



# WELCOME TO YEAR 3

Transition Meeting

# *Staff*

- Willow – Mrs Tiffin
- Pine – Miss Linfoot
- Teaching Assistant – Mrs. McCauley

# *The Start of the Day*

- School begins at 8:55am
- Drop off from 8:45am – children are allowed in the building from this time

# *What is the same?*

- The subjects taught stay the same – only extra is French
- Dinner in the same hall
- Taught in parallel classes
- 3 playtimes – morning, lunch and afternoon

# *What is new in Year 3?*

- Swimming
- Ukulele lessons in the Autumn term
- French
- Healthy Snacks for morning break
- School Dinner – no longer free!
- Choice of instrument tuition

# *Swimming*

- Durham School
- Part of the curriculum
- All swimming levels catered for
- Swimming days – to be confirmed
- Kit – swimming costume/trunks, swimming cap, towel, goggles (optional)
- No need for toiletries

# *Ukulele Lessons*

- Every week in the Autumn term
- Teacher – Mr Atkinson
- We supply ukuleles – you can bring in your own if you wish
- Learn basic chords and simple songs

# *French*

- Taught every week
- Learn basic vocabulary
- Sing French Songs
- Listen to stories
- Follow the Language Angels programme of work



# Healthy Snacks

- The free fruit scheme is only for infants
- Children are welcome to bring in 1 snack for morning break
- This must be healthy
- Examples, fresh/dried fruit, carrot sticks, bread sticks, crackers
- Strictly NO NUTS or SESAME seeds, crisps, biscuits, cake, cereal bars
- Milk is still available to order but check that your child wants it

# *School dinner*

- School dinners need to be paid for
- Same system as the infants – ordered daily in class
- Children can mix school dinners with packed lunch within the week
- On a rotation system – not always first in for lunch
- Lunch break 12:15-1:15

# *Playtime*

- No toys
- Footballs are provided by school
- Different yards for different play purposes
- Bottom yard in 3 sections – basketball, football and games section – timetabled slots
- Top yard – no balls permitted in this area
- Exercise area – timetabled slots
- OPAL at lunchtimes for all children

# *Instrument tuition*

- Choose one instrument at the beginning of Year 3
- The Teaching begins for some instruments in Year 3 (violin, cello)
- For others, teaching begins in Year 4 (woodwind and brass)
- Music lessons are taught throughout the day – this might mean your child misses part of a lesson on a weekly basis.
- Guitar is an optional extra as lessons are at lunchtime

# Homework

- Sent home on Monday and handed in on a Friday ( Spelling and Maths)
- Spelling – test and new spellings on a Monday
- Reading – really important that this continues
- Reading books can be changed once a week if the record has been signed.
- Please look after all schoolbooks (reading record, homework book, reading book and library book) Children will be given a folder so that they can look after their books.

# *What to bring to school*

- Water bottle
- Swimming kit on Swimming day
- Book Bag or backpack
- Children can no longer bring their own pencil crayons and pencils
- **Please ensure everything is clearly labelled with your child's name especially uniform.**

# *End of the day*

- Classes will be walked to the infant yard
- Teachers will only release your child when they can see their adult
- All children reminded to not leave school grounds unattended
- If adult is later than 10 minutes, child will wait in the office until collected