



Davington Primary School

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Dear Parents

Welcome to year 3. The children have settled really well into their new classes and new routines. They have a great deal of enthusiasm for their learning and are obviously enjoying their return to school.

We would like to thank you all for working with us to ensure the smooth and safe delivery and collection of the children from the school site.

The teachers this year in year three are Ms. Preston and Miss Reynolds. Together with the support of Miss Stebbeds and Mrs Polden (teaching assistants), We are looking forward to a safe and successful year. Mrs Small also teaches 3P outdoor games on a Thursday afternoon.

Games sessions

Year 3 sports sessions for both classes will be as follows:

- **Outdoor games:**
Thursday afternoon and
Indoor PE:
Friday morning

Please make sure your child's P.E. kit is in school at all times.

Their P.E. kit must be in a suitable, named bag. Please make sure that all uniform is **clearly labelled** with their full name and class. Please remember that your child will need the navy Davington P.E kit in order to participate in lessons. Plain navy joggers and a school jumper will be needed as the weather gets colder. Your child will also need a pair of trainers for outside Games sessions. If your child has long hair, please ensure that they have their hair tied back and that earrings are removed on P.E. days. P.E. kits will be sent home each holiday for washing.

Water

It is important that children drink plenty of water throughout the day. As our water fountains are no longer in use, please send in a named water bottle that they can use during the day. These can be bought in the school office. Please ensure your child brings water not squash.

Break Time Snacks

With the current Covid situation, we are unable to provide break time snacks from the Fruit Café. The children may bring their own **fruit/vegetables** which can be kept in their bag until break time.

Please ensure any reusable pots for snacks are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework

Weekly spellings and homework where appropriate will be posted on teams each week on Wednesday to be returned via teams, where possible the following Tuesday.

Reading

The two **most important** activities you can do with your child is listening to them read as well as reading **to** them.

All children need to read for 10 minutes every day with an adult when possible.

We ask the children to bring their reading book and reading record to school each day and put them in their tray. Children who have read at least three times in one week will be given a sticker on a chart. Once the children have six stickers, they are awarded their bronze reading award and bookmark, moving towards a silver and gold award.

You can support your child further in their reading by asking them questions about their book using **Who, Where, When, Why, What and How questions**. e.g. 'What do you think will happen next?' 'Why do you think did that?'

If you need any help moving your child on with their reading, please come and see us so we can offer support. They will earn reading rewards for reading three times a week which must be signed by an adult.

In year 3 we encourage greater independence in the children. As such, reading books will be changed by the children themselves as often as required.

In Year 3, we move away from book banding and begin using accelerated reader to allocate books with a suitable level of challenge. The children will take a reading quiz which then gives us a benchmark level appropriate to their comprehension. Every time your child finishes a book, we encourage them to take a quiz on their book. This gives us an idea how well they have understood the text. If the children pass the quizzes, this gradually raises the level of challenge and their reading level.

Library time

All children have timetabled access to our wonderful library each week. They need to bring their library book back to school on our allotted day as we cannot guarantee that they can be changed at other times.

3P- Tuesday

3R - Wednesday

Painting Overalls

Your child will need a painting apron in year 3 so we would be grateful if you could supply them with an old shirt or suitable apron. If you have any spares we would be grateful for those too, thank you!

Yours sincerely

**Miss Reynolds and Ms Preston
Year 3 Class Teachers**

