

# Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Early Career Teacher for Year 3. As a new member of teaching staff at Christ Church, I am very excited to be given the opportunity to work with such a key year group, about whom I have heard great things. I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming weeks and to helping your son or daughter to achieve even greater things in a friendly and child centred environment.

I thought it would be helpful to write down some of the important things to help you and your child prepare for the changes in September.

## **SPAG – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**

The children will have daily SPaG sessions. You can help your child by supporting them with their homework, regularly practising their spellings and the spelling rule and asking your child for definitions and examples of types of word e.g. nouns, adjectives etc.

## **Reading – Weekly Reading Challenge**

The children take part in a guided reading session once a week. Guided reading consists of a timetable of activities where your child will take part in a group reading session, with the teacher or teaching assistant, have the opportunity to read independently, complete a reading comprehension activity and complete a grammar and punctuation activity or play various word games.

It is really important that your child reads on a regular basis at home **(5 minutes every night)** so that they practise the reading skills and comprehension taught during guided reading sessions. Please continue to encourage your child to sound out and blend words when reading, as well as asking questions about what they have just read.

## **P.E, Swimming and Jumpers**

Our P.E. lesson will take place every **Friday** afternoon. **Please wear your P.E. kit to school every Friday.**

This year the children will get an opportunity to take part in swimming lessons at Hutton Moor. The lessons will run over six small terms so the children will be split into two groups. Group 1 (swimming term 1–3) and Group 2 (swimming term 4-6). Swimming groups are at the bottom of this letter. **These lessons begin on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September** and will take place on every **Tuesday** morning from 11:30-12:00.

### **Swimming kit:**

Boys: tight swim trunks/ shorts (fully elasticated/ speedos), goggles, a towel and a swim cap.

Girls: One piece swimsuit (no two piece/ bikinis), goggles, a towel and a swim cap.

Swim caps can be purchased from the school office for £1

Please can **all items of school uniform be labelled especially** jumpers and cardigans as many are misplaced and we know that they aren't cheap to replace!

### **Water bottles**

Please bring a labelled water bottle to school at the start of the week and take it home at the end of the week for a wash. Leaving the bottle in school for the week will avoid reading books being damaged when

water bottles are put into book bags! Children can refill their water bottle every day. The children will have plenty of opportunities to have a drink during the day.

### **Toilet routines**

In Year 3 the children should be going to the toilet during playtimes, if they can. That means they may be asked to wait if it is just before a playtime. We are fair and if they are really desperate they will always be allowed to go!

### **Health Issues and Inhalers**

Please make sure that your child has an up to date Inhaler in school at all times. If your child has any health issues please make sure we are aware of them so we can adapt any of our classroom routines accordingly.

### **Reward System/Class Dojo**

In Year 3 we have a rewards system called 'Class Dojo'. Each child has a character and these will be displayed on the board for the children to see. They can be awarded points for a variety of good behaviours and there are prizes at the end of the year for those children with a sufficient amount of points. The rewards are displayed on the notice board in the classroom. You will receive a letter with more information on how you can access this at home.

### **Finally...**

If you ever have any questions, please come in and chat to us about it, we are very approachable people and we don't bite! On a Wednesday the class will be taught by Mrs Foxen to allow for my CPD and planning time. The best day to try and contact me is usually a Monday or Tuesday after school. If it is something urgent please message on Dojo any day before school.

The Year 3 team and I are delighted that your child is with us in Year 3!

Mr Hiscox and the Y3 team

<b>Swimming Time Table</b>	
<b>Group 1 Term 1 – Term 3</b>	<b>Group 2 Term 4 – Term 6</b>
Cody	Jack
Aiden	Arlo
Antony	Gabi
Isaac	Alfie
Joshua	Mihnea
Willow	Lily
Betty	Kira
Mia	Grace
Amy	Holly
Honey	Rebeka
Nathi	Sara
Ruby	Silvie
Siyana	Zuri
Skarlette	Szymon