



We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together

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Class Information Letter – Year 3

Welcome to the new school year. We would like to welcome your child into Year 3 and look forward to getting to know and teaching them over the coming months. We are looking forward to this year and have already begun some exciting topics for this term. This newsletter gives a little bit of information about when/where things are happening in year 3.

Behaviour and Rewards

Our school uses the Hertfordshire Steps approach which supports a therapeutic ethos, early intervention and professional responses to complex, challenging or high-risk behaviours. We have developed three universal school rules which each class has spent time exploring and these are:

- Be ready
- Be respectful
- Be safe

In year 3 the reward system is a weekly table points system, leading to small rewards for the winning table. Also, the giving of stickers to individuals for trying to keep the school rules e.g. being ready to learn, for showing respect to others and for keeping themselves and others safe.

Curriculum

Here is information relating to the Autumn Term curriculum. If you look on the school website you will see how this fits into the curriculum for the entire Key Stage. This may help you to plan interesting visits that match your child's syllabus.

In RE we shall continue to follow the liturgical year. This term, beginning with Ordinary Time, leads up to the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Our themes are **The Christian Family** and **Mary, Mother of God**.

Each term you will also receive a termly RE Newsletter which will help you to support your child's learning and faith journey throughout the liturgical year.

English: we will be studying Fables (Fiction), Recounts (Non-Fiction), Writing and performing a play, Giving Instructions (Non-Fiction), Limericks (Poetry) and word-building. The children will also focus a text during Our Take One Book week.

Maths: we will be learning about place value, regrouping, counting on and back in ones, tens and hundreds, estimation, rounding, measures, comparison and fact families and their inverse. We will also be increasing the children's mental fluency and recording in addition and subtraction.

Science: our topics are Forces and Magnets and Light.

Computing: the children will be learning about Coding, On-line Safety and Spreadsheets.



Topics: our topic is about Wartime and The Battle of Britain, including Remembrance. Our Geography is about locating different countries and cities that make up Great Britain and comparing the human and physical features of them. Our art and DT will be linked to these topics.

Music: we will follow Sing Up and songs we will work on will include I've been to Harlem, Mexican Wave, Make that sound and Tell Me a Story Shining Star. We will also be improvising, composing and recording from other sources.

PSHE: Our topics are: Healthy Lifestyles, Growing and Changing and Keeping Safe.

Physical Education

Throughout the whole school all PE kits consist of navy shorts and white round necked t-shirt (all KS2 pupils will be expected to also have a navy track suit and trainers).

Children will need their P.E. kit every Tuesday but it is advisable to leave the PE kit in school and only take it home each half term.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have already begun! Please make sure the children bring their swimming costumes, towels and goggles and swimming hat (if required), in a large bag which will fit all of their clothes, shoes and winter coat inside to store in the lockers at the pool on a Wednesday.

Home Learning

Home learning is set on Fridays to be returned no later than the following Wednesday. This will include Maths, English, RE or Science. This is supplemented by regular reading, spellings, number bonds and times tables. We appreciate that children in Year three, preparing for their First Holy Communion will also have homework set by catechists so have kept this in mind when choosing the tasks that we set.

Children in KS2 are expected to bring their Reading Books to school each day. They may bring their book, snack and home learning books in a small bag but please bear in mind the limited space in their personal locker which also stores PE kit and their outdoor wear and, on Wednesdays, their swimming kit!

General information:

Our next parent Consultations will be on: **Monday 7th October 2018: 3.30pm – 7.30pm**
Tuesday 8th October 2018: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

The children will be attending Parish Mass regularly during the term.

Water Bottle: All children are encouraged to drink plenty of water during the day, therefore, please supply your child with a refillable sports top water bottle. This must ONLY contain water, NO juices.

Children in KS2 may bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable for a morning snack if they wish. Please ensure the snack is stored in their bag and not their lunch box as the lunch trolley is taken to the KS1 hall after registration.

Jewellery: NO jewellery should be worn in school including earrings. Those with pierced ears must remove the earrings during school hours. If you wish your child to have their ears pierced this should take place at the beginning of the summer holidays to ensure the ears are healed before returning in September.

Long hair must be tied back during school hours.

Plimsolls: all pupils must have a pair of well-fitted plimsolls in school every day. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named. Lost property is now in a blue box directly outside our main office area and is accessible at all times.



Thank you in anticipation of your customary support throughout the year. We look forward to working partnership with you.

The Year Three team: Mrs Blythe, Miss Culkin, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Copeland.

