



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 including both the Life Education session and the Rock Kidz visit today. It has been lovely to get to know the children better and see them start to relax into KS2! They seem a really great class, with a fantastic attitude towards learning, and I am very much looking forward to teaching them.

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. In terms of teaching staff, on Monday the class will be taught by Mrs Ventress and I will teach Tuesday to Fridays. Mrs Dowson, who is the science subject leader, will also be taking the class for science on a Friday afternoon. Mrs Barnes is our main teaching assistant and Mrs Winder will also be supporting the class in some sessions.

Next week I am accompanying the Year 6 class on their residential trip so Mrs Ventress will be teaching Year 3 all week instead of just on Monday. This is a great opportunity for her to get to know the class and them to get to know her.

Reading is a top priority at Scotforth and as they grow older, the children are gradually becoming more independent in this area. Each child has been given a "shelf book" at the appropriate level for them which they should bring to school and then home again each day. As a school, we expect all pupils to read at home **daily** and in Year 3 this should be for at least 15 minutes. Please encourage your child in this and take time to listen to them if you possibly can. Please also see the **Recommended Reads List** in the back of your child's reading record for ideas of high quality, suitable books to read with/to them. We have most of these in class and the children can bring them home (in addition to their "shelf book") to read with you. Although many of them are too long and tricky for the children to read independently, there are some wonderful books to read and enjoy together and I would encourage you to keep reading to your child, even if they are a confident and fluent reader! We also have a huge range of good quality picture books, non-fiction books, poetry and comics which the children can bring home and read alongside their "shelf book".





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Your child has a reading record 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 (starting from Monday 9th Sept) and the signatures will be counted when your child thinks they have reached a new band. There is a letter explaining this at the front of your child's reading record.

Within Year 3, some children are continuing to develop their phonic skills and still need to practise reading certain spelling patterns. 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.

A weekly spelling list, which will usually follow a particular spelling pattern, will be sent home on Thursdays to practise at home. The children will then be tested the following Wednesday. This will begin in week 3, once we are settled into our timetable.

Our 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.

There will be a parents' consultation afternoon/evening in October but please come and introduce yourself to me and Mrs Ventress before this! If you have any queries or at all, please contact us, either through email, or by speaking to us directly in the playground on after school. I really look forward to meeting you all soon!

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