



Shalfleet Church of England Primary School

Together for a Brighter Future

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! Same teacher, new room, new year group and new class name!!

We are so excited to welcome you and your children to a new school year. We have a busy and fun-filled year ahead of us, and we are looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth with your children.

Meet the Team

Again we have a wonderful team of staff in Year 3 this year. For most of the week, it will be myself, Mrs. Thompson, with Mrs Swift on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday all day and Mrs Taylor on Thursday and Friday all day.

Our other staff members include:

Mrs Chick on a Monday morning- she will focus on teaching the children their reading skills

Mrs Cuff on a Monday afternoon- she will support Mr Gutch with PE and teach the children some Art skills

Mrs Walldock on a Friday morning- she will teach the children their Science curriculum.

P.E. and Forest School

P.E. classes will be held on **Monday afternoons** and **Wednesday mornings** with our Sports Coach, Mr. Gutch, and myself. On these days, please send your child to school wearing their P.E. kit. As the weather gets colder, please ensure they have a jumper and appropriate clothing as we will continue to have our lessons outside.

Our Forest School routine has been updated following on from feedback from the children and staff. As the children progress into Key Stage 2, the children will now have a block of Forest Schools over the Autumn Term. These sessions will be over the whole afternoon to allow for a wider range of activities. On Forest School days, the children can wear their older clothes to school (that you don't mind getting muddy!) and bring in their waterproofs and wellies. As we have our OPAL playtime strategy in place, these can stay in school so the children can wear them at playtimes so they can still enjoy playing outside in the fresh air even if it is a little damp! We will send them home at the end of each half-term for a wash!

Year 3 Forest School sessions are

Thursday 10th September

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 8th October

Thursday 5th November

Thursday 19th November

This class love our outdoor learning times so I will continue a learning session hopefully once a half term with the children when our timetable allows throughout the year.

Daily Routines

There is a slight change to the routine now the children are in Year 3. As usual the school gates are open for drop-off from 8:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and the children come straight into the classroom where they will

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complete an early morning activity focused on skills like handwriting or number formation before we go to Collective Worship.

Fruit, Drinks, and Lunchboxes

Now the children are in Year 3 they now need to bring in a piece of fruit or a healthy snack. Please remember to send your child to school with a **named water bottle** each day. The children will have easy access to their bottles in the classroom and are encouraged to drink regularly throughout the day. Lunchboxes will be stored on the shelves just outside of the classroom. Please remember that we are a nut-free school and operate a healthy lunchbox policy. Now they are in year three the children are no longer eligible for the universal free school meals however if you believe that you are entitled for your child to receive free school meals then please come and speak to the office who can direct you on how to apply.

Reading

Every child will receive a reading record to log any reading they do at home or school. Reading for even five minutes each day makes a huge difference. The reading they do at home doesn't have to be their school book; any book they read can be recorded in their reading record. The children can record it themselves but if parents could initial or sign that would be very helpful. For every instance of reading at home, your child earns a dojo point! We also have a fantastic school library and plenty of books in our classroom for the children to enjoy.

Home Learning

Once we have settled into our routines, we will begin sending spelling, English, and Maths activities home in a homework book. We will provide more information about this when we begin.

Class Dojo

We encourage you to use Class Dojo to get in touch with any questions or concerns. Although we don't have show and tell please do use it to share exciting news and events from home and if your child would like, they can share these updates with the class. I will also use Dojo to let you know if your child has been selected for the gold book. I will respond to all messages as soon as I can, but please note that I have quiet hours in the evening and won't see your message until the following day.

We would love for you to see the classroom and meet us in person! Please join us for our **Meet the Teacher** event on **Tuesday, September 8th, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Thank you so much for your support in advance. We are looking forward to a great year!

Warmest Regards,

Mrs. Thompson, Mrs Swift and Mrs Taylor and everyone in the Year 3 team.

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