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Dear Parents

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child to Year 3. The teachers this year in Year Three are Ms. Preston and Miss Reynolds alongside Mr Holmes who will be completing his teacher training within the year group. Supporting the Year 3 teachers are Miss Stebbeds and Mrs Polden. We are looking forward to a safe and successful year.

Games sessions

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

- **Outdoor games:**
Friday afternoon
- **Indoor PE:**
Monday 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

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 will be issued on Wednesday and should be returned to school no later than the following Monday.

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?'

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.

3R- Tuesday **3P - 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!

There will be an opportunity for your child to show you their new classroom and to meet the teacher on Monday 5th September at the end of the school day. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

Miss Reynolds and Ms Preston
Year 3 Class Teachers