



Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents or Guardians,

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 3. We are taking this opportunity at the beginning of the new school year to inform you about all aspects of school life in Year 3. We feel that if we all work together, your child will achieve the appropriate levels for their age and have a positive and fulfilling experience at Holywell.

We look forward to a fantastic year

Miss Hampton and the Year 3 team

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YEAR 3 STAFF



- Miss Hampton Phase Leader and class teacher of Rowan Class
- Mrs McDonald Class Teacher of Rowan Class
- Miss Aykan Class Teacher of Mulberry
- Mrs Dattani Teaching Assistant of Rowan Class
- Mrs Goodfellow Teaching Assistant of Mulberry Class



Curriculum

As is required by law, we follow the National Curriculum, which provides the children with the opportunity to fulfil their individual potential.

The children will often be grouped according to ability for their Guided Reading, Phonics, English and Numeracy sessions to help them achieve their targets. This is to ensure that each child's needs are met.

Themes for the whole school area:

Autumn Term – Great Britain

Spring Term - International

Summer Term – Local area



Attendance and Punctuality:

Please ensure that your child is in the playground and lined up by 8.55 am. Teachers will be outside to collect the children at 8:50 and will be available from 8:45 to talk to parents if needed. The children are expected to come into class independently. It is important that your child arrives on time, since our first lesson of the day will begin promptly at 9.00 a.m. If your child is absent from school, they must bring a note or parents must inform the teacher either in person or by telephone. Regular absences from school can affect your child's learning, since they will miss some vital work that has been planned. This will then mean that they will be working to 'catch up' when they return.

Children should line up at 8.55 am in the playground outside Key Stage 1 (or in the hall on rainy mornings). The children are to be collected from their classroom doors in the same area and will remain in class until their name is called by the class teacher. Children who are not collected will be taken to the school office.

Please inform the office if your child will be collected by another adult.

Clubs

The school run a range of before and after school clubs. Letters for clubs go out at the start of a half term and places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. The clubs will be starting the week commencing 12th September.



Holidays

Extended holidays are no longer permitted by law. Please make every effort to go away during the school holidays so that your child's schooling is not disrupted. Your child may be removed from the school roll if you do take an unauthorised absence.



Expectations

In Year 3, we expect every child to work towards achieving their full potential. The work will be set to match the children's varying abilities within the year group. Children are expected to try their best and behave appropriately in the classroom, the outdoor area and around the school, respecting both adults and other children.



Handwriting

The school uses cursive script handwriting scheme. This means that letters are consistently joined up.



Home Reading/Homework

The children will be given a reading book to read which is linked to their Read, Write, Ink session at school. 'Last and past' Storybooks: contain sounds and words the children know. This is the Storybook they have just read at school and maybe some they have read before. Please don't worry that books are too easy. Children enjoy re-reading stories they know well. Their speed and understanding improves on every read. Your child will also receive a 'book bag book' which is matched to the Storybooks children read in school and used for extra practice. They include many of the same reading activities that we use in class and include parent guidance.

There is an expectation that the children read every night for at least 15 minutes. Please comment about your child's reading in their reading booklet. It is crucial to sign in your child's reading record so the class teacher is aware that the child is reading daily at home.

Homework goes home on Friday and focuses on number bonds, times tables, spelling and writing. One day a week there is a 'homework help club', which takes place during morning break or at lunchtime.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Black and White Storybooks

Your child will continue to bring home a *Read Write Inc. Phonics* black and white Storybook. This is a copy of the colour version he or she will have read at school.

Your child will have read this story three times with their reading teacher, so should be able to read the story confidently.

A brief explanation of how to follow the activities is included in the books.



Book Bag Books

Your child may also bring home a Book Bag Book. This book builds upon the ideas and many of the words in the Storybook he or she has just read. Your child will need more support in reading this book.

Again, explanations of how to use the activities are included in the books.



Assessment

In Years 3 the children are continually assessed throughout the year. More thorough assessments will take place three times a year. We will share your child's progress with you on a termly basis at Parent's Evening.



Uniform and P.E. Kit

It is school policy that all children wear uniform. This consists of white top, grey trousers or skirt/pinafore and the school jumper. We would encourage that your child wears school shoes. **Please ensure all items of clothing including shoes are labelled.** Children must not wear jewellery, however, studs are acceptable.

Physical Education (P.E.) is a compulsory part of the curriculum and important for the child's physical and social development. It is school policy that all children wear the correct P.E. kit in order to participate in P.E. activities safely. The kit consists of a white t-shirt, maroon shorts and plimsolls. **Year 3 have PE on Tuesday and Friday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days.**



Dinner Money

Dinner money is currently £12 a week (£2.40 a day- subject to change). We are now a cashless school so all payments for dinner money will be paid online.

Trips



The children will be able to attend either a workshop or a school trip, information will be shared nearer the time. Again, as we are a cashless school, all payments will need to be made online or at a PayPoint.

Parents Evening

Parent evenings take place three times a year. Teachers will be available throughout the year to discuss your child's progress on an individual basis.

Festival of Learning

Each half term children showcase their work where parents are invited to come to school. This also takes the form of Christmas Fete and Community Evenings, for which you will receive more information about on a later date. Parents/Carers.

Assemblies

Each class in the school takes part in a class assembly on a weekly basis. The parents of the class completing the assembly will be informed of when their child's assembly will take place and the parents are invited to watch at school.



Thank you

We thank you for your continued support in working together to help your child achieve their full potential. We look forward to a successful working partnership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hampton and the Year 3 Team