

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to our summer term! I am writing to you to provide you with information about the expectations I have for your child in Year 3 and the curriculum that they will be following throughout term 3.

### Topics for the Summer term

R.E - Come and See	Energy Choices Special Places
Science	The Power of Forces Amazing Bodies
P.E	Swimming Dance Striking & Fielding Athletics
Topic	Britain's settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots Viking & Anglo-Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England

### Religious Education Programme

Within 'Come and See' this term, the children will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World). The children will also spend one week studying Islam.

### 'Take One Book'

Our class book for this term is Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. We can't wait to read this book and explore it further in our English lessons!



### **Class trip – Tatton Park**

To link with our History topic of 'The Viking and Anglo Saxon struggle for the Kingdom of England', I have organised a trip to Tatton Park in Knutsford on Wednesday 25th May, in which the children will participate in a 'Living History' session. A separate letter with further information will be sent out in due course.

### **Swimming**

Our swimming sessions have come to an end and the children have been fantastic. They all listened to the instructors and they attempted everything they were asked to do with determination and enthusiasm. It has been wonderful to see the progress made during the two weeks! Well done, Year 3!

### **Punctuality / Absence**

The children should line up at 8.55am on the playground unless it is raining heavily, in which case, classroom doors will be opened a little earlier. It is your responsibility to supervise them up until this point. Any child arriving after the class have entered the classroom at 8.55am needs to go to the main door to be signed in by Mrs Glanvill or Mrs Campbell. If for any reason your child is absent from school, please contact us to let us know. If we do not hear from you, then Mrs Featherstone, our Learning Mentor, will ring to find out why your child is absent. If you need to collect your child at any time in the day for an appointment, could you please report to the office and your child will be collected from their classroom.

### **Behaviour and School Golden Rules**

Do be gentle	Don't hurt anyone
Do be kind and helpful	Don't hurt people's feelings
Do listen	Don't interrupt
Do work hard	Don't waste your or other people's time
Do look after property	Don't waste or damage it

### **Code of Conduct**

- Correct school uniform must be worn unless there is a particular explained reason. This includes P.E kit.
- Children should not run inside school. They should move around the building in a safe and sensible manner.
- At break time, children may eat a piece of fruit or a healthy snack. Sweets and chewing gum are not allowed in school.
- After leaving the building at lunchtime, children should not re-enter the school building without permission.
- Children will show respect to all adults in the school.
- No abusive language is tolerated.
- Jewellery, apart from a wrist watch, is not permitted.
- Nail varnish should not be worn.
- No mobile phones will be allowed in school without permission.



## **Praising and rewarding**



As well as Golden Time, throughout the school day children are encouraged and praised. Praising of good behaviour helps to reinforce the message to all children. Good behaviour, good work, good manners, and caring for others are rewarded. As well as sticky badges, smiley faces and general praise, the following reward systems are used: the Golden Table, afternoon tea with Mrs Hannah, certificates, Headteacher Awards, and a termly achievement assembly in which, amongst other things, attendance and punctuality are also celebrated.

## **Golden Time**

Golden time takes place every Friday. Children can bring in a toy or game from home, although the school cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage to any Golden Time activity brought into school. Mobile phones and tablets may not be used as a Golden Time toy. If a child breaks a Golden Rule, they are given a warning, verbal or visual. If they do it again, they lose a minute or maybe two, of their Golden Time. The children who have lost golden time during the week will sit and look at either a sand timer or the clock until the time they have lost is past and they can begin their golden time.

## **Red and Yellow Cards**

Staff may issue a red or yellow card as another way of reinforcing school rules. Red and Yellow cards can be used throughout the day and at dinner time when children fail to comply with the behaviour code. Yellow cards will be issued after a verbal warning for minor incidents. Red cards will be applied for more serious incidents such as physical harm, insolence etc. A yellow card will result in a ten minute suspension from playtime, and a red card will result in the child missing the remaining playtime that day and the next. If a child is issued with a red card, a letter will be sent home on the same day informing parents. Two yellow cards in a week will result in a red card. A record of all yellow and red cards will be kept.

## **PE**


The children will have 2 hours of PE every week. Year 3's days for PE are Tuesday and Thursday. This amount of regular exercise is vitally important; therefore please ensure that they have full PE kit in school at all times. If your child doesn't have a PE kit, they will be offered a school kit from a bank of spares that parents have donated. A letter will also be sent home if they do not have their kit.

## **Uniform**

Please make sure that your child has the correct school uniform and that all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name to prevent items getting lost. Also, please ensure that long hair is tied back at all times.

## **Water Bottles and Snacks**

Please encourage your child to bring in a water bottle. They will have opportunities throughout the day to refill their bottle if necessary. Please ensure your child brings their bottle home for washing and brings it back to school refilled in the morning. The children can also bring in a snack to be eaten during break time. Please encourage the children to bring a healthy snack. We do not allow chocolate or sweets for snack.





## **Dinner Money and Packed Lunches**

Dinner money has not increased this year and therefore remains at £1.70 per day ie. £8.50 per week. We are also pleased to let you know that we are now able to accept payments by credit cards or debit cards via the parentpay app. All parents have now been set up with user names and passwords and these should already have been received. If you have not received your information and would like to pay via a credit or debit card please call into the school office.

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, they need to take their lunch bag to the trolleys situated inside school and place it on the class trolley. Again, please try to pack a healthy lunch for the children wherever possible.

## **After school clubs for Year 3**

Children have now been informed of their after school club allocation for this term. We ask for a £1 donation for each club your child attends, which your child can send into class in an envelope with their name written on the front.

## **Homework**

Children will receive their homework on Friday. Please can it be completed and sent into school by Wednesday. The children may receive a Numeracy and Literacy activity with spellings. They could also receive an activity linked to the current topic being taught in class.

## **Spellings**

Children will receive spellings to learn, which will be words they need to recap on. This will help them to develop their writing further. They will be sent home on a Friday, and can be kept until the following Friday, when the children will be tested on them. Please can all children try to write each spelling 5 times, using a look, cover, write and check method. Please practise spellings throughout the week.

## **Reading Books and Diaries**

Children in Year 3 now have access to the School Library Service, and they are welcome to change their book as soon as they have finished reading it. Please keep your child's reading diary in their book bag each day. All children should try to spend about 10-15 minutes a day reading their books.

## **Questions and appointments**

If you do have any questions about your child then please do not hesitate to contact me in school. I am generally in school for 8:15am everyday and until about 4:30pm so I am available to discuss any issues or problems that may arise. It is, however, very hard to discuss issues at 8:55am when I am collecting the children from the playground or at 3:15pm when I am dismissing the children.

Many thanks,

Miss Sharratt & Mrs Donohue ☺

