



# Year 3 Newsletter to Parents: Autumn 2023

Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

## Year 3 Team

### St. John's Class

**Mr Hill (Class Teacher ) & Miss Stone (TA)**

### St. Jude's Class

**Mrs Rose (Class Teacher Monday-Thursday)**

**Mrs Ward (Class Teacher Friday)**

**Mr Laurent (TA) & Miss Stone (TA)**

## The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag/rucksack that should have your reading book, reading record and a **named** water bottle in it.

We also encourage the children to bring in a **healthy** snack for break time (fruit, squeezy yoghurt, malt loaf etc.).

**(Please note – unlike KS1, KS2 children are not provided with a snack at school).**

Remember to bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners). School dinners are now free for all children in KS2.

## Homework

### Homework Expectations

Homework is set on a Friday and **due in the following Thursday**

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables	Religious Education	Flipped Curriculum
Reading <b>daily for 10-15 minutes</b> using your library book.	<u>Spelling Shed (EdShed)</u> <b>(complete at least 5 games per week</b> to revise the weekly spelling list)	<u>CGP Grammar Book</u> <b>2 pages</b> assigned by the class teacher each week.	<u>Maths Shed (EdShed)</u> Complete the allocated tasks <b>(at least 1 per week)</b>	<u>Times table Rock Stars</u> <b>(at least 20 minutes per week)</b>	Complete <b>weekly page</b> in homework diary linking to the weekly Gospel reading.	Complete <b>2 tasks per half term</b> (from the homework sheet)

### Where to access the homework:

- **Maths homework** - We use Maths Shed, which is found on EdShed. You can access the homework using your Ed Shed logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>
- **Spelling homework** can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).
- **Times Table Rock Stars** - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).
- **Reading homework** - We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. Reading records need to be signed (with an adult's signature) and brought into school daily.

**\*All login details are stuck in the back of your child's reading record.**

### Subject Information

## **RE:**

Each of our three main RE topics centre around a 'Big Question'. Each of these topics will draw on the children's personal experiences, the teachings of Jesus and other figures from the Bible and from more modern times.

Our first topic is Homes, which will centre around The Big Question 'What makes a house a home?' Our second topic will be Promises when we will consider 'Why make Promises?'. In our third topic of Visitors, we will consider 'Are visitors always welcome?'

We will also study some aspects of Islam and Judaism.

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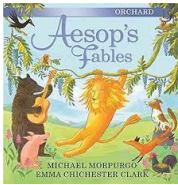
## Our Year 3 Prayers:

O God,  
You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect person for Christ.  
We call upon St. John's intercession.  
To properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance,  
To receive Your grace and salvation.  
Make us faithful to Truth and justice,  
As You did Your servant, John the Baptist, messenger of Your Son's birth and death.  
Lord, may You increase Your life within us.  
Amen.

St. Jude, may your path of hope be mine in the days ahead.  
I promise in faith to share your hope with others,  
to forgive as I am forgiven by my Father in heaven,  
and to show caring and kindness at every opportunity.  
Guide me, St. Jude, so that I begin each new day with gratitude, truth, and hope in my heart.  
Challenge me, St. Jude, to end each day reflecting on my actions and motivations so that I grow in faith, love, and hope.  
Amen.

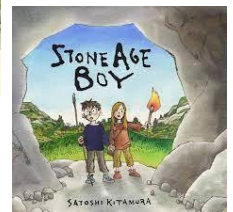
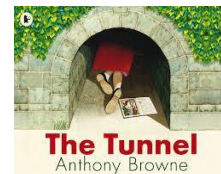
In KS2, all children have weekly recorder lessons in class. **All children must have their own recorder. Please ensure that your child has a named recorder in school at all times.**

### English:



Our English text for Autumn 1 is 'Aesop's Fables'.

Our texts for Autumn 2 are 'The Tunnel' and 'Stone Age Boy'.



**Science:** We will be learning all about *Animals, Including Humans and Rocks*.

**CLC:** In Autumn 1, we will be doing a Local Geography study: 'Where do I live?' and in Autumn 2, our topic will be: 'How did the Stone Age and Bronze Age people live?'

PE Timetable	
St John's	Every Tuesday and Thursday
St Jude's	Every Tuesday and Friday



**Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit** – house colour t-shirt, black shorts (when it's warmer) or black tracksuit (when it's colder). They should also be wearing trainers. **Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named.**

### Important dates

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September – Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October – Harvest Mass

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Wellbeing Non-uniform Day

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October – International Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – St. Ursula's Day Mass

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – October Half-Term**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – All Saints' Mass

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Day Mass

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Year 3 Advent Assembly

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Advent Penitential Mass

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – Curriculum Celebration Afternoon and End of Term Reports

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Carol Concert and **Children break up for Christmas**

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Monday 18th December – INSET Day

Tuesday 19th December – INSET Day

**Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!**