

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, it is lovely to be reunited with this class again; I am very excited to be teaching your children this upcoming school year.

Here are just a few points to remember this year.

#### Uniform

Children must wear full Sacred Heart uniform, i.e. navy blue jumper with Sacred Heart logo. Children shoes must be black.

#### Jewellery

As in line with our uniform policy, children **are not** permitted to wear earrings of any description.

#### PE Kits

We will be going outside for PE when the weather permits - Outdoor PE will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit at school. This consists of a plain white t-shirt, blue or black shorts and outdoor trainers. A warm jumper can also be worn if needed, but your child can simply wear their school jumper for this if you would prefer not to send an extra jumper into school. All of these items should be **clearly named**.

We will be doing indoor PE on a Wednesday. The children will not require any additional items for this. For health and safety reasons shorts are only permitted to be worn inside (not tracksuit bottoms). PE kits should be sent to school in a plastic bag/separate from their school bag - these will stay in school and get sent home at the end of each half term. If your child does not have their PE kit, for health and safety reasons, they will not be permitted to take part in the lesson.

#### Attendance

Please ensure that your child is in class for **8.55am** every day. The class register is taken at this time, as lessons start promptly at 9:00am. It is vital that they **do not miss any** of their lessons through late attendance, as this can have a huge impact on their learning.

#### Home time

The children finish at **3:15pm** and will be dismissed promptly through the classroom door.

#### Reading

Children should read their book every night, reading regularly at home will certainly benefit your child's progression in reading and we actively encourage you to listen to them read every night and to also discuss the book to ensure full understanding of the text. It will be very much appreciated if you could write a comment in your child's reading record as to how they have read, their fluency expression and understanding of the text and their reading records will be checked every day in school by a teacher/TA.

#### Fruit and Toast

Children in Key Stage 2 do not receive free fruit in the morning, however if they would like to buy fruit during morning break time they are able to at the cost of 10p per day. On a Friday, the children can buy a piece of toast for the cost of 10p.

Water bottles

All children should bring in a water bottle clearly labelled with their name, this will be kept in school for children to drink during break time.

Homework

The children will receive a homework book from school. They will be given two pieces of homework to complete every week; one piece in Literacy and one piece in Mathematics. The Mathematics will be given out on a Wednesday and collected in on a Friday. The Literacy will be given out on a Friday and will be expected in the following Monday.

Spellings

Spelling tests will be held every Friday; therefore the children will receive a list of words to revise a week in advance.

Lunch Boxes

Please support our Healthy Eating Policy when sending your child to school with a packed lunch. In addition, due to our healthy eating policy we no longer accept sweets/ chocolates/ cakes to be given out on birthdays; however your child is able to wear their own clothes on their birthdays as a celebration.

Below is an overview of what we will be studying this this year.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Literacy</u></p> <p>We will be exploring the fabulous author Roald Dahl this year, during our first half term we will focusing on the book The Big Friendly Giant (BFG). We will be producing different genres of work looking closely at Y3 curriculum.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Numeracy</u></p> <p>The main goal this year is to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables; so it would be beneficial for the children to practise these at home. The children will also look at long addition and subtraction, fractions, measurement, geometry and statistics in correspondence with the Year 3 curriculum.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Topic</u></p> <p>Volcanoes &amp; Mt Vesuvius          Stone Age to Iron Age          Types of settlement land          Egyptians          Natural resources (cotton industry)          The Manchester Mills</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Science</u></p> <p>Habitats          Animals inc humans          Sound          States of matter          Electricity</p>

Holy Sacraments

This year the children will have the privilege of preparing for and completing their Holy Sacraments. These are the sacrament of reconciliation, confirmation and communion. There

will be several meetings to help prepare your child on this journey; in which more information will be distributed later in the year.

If there is anything that you would like to discuss in relation to the teaching and learning in year 3 this year please make an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Brooks*

Year 3 Class Teacher.