



Dear Parents/carers and children,

Welcome to Class 3 and Key Stage 2! We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the new school year. The aim of this letter is to outline some of the things you can expect over the next year as children navigate the change in key stage, and to help make the transition as smooth as possible for everyone.

Arriving/leaving school

After the first few days, children should make their own way to the classroom door at the beginning of the day, and they will leave independently at the end of the day to meet their adult either on the playground or on Common Lane. We do not encourage adults to wait outside the classroom doors as this can cause congestion. Children will be shown how to use the one way system and what to do if their adult isn't where they are expecting them to be.

Uniform

Our cloakrooms are very small so please ensure only the school drawstring bags are brought each day and that any coats have a hook for hanging them up, as they are easily knocked off pegs if the hood is used. Please ensure all bags, coats and jumpers/cardigans are labelled with your child's name as it is incredibly difficult to reunite unnamed articles with their owner, especially if left on the playground where 136 children can be out at the same time!

Breaks

Unlike Key Stage 1, there is no afternoon break in Key Stage 2 which children can find quite challenging initially. We will therefore continue to have an outside break (weather permitting) in the first half term and gradually reduce this over the second half term. Morning breaks will take place as usual and the children will be on the Key Stage 2 playground.

Fruit/snacks are not provided in Key Stage 2, but children are welcome to bring a piece of fruit (preferably in a named pot/bag and separate to any packed lunches) to have at morning break. If you wish your child to have milk, this too will be given at morning break.

PE

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday. Children need to come to school in their usual PE kit, including trainers (these are not left in school). No earrings or jewellery should be worn on these days.

Reading

It is important that you continue to support your child with reading throughout Key Stage 2, and we hope that most children will be listened to at least 3 times a week by an adult at home. Please look through your child's reading record for ideas on how you can support them with comprehension questions. Books will be changed on a regular basis and should be brought into school every day, along with reading records.

Homework

Children will be given spellings and one other piece of English or maths homework on Thursdays to be returned the following Thursday. This work is to consolidate learning that has already taken place so they should be able to complete it independently. If not, they should talk to a member of staff (before Thursday!) who will help them.

After school events

In Key Stage 2 there is an expectation that children will attend special evening performances which take place at Christmas and in the summer term. The children and staff work very hard in school to prepare for these concerts so please look out for the dates on the school newsletter.

We hope that this information has been useful but if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office. We look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Barber and Mrs Chatterton