



All Souls' Catholic PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3 – Autumn Term Newsletter

Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

A huge Year 3 welcome to you and your child. As we come to the end of the first two weeks of the Autumn term and the children are settling in well, it is time to look ahead at what is to come for the rest of this term and on into Autumn 2. I have thoroughly enjoyed being re acquainted with the children. They have already shown the level of maturity and determination needed as they enter Key Stage Two. I hope this continues. Year Three is an important year for many different reasons; for some children this is the next stage of their religious development, taking the steps of reconciliation and First Holy Communion to further commit to the Catholic faith, while for others it is a step up from their earlier experiences in Key Stage One with a higher level of independence and responsibility. Both of these next steps, although for some sounding daunting at first, are experiences that will always be guided and supported, always aiming to complete these with a level of fun and humour along the way.

Year 3 Expectations

- We expect children to arrive at school on time, ready to learn with everything needed for the day.
- We expect their work and behaviour to be of the highest standard.
- We expect every child to respect the Catholic ethos of the school.
- In Year Three as in every other year, we ask children to bring in a labelled water bottle. This **MUST** only contain water, no juice, flavoured or squash.
- We expect all children to have the **correct school uniform**, including the correct footwear, which is labelled. They are to wear their uniform properly and treat their uniform with respect.
- They are to have an **indoor and outdoor PE kit**, which should be brought in on the correct days, or left at school on their peg. Both uniform and PE kit should be clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any items being lost. In Year 3 we expect children to take on an increasing level of responsibility for their uniform.
- The children have democratically written a set of class rules. The children are expected to support and implement these rules.

Autumn Term Curriculum

The table below gives an overview of the different units/themes that will be covered in Year 3 this term. School is a busy and developing environment. On occasions plans may need to be cancelled or altered. As a staff we strive to provide a broad and balanced learning experience, and may alter plans as opportunities as they arise. We will do our best to inform you of any changes, please read our class page to keep up to date with any changes.

	<u>Autumn 1</u>		<u>Autumn 2</u>
Maths	Place value	Addition and subtraction	Multiplication and division
Literacy	Grammar and sentence work	Instructional writing	Narrative writing
Science	Rocks, soils and fossils		Magnets and forces
RE	Belonging	Reconciliation	Advent
History	Jurassic Park		
Geography	Jurassic Park		
PE	Monday – Handball Mr Youson		Monday - Tag Rugby Mr Youson

Homework: Weekly homework will focus on reading, time tables and spellings. In addition, children will be set an open task linked to our current theme Jurassic Park. Please see Curriculum Theme homework sheet.

Reading: It is the school's requirement that your child is spending 10-15mins (minimum) reading at least 4 times a week at home. Reading is vital to developing children's imagination and creativity. It is also an imperative element of being able to access all parts of the curriculum and learning within the classroom. For this reason it is given a very high focus and priority. All reading should be recorded in your child's reading record. The reading book and record needs to be brought into school every day, and will be signed on a Monday by myself or Mrs Kerry.

Times tables: Children should also be practising their times tables on a daily basis at home. Times tables are essential to your child's development in Numeracy, with all areas of numeracy needing quick and accurate recall of multiplication facts. By the end of year three children are expected to be able to recall with speed and accuracy the 2x, 3x, 5x, 10x, 6x and 8x tables. Times tables will be practised and checked at school, but children should be spending time on these at home as well to develop their recall and accuracy. Your child will be provided with a times table chart for use at home. Please encourage your child to use charts provided by school.

Spellings: Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested on the following Wednesday to ensure that children are given the opportunity to practise these. Spellings at the start of term will be based on repeated inaccuracies of spellings found in words used daily. With spellings then differentiated based on reflection of individual child's spellings within lessons and following the scheme of spellings in place as a school policy.

Pencil Cases: School will provide all the stationary and writing equipment your child needs. There is no expectation for children to bring their own station and writing equipment to school. Children who have pencil cases in school may keep them in school to use during Golden Time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion

If your child is entering into the sacraments of reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year then you should have already received contact from Father Michael and hopefully are aware of the expectations in terms of meetings to attend in the coming weeks. The first meeting for sacramental preparation is taking place on Sunday 16th September 2018 at 9am at All Souls Church, followed by a mass celebrated together. The children are very excited about these sacraments with some expressing this to be their most anticipated moment of Year Three. Father Michael is quite rightly insistent that the children receiving this Sacrament should be attending Mass regularly and be seen to support the Parish. We hope that you will support this process as the children's next steps into the Catholic faith. Preparation and understanding of receiving a sacrament is delivered sensitively through school and as important as the day itself. We ask that you engage with preparing your child with commitment and encouragement.

Key dates for your diary:

Tuesday 11th September Whole School Mass (9.15am)

Sunday 16th September 2018) – Family Mass & Sacramental preparation 9am All souls Church

Friday 28th September School's 50th Celebration (details to follow)

Tuesday 2nd October 2018 Year 3 & 4 class mass (9.15am)

Friday 5th October 2018 CAFOD Family Fast Day Brighten Up

Sunday 7th October 2018 – Family Mass & Sacramental preparation 9am All Souls Church

Tuesday 9th October Open Evening- 3.30pm-7pm

Sunday 14th October 2018 Reception welcome mass (9.30am)

Friday 19th October 2018 school closes for half term

Wednesday 31st October 2018 Year 3 class trip to Warwick Arts Centre (details to follow)

Thursday 1st November 2018 Whole school mass 9a.30am All Saints Day

Friday 2nd November 2018 whole school mass 9.15am Feast of All Souls

Sunday 4th November 2018 – Family Mass & Sacramental preparation 9am All souls Church

Sunday 25th November 2018 – Family Mass & Sacramental preparation 9am All Souls Church

Tuesday 27th November 2018 –Year 3 and Year 4 Class Mass 9.15am

Friday 30th November 2018 Year 3 Class Assembly 9.15am

Thursday 20th December 2018 last day of term

As an exciting year for the children begins, I am very much looking forward to working alongside you all to ensure that the children's best interests are always sustained. In October, you will all have the opportunity to come into school for an open evening and I look forward to meeting with you; however should you have any questions or concerns before then, please do not hesitate to pop in. Year Three is such a busy and exciting year for the children, and I cannot wait to watch them grow academically as well as personally. I will create every opportunity possible at school for the children to achieve and I am sure you will work to support me with this, to ensure the children are happy, healthy and confident individuals in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Mrs K McGovern

Year Three Class Teacher