



HIGHCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3 'Welcome' Meeting with Parents

In year 3 we will be raising the expectations from year 2. The children will learn to become more independent. We will be looking to our parents to support us in this. Children are most successful if parents fully support the procedures and policies of the school.

Parental Involvement

Throughout Year 3 we will be having events/time when Parents are invited into the classroom to see their children work and lessons. We will have open classrooms, English and Maths open mornings, craft opportunities as well as opportunities to support on trips. All the year 3 team are available to support any parents, we will be collecting the children from the playground and releasing them at the end of a day. If you have any concerns please catch a teacher after school. If a longer time is needed for discussions please make an appointment to see us. We would like to remind parents of the communication structure. Concerns are to be shared with the class teacher in the first instance, after then please speak to the Elmfield Lead, Mr McFarland, thirdly Miss Rutherford as assistant head teacher before being passed to Mrs Renshaw. If any parents would like to come into schools regularly to hear readers please approach the office for a CRB check and the class teachers.

Curriculum

This year we are changing the Curriculum to a text based curriculum. We will be placing reading at the heart of our learning by basing our topics around a book. Our books for the year will be: Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, the Roman Soldier's handbook (non-fiction), Journey (picture book), King Arthur and the knights of the round table (comic), How to train your dragons and Wonder. Through this curriculum we aim to link as many different topics as we can however we will still teach all areas of the curriculum. Each half term Curriculum Overviews will be sent home to share with you our learning.

Homework

Homework will follow the same format as last year with the tic-tac-toe grid based around our topics. Children can choose which piece of homework they would like to complete that week. Homework books will be given out on Fridays and due in Wednesdays.

Reading

We encourage our classes to read every night. Reading the same book several times over 7-10 days is crucial to reading development however the children can change their school book whenever needed. Listening to your child read is still important even if they can read fluently. In year 3 we assess children's expression when reading and also their understanding of the book. Please ask your children questions about the book.

5R's

The 5R's have been in place for a few years now and the children are very good at remembering them and discussing what they mean. These are all very important areas and we expect children to behave really well and be courteous and respectful at all times.



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Behaviour System

In year 3 we will be using the school reward system of the ladder. This is very familiar to the children. The token system is still in place allowing pupils to earn tokens for their house. If children move down the ladder to yellow stage 2 they are to visit the reflection room in Greengate Library the next playtime.

Uniform

Children must be in full uniform and well presented at all times. We ask for all items to be named. Each class has a yellow box for lost property within the classroom. Children should not bring personal items into school.

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school. No jewellery is to be worn for PE unless it is religious jewellery. For children to wear religious jewellery during PE a consent form needs to be signed and these can be collected from Miss Hardy (RE lead). If possible could loose items be secured down or covered with a sweat band.

As there is no swimming this academic year we will be having 2 PE sessions instead. One session will be with Fast Fitness coaches and the other with Miss Starmer. This allows Miss Wass to teach music to both classes. PE sessions are on Monday and Thursday. We please ask for PE kits to remain in school for the full week.

Dinners/ Snack

As the children have moved into Key Stage 2 we are no longer part of the Government's Infant Free School meals scheme or free fruit. Therefore children must pay for a school dinner. School dinners are £2.20 and this is to be paid at lunchtime in the correct change. Children need to bring their money in a small purse/wallet/envelope. These are placed in pots until lunchtime. The children are responsible for their own lunch money. If the children are not having a hot dinner they are to bring a healthy packed lunch and place this on the lunch trolley. Children may bring **fruit** for snack time, this is to be placed in the basket when arriving at school on each lunch trolley. Please remember we are a **Nut Free School**, we have pupils and a member of staff in year 3 with severe nut allergies. Sweets can be brought in for birthdays and will be given out at the end of the day.

Attendance & punctuality

Children must attend school every day. If they are ill, parents must phone the office to inform the school of their illness and possible length of time off school. If children are sick or have diarrhoea they should be clear for 48 hours before returning to school. The whistle will be blown at 8:45 when the children need to line up and come into school. After this time, parents must sign them in at the office. Attendance/punctuality concerns will be raised by the Head of School. Good attendance and punctuality are vital for your child to achieve.

Holidays/planned absence

Holidays during term time, even for one day, will not be authorised. Any planned absence must be made on the absence form obtained from the office. This will be passed to the Head of School.