

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Cherry Class and the start of a brand-new school year!

I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer break. I am delighted to welcome both you and your child to Year 3 and am looking forward to an exciting year of learning, challenge and success together.

Year 3 marks an important stage in your child's education as they continue their journey through Key Stage 2. As the children become more independent learners, they will be encouraged to take greater responsibility for their learning whilst continuing to receive the support and encouragement they need to flourish. I have no doubt that they will rise to the challenge, and I am excited to see the progress they make throughout the year.

At Kirkham and Wesham Primary School, we firmly believe that the strongest outcomes are achieved when school and home work together. Your support at home will play a vital role in helping your child achieve their full potential, and I thank you in advance for everything you do.

PE

Our PE lessons take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Children should come to school wearing their full school PE kit on these days, including:

- White PE T-shirt
- Red shorts (weather permitting)
- Black KWPS tracksuit bottoms and jacket
- Black trainers

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name. If you do not have a tracksuit, red shorts and school jumper must be worn.

Healthy Snacks and Water Bottles

As a Healthy School, children may bring a piece of fruit or another healthy, low-sugar snack for morning break. Alternatively, toast, crumpets and other healthy snacks can be purchased through ParentPay.

Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day. Water bottles are available throughout the day to help children stay hydrated and ready to learn. We kindly ask that oversized bottles are not brought into school due to limited storage space.

Reading

Reading remains one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning.

As part of our **Ready Steady Read** approach, we encourage children to read at home every day. Reading aloud develops fluency, confidence and expression, whilst discussing the text strengthens comprehension and vocabulary.

Please:

Listen to your child read regularly.

Talk about what they have read by asking questions.

Sign their reading record each time they read at home.

Reading records will be checked regularly and Dojo points will be awarded to celebrate children's commitment to reading.

Spellings

Each week your child will receive a list of spellings linked to the spelling pattern being taught in class, alongside common exception words where appropriate. Regular practice at home makes a huge difference, so we encourage children to spend a few minutes each evening learning their spellings.

Spelling tests will take place every **Friday**.

Writing

Through our Ready Steady Write curriculum, children will develop their confidence as writers by exploring high-quality texts and writing for a range of exciting purposes.

Throughout the year we will focus on improving vocabulary, sentence structure, handwriting, spelling and presentation, helping every child to become a confident and successful writer.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers will be shared throughout the year to support learning both at school and at home.

These provide an overview of the key vocabulary, knowledge and concepts children are expected to learn during each topic. They are an excellent way to support retrieval practice and help children remember more over time.

We encourage you to spend time discussing these with your child, as talking about their learning is one of the most effective ways to reinforce new knowledge.

Communication

My aim is for every child to feel happy, safe and successful in Cherry Class.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or arrange an appointment through the school office.

Please remember that teachers operate '**quiet hours**' during evenings and weekends, so responses may not always be immediate.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I am looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year and to celebrating your child's achievements together.

Kind regards,

**Miss
Cherry Class Teacher (Year 3)**

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