to have a rucksack than to hold a book bag)

Will my child still receive fruit?

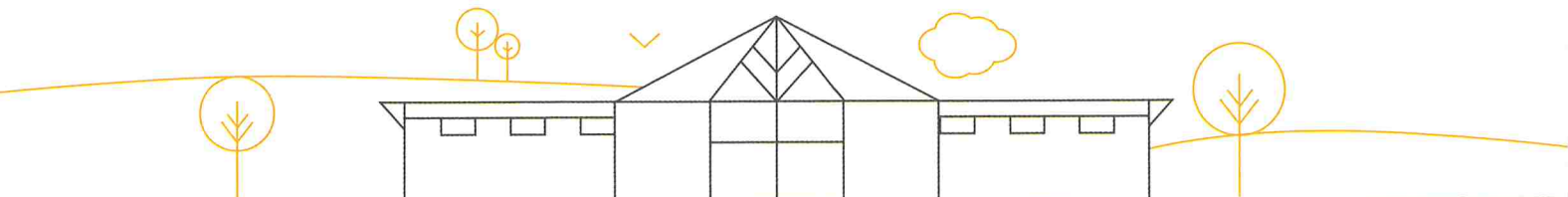
We have the wonderful fruit scheme in Key Stage 2. Every day there is a huge array of delicious fruit and vegetables for the children to enjoy during their morning break. If you decide not to opt in and provide your own snack for your child, we do ask that it is fruit or vegetable based. A letter will be sent out after the holidays giving further details and cost.

Will my child still have free school dinners?

In Key Stage 2 the funding for universal free school meals ends.

With the exception of those who are eligible to claim free school meals, the cost of a school dinner is £2.40 per day.

To find out if you are eligible, there is a checklist on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/hampshire>



Breakfast Berries

You no longer need to pre book your child's place for Breakfast Berries in KS2. This club is run on an ad-hoc basis and the fee will be added to your account for the days your child attends. Please be aware that the After School Berries remains the same. For further details please ask a member of the school office team.

What home learning will my child need to do?

We expect the children to continue reading with an adult 3x a week so that they can continue to work on their fluency, expression and comprehension skills whilst building a repertoire of their favourite books. Dojo points will be awarded to those who do so!

The children will have spellings to practise and will be tested on these every week – similar to the format in Year 1 and 2. The day of the test will be confirmed in September.

The children will also have a mini-project to complete on a half termly basis which will link to their project work.

How can I access more information?

Key dates and important information will always be displayed in the classroom windows. We will also display information about what your child is learning, the spelling rule we are focusing on and ways that you can support your child at home.

Updates, reminders and additional information will be shared on Class Dojo.

Information regarding the whole school can be found on the website, in newsletters and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Your child's class teacher will be able to answer any specific questions you have. You can also speak to Mrs Woods, who will be in KW/AY/3 (classroom 18), and will again, be leading the Year 3 team from September.

Do you still need parent helpers?

Yes please! We love having parent helpers! If you have the time available for reading, chopping or sticking please let us know. We would be extremely grateful.

Anything else I should know?

We have an exciting project, 'The Rock of Ages' planned for your child's first term in Year 3. Shortly, you will receive an overview of our first project which will give you some glimpses into what we have planned. Hopefully, by sharing this over the summer, it will ignite your child's curiosities and support their transition from Year 2 to 3. We have also planned a few surprises along the way involving Miss Young, our Outdoor Learning Leader, which we are very excited about!

To engage the children in their learning, we are planning a 'Hook' day for Year 3 in the Autumn term, filled with lots of exciting, hands-on learning about Prehistoric Britain (Stone Age – Iron Age), working both in the school building and outside around the school grounds. To really immerse the children in to Prehistoric Britain, we are encouraging children to come dressed up in Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age outfits. With sustainability, recycling and financial pressures in mind, please be assured that it is not necessary as a parent to purchase a pre-made costume. Homemade, mock up costumes will be celebrated in equal measure. We thought parents might like a little pre-warning of this! The date for our hook day is **Friday 6th September 2019**.

We look forward to teaching the new Year 3 children, and working with you to support your children's learning in the new school year. We wish you a happy and relaxing Summer break.

Kind regards,



Year 3 team