



Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Year 3 parents,

Welcome back to a new school year and a new key stage. We have had a very busy and exciting first week back and it has been lovely to get to know the children better. They seem a great class and I am really looking forward to teaching them.

Firstly, my main priority at the moment is to make the transition from KS1 as smooth as possible. Already the children have begun to settle into their new classroom and adjust to the different routines. Year 3 is new to me too, so we shall settle in together! I teach Tuesday to Fridays and on Monday the class will be taught by Miss Kierzek in the morning and Miss Flynn in the afternoon. Mrs Dowson will also be taking the class for Science on a Friday afternoon.

Throughout the year, we will be encouraging the children to develop resilience and independence. I have high expectations of their work and behaviour and it is important for them to feel proud of their achievements, knowing that they have done their very best at all times.

As usual, reading is a top priority at Scotforth and as they grow older, the children are gradually becoming more independent in this area. As a school, we expect all pupils to read **daily** and in Year 3 would expect this to be at least 15 minutes. Please encourage your child in this and take time to listen to them and share stories if you possibly can. (Please see the Recommended Reads in the front of your child's reading record for ideas of high quality, suitable books to share with them.) We have most of these in class and the children can bring them home to share with you.

Your child continues to have a reading diary which needs to be signed when you have heard them read (there is no need to make a comment although you are welcome to!). These must be returned **daily** to school. The karate reading challenge is on again this year so the signatures will be counted when your child thinks they have reached a new band. There is a letter explaining this at the **back** of your child's reading record.

Within Year 3, some children are continuing to develop their phonic skills and need to practise certain sounds. They have been assessed in school and given a phonic book at the correct level. They will be heard regularly in school but extra practise at home is essential for them to progress quickly. Other children are now "free readers" and we have many lovely, age appropriate books in class which they will take home to read and change in class whenever necessary. Building fluency and reading stamina is a key part of the Year 3 focus. As well as having a school reader, all children can have an extra book, such as a high quality picture book, non-fiction book or poetry, which they can take home if they choose to.

A weekly spelling list will be sent home on Fridays and then the children will be tested the following Thursday.

School's new active uniform should be worn every day and we will continue to do P.E. in this. Earrings are not a part of the school uniform and should not be worn unless they are still healing. If this is the case, they should be covered with plasters until they can be taken out. Parent's consultation afternoon/evening will be held in October but if you have any queries or concerns before this, please do not hesitate to contact me, either through email, or by speaking to me directly in the playground on Tuesday to Friday after school.

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