



Where every child counts

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. I hope you all had a fantastic break and are feeling refreshed ready for a long and busy term ahead!

Morning Routine:

The children need to line up outside the Y3/4 mobile, with their belongings, when the bell rings, and wait for myself or Mrs Warwick-Price to collect them. Any coats, bags and PE kits are to be hung on their named peg in the corridor when they enter **after the bell rings**. Please resist the temptation to enter the building or allow children to come in before the bell unless you need to speak to a member of staff as we are very busy preparing for the day. If it happens to be raining in the morning the hall will be open for you to use from 8:30am to stay dry and again, Mrs Warwick-Price or I will collect the children from the hall as the bell rings. Book bags should be brought to school daily with reading and maths journals and will be kept in their named drawer. Healthy snacks (preferably fruit) and water bottles will be kept in trays in the classroom, fruit is not provided in Key Stage 2 so please try to ensure your child has a snack everyday.

Reading

As I am sure you are already aware reading is an essential life skill and at William Barnes we are committed to raising the profile of reading. Our expectation is that **all children will read at least three times a week at home with an adult**. Please make sure any reading you do with your child is recorded and signed in your child's reading journal. When your child has finished with their reading book it is their responsibility to change it during the school day. The children will also have the opportunity to go to the school library each week on a Thursday and choose a book of their own choice.

Homework:

To help encourage children to enjoy the process of reading we will ask them to **complete an activity in their reading journal once a week**. Reading activities will be sent home on a Monday, this will be discussed in class and then the children will have one week to complete this. It will be collected in and marked the following Monday.

Unfortunately, there will be consequences if home-reading and reading journal activities are not completed. Please make sure reading journals and reading books are in school every day.

Maths:

We are continuing to use Mathletics online to improve children's mental recall and quick thinking.

The children will shortly receive their login details again. In your child's **new Maths Journal** (to follow shortly) we have included a record sheet for Mathletics which will be completed as a running record on a weekly basis.

Expectations for Mathletics is that every child will gain at least 300 points by completing a range of fun and exciting games. Don't forget if you reach 1000 points within a week your child will be awarded a certificate. The children will be reminded how to use the website in class but if you need help accessing or using the website at home please come and see myself.

Times Tables:

This year we are also going to be sending Times Tables homework home weekly. The activity will be sent home on a Thursday and the children will have one week to complete this. It will be collected in and marked the following Thursday. It is expected that all children will complete the activities.

Your child will also receive a Times Table Rock Stars login. There is no expectation for this although any time spent on this interactive and engaging program will aid your child in learning their times tables.

PE

Timetabled PE days for Year 3 are **Tuesday and Thursday**. This can change due to the weather and other events happening in school, therefore, children must have a complete PE kit in school at all times. PE kit should include - shorts, t-shirt, pumps or trainers and for the colder months a dark coloured tracksuit for outdoors, please ensure that everything is labelled.

PPA Time

As you may be aware all teachers have non-contact time each week for planning, preparation and assessment so Mrs Newell will be teaching Year 3 on a Friday morning.

Dates for your Diary:

Wednesday 11th September: Meet the Teacher 3:15pm. Please pop in to say hello, find out about the learning expectations for the year and ask any questions.

Friday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day - Please come and join us for our Dahlistic Art Workshop 9-10am.

Week Beginning 7th October: Family Learning Week - Activities and Times tbc.

Wednesday 8th October: William Barnes Primary School open afternoon.

Week Beginning 21st October: Parents evenings

28th October - 3rd November: Half Term

Week Beginning 11th November: Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 18th - Tuesday 19th November: Life education van

Thursday 12th December: Pantomime - Jack and the Beanstalk at Poole Lighthouse

Friday 13th December: Christmas Market

Tuesday 17th December: Church Service/Nativity 2pm, parents welcome to join.

Wednesday 18th December: Christmas lunch

Friday 20th December: Last day of term.

Connected Curriculum:

This term our English will be based on Roald Dahl books. Our Geography topic is India.

Below is a summary of our curriculum this term.

Subject:	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Narrative - Roald Dahl Authors & Letters	Narrative - Roald Dahl Dialogue & Plays Non-Fiction - Reports India
Maths	Number & Place Value Counting & Estimating Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Measurement Properties of Shape Problem Solving	Counting & Estimating Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Fractions of Shapes and Numbers Time Statistics Problem Solving
Science	Rocks	Light
History	India: Location/Maps Village Life Life at School Geographical & Human Features Food The Environment	India: Artefacts Monuments Clothing Report Writing
RE	Hinduism - The importance of home	Christianity - True meaning of Christmas
PSHCE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference
Art & DT	Rangoli Patterns Cooking - Chapattis Milk Bottle Elephants	Colour Wheel / Watercolour Animals Christmas Market Items
Music	Environment	Building Site
PE	Dance - Bollywood / Indian Ball Games - Football	Dance Net & Wall Games - Tennis
ICT	Researching	SCRATCH - Dressing Up

Communication is paramount to your child's learning, therefore, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to come and see us for a quick chat at the start or end of the day or to make an appointment.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Newman
(Class Teacher)

and

Mrs Warwick-Price
(Teaching Assistant)