

## Wyke Regis C. of E. Junior School Year 3 ~ Newsletter 1

Welcome to Year 3! Hopefully your child is beginning to understand what it is like to be part of the Junior School and we would like to thank you for supporting us with our school uniform policy. The children do look very smart. However, we have had a number of items that have been difficult to return to their rightful owner, as they have not been named. Please make sure that all items are named and that your child knows where their name can be found on the garment.

### **Morning bells**

The early morning bells are at 8:43 and 8:45a.m. On the first bell we would like you to say goodbye to your child and vacate the junior school playground. The 8:45 bell is time for your child to line up and lead into school with his or her class teacher. You will be aware that the area around the year 3 classrooms leading up to the infant school can be very busy and this system helps to ease the congestion.

### **Reading and library books**

By now every child will have a **reading book, which must be brought into school every day**. Most children will have a graded reading book, which they can select for themselves from a range of books. These are colour coded and kept in boxes in the library. For those children who are free readers, they are selecting a library book, which is scanned by our library computer.

We strongly encourage you to hear your child read as often as possible and change their books whenever they are finished. We recommend that you listen to your child read at least three times a week for about ten minutes. If you would like to support your child in choosing their book, the library is always open before and after school.

Every child has also been given the opportunity to have a library book no matter what level of ability. These books contain a bar code inside the front cover. We do encourage your child to take them home. They are allowed to keep them for one week after which they should be renewed or returned.

Class Library sessions are: Thursday: 3B    Wednesday: 3S and 3R

### **Spellings**

Your child should have brought home a copy of the spellings for this half term. Spare copies can be found on the year 3 noticeboard outside Mr. Rice's room. Although the children are practising their spellings daily in class we would appreciate it if you could also practise them at home. To learn our spellings we use the following method.

**Look** at the word.

**Say** the word.

**Cover** the word over.

**Write** it from memory.

**Check** the spelling, making sure it is spelt correctly.

## **Water bottles, milk and snacks**

Drinking fresh water is known to aid learning. Please encourage your child to bring in a **water bottle containing fresh water every day**. Our school also supports healthy eating and we encourage your child to bring a **fruit or vegetable snack** for break time. Milk is available at a small cost, please go to the office to collect the appropriate form or visit the website

[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

## **Lunch time**

In Year 3 we have our lunches in the classroom starting at 12:15. Our dinner ladies do try to encourage every child to eat their lunch, but sometimes the children are more concerned about getting outside to play. If you feel that your child is not eating enough, please discuss this with your child's class teacher. We can then ask the dinner ladies to monitor the situation.

## **P.E. and Games**

P.E lessons are held in the hall. During these lessons the children are asked to work in bare feet. If for some reason your child is unable to do this e.g. they may have a verruca, please could you inform your child's class teacher in writing.

Games lessons take place outside. When the weather turns cold we do allow the children to wear their sweatshirt and they may also bring into school a pair of tracksuit trousers or jogging bottoms for extra warmth. If your child is unable to take part in the games lessons please inform your child's class teacher in writing.

## **Year 3 Notice Board**

The year 3 notice board is outside Mr. Rice's room. It will contain recent copies of letters and spellings lists. Please help yourself. If you are unable to visit school please visit our school website, [www.wykeregisjun.co.uk](http://www.wykeregisjun.co.uk) and view our year 3 web page.

## **Parent helpers**

If you would like to help out in the year 3 classes on a regular basis please contact your child's class teacher and collect a CRB form from the office.

## **Concerns**

If you are concerned about any aspect of your child's education and you wish to speak to one of us, please come in and make an appointment. We will try to answer your questions as quickly as possible. If you are unable to get into school you can e-mail your child's class teacher, [mblackwood@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:mblackwood@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk), [vsloan@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:vsloan@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk), [nrice@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:nrice@wykeregisjun.dorset.sch.uk)

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Mrs Blackwood, Mrs Sloan, Mr. Rice, Mrs Brittain and Mr. Greenacre.

Year 3 Team

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