



Year 3 Information



Welcome! We have had a good start to the new school year, getting to know your children. We hope that this information leaflet helps you and your children settle into Year 3 quickly.

Start of Day

The KS2 playground gates are opened at 8.40am. Children must be inside by the 8.50am bell, which is when the school gates close. Any child arriving after 8.50am must report to the Office, who will record them as arriving late. Parents/carers are encouraged not to come into school with their child at this time for health and safety and safeguarding reasons. If you want to see a teacher urgently, you should make an appointment via the Office.

End of Day Collection

The collection point for Year 3 is outside the Year 3 huts on the playground.

At the end of the day, the remain with their teacher and they will be ticked off when collected. At 3.10pm any uncollected pupils are taken to the Office by their teacher, where a phone call is made whilst the children wait.

School Uniform

Please ensure you support the school uniform policy. Please note that children should wear grey bottoms and grey socks (white socks may be worn with summer dresses). We discourage the wearing of jewellery, ornate hair accessories, nail varnish and long hair should be tied back. Sensible black shoes should be worn with no fashion shoes, boots or branded trainers. Please make sure all clothing items are named. We encourage the use of Cottesmore rucksacks in KS2.

Where a child is not wearing the correct school uniform, parents will be contacted to see how we can support. Also, please contact us if you feel you need financial support to provide correct uniform for your child. Second Hand uniform can be bought very reasonably through the PTA Seconds Shop. Please contact Office for more details.

Masses

Classes celebrate Mass with their Buddy Class in the Autumn Term. Reconciliation, also with their Buddy Class is held in the Spring term. Whole school masses are also held throughout the year to mark important events such as the New School Year and Harvest and Ash Wednesday. Children are encouraged to take an active part in all worship and we love to see parents there.

Medication

Any prescribed medication and asthma inhalers are kept securely in the school office. Please remember to check the use by dates on the medication regularly. If a child requires prescribed medication to be administered to them during the school day, then you are required to complete a form from School Office giving permission for the medication to be given.

PE

We have 2 PE sessions each week, although we do ask that children have their PE kit in every day in case these are changed. If your child does not have PE kit in school on the correct days, they will be given kit from a class supply of spare items. If your child repeatedly forgets their kit, then we will contact you to see how we can help to support. Please note that it is not possible for the School Office to ring home to ask parents to bring in forgotten kits or other items.

PE days in year 3

Indoor: 3 St Patrick is on a Thursday / 3 St Joan is on a Monday

Outdoor: 3 St Patrick is on a Tuesday / 3 St Joan is on a Tuesday

PE kit (girls and boys)

SKY BLUE polo shirt with Cottesmore logo.

NAVY shorts or tracksuit bottoms.

Sweatshirts and fleeces can be worn over PE kits in the colder weather.

Trainers suitable for running, all weather and outside. Plimsolls can be worn inside.

PE kits are to be kept in a Cottesmore PE bag.

Water

We are encouraging all children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Please could each child bring a named water bottle with **a pull up lid** (to avoid potential in class spillages) to school every day. Cups will be provided in class for those without water bottles or without pull up lids. This drink needs to be separate from their lunchbox drink and must contain water only. Reusable Cottesmore drinking bottles can be purchased from the school office for £2.

Pencil Cases and equipment

We provide all equipment needed for all the children. We ask that children refrain from bringing in pencils cases, gel pens etc. We ask that children also refrain from bringing in toys or any other personal items from home.

Birthdays

As a school, our policy is that children are not able to bring in sweets and other celebratory items from home on their birthday. Items that are brought in, will be returned to you at the end of the day.

Homework

Home-School book is used to

1. To **inform parents** of half term's learning
2. To provide lists of **spellings** to be learnt and to record fortnightly spellings tests.
3. As **communication book** between teacher and parents/carer. Please check regularly for parents' comments or questions. Teachers might also use the book to raise concerns or offer ideas for further practice.

Weekly homework comprises reading, times table practice, spellings, My Maths activities and reading comprehension on Bug Club. If children would like further challenges, they can complete the Head teacher's Challenge, which is signposted on the Year Group pages on the school's website.

If your child is off track in any area, then we will talk to you about this and extra homework will be set.

Reading

We would expect that all children read daily to build up their reading stamina. In school, the children have the opportunity to go to the library or use their class book corner to choose their own book. Please support us with this by encouraging your child to spend a minimum of 30 mins a day reading. If you would like any more support or guidance with this then please see your class teacher.

Bug Club (Reading) (<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk>)

Your child will be given a login for this. On the website, we will set a range of texts for each child to read, pitched at their level based on reading assessments. Please be aware that throughout every book there are comprehension style questions. It is important that children complete these as they provide valuable assessment information for teachers.

Maths

In order to build up maths fluency, children are expected to practice and learn their times tables. The recommended order that these are learnt is – 5, 10, 2, 4, 8, 3, 6, 9, 7, 11 and 12. Before progressing to the next times table, children need to be able to recite the times table in order eg $1 \times 6 = 6$, $2 \times 6 = 12$ up to $12 \times 6 = 72$. Children will then progress to knowing the times tables out of order and quick recall, such as $4 \times 6 = ?$, $7 \times 6 = ?$. Finally, children will need to know the related division fact eg $6 \times 7 = 42$ so 42 divided by 6 = ?. Teachers will assess times table knowledge via Times Table Rockstars work that will happen weekly. Please do see your child's class teacher if you would like more guidance regarding supporting this.

Every child will receive a maths booklet and resource pack. Each pack contains 10 maths activities that can be completed and revisited as and when. Activities allow you to support maths development as part of everyday life and set practical examples of how to do so. These activities are provided in order to give you ideas if you wish to complete extra work at home. Nothing needs to be recorded or brought in.

My Maths

MyMaths (www.mymaths.co.uk) The children have their own personal username and passwords which will be sent home. Activities are set weekly by the teachers and will consolidate learning in class. It is important that children complete these as they provide valuable assessment information for teachers, who will monitor weekly.

Parent Helpers

If any parents would like to help with school trips, it would be useful if you could let us know soon, so that we can draw up a list for future use. Putting yourself on the list is not a commitment, but just gives us an idea of who might be available when needed.

Other help could include class work such as, working with a small group of children, reading with children, laminating, cutting, making resources and lots more. Any offers are very valuable, e.g. a morning a week, a fortnight or month. If you have any particular talent or strength that you think can be used and shared with the children, then please let us know.

Year 3 specific

Events

Autumn events – Ashdown Forest Trip on Tuesday 12th November 2019

Spring events – Brunswick Square Walk on Monday 27th January 2020 & Royal Pavilion trip on Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Summer events – Watch this Space!

If families are unable to pay for trips or activities, due to financial hardship, no child will ever be excluded. If you are finding meeting costs a challenge, please do speak to either your child's class teacher, the Office or the School Business Manager as we will find ways to support you.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact us either after school, when we can be found in the playground, or by contacting the school office.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Miss Rodway, Mrs McGuire and Miss Whiteley