



Year 3

Information for Parents and Carers.

The information set out in this booklet is about how the class will operate throughout the year.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year please feel free to ask.

Please see the school website for curriculum information and school policies. www.valewood.co.uk

Year 3 Teaching Team

Class Teacher – Mrs Wright

Teaching Assistants – Miss Scarborough, Miss Dawson and Mrs Biddlecombe.

Please feel free to pass on any information to the above staff. There is always someone available at the beginning and at the end of every day.

School Day

Doors open at 8:40am

Registration takes place at 8:45am.

School ends at 3.15pm for all children.

Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal at the end of the day will be from the classroom door.

Children will only be handed over to a known adult. If you require another adult to collect your child at the end of the day a verbal communication at the classroom will suffice or communication via the

school office. However, school cannot accept the say so of another child's parent and your child will not be handed over. NB a password may be required from any adult not known to the school. Please be reminded that you are responsible for your children before 8.40am/handover and also after 3.15pm/pick up from school. Children need to be supervised by parents/carers at all times. Children are not permitted to use the playground equipment before or after school. If an older sibling is due to collect a member of Year 3 then the signed permission form (permission to walk home) must be completed and a message must be sent via dojo to inform the class teacher.

Attendance

Termly acknowledgements regarding attendance will continue to be issued this year. 97% is our school target. It is important that your child arrives to school on time as learning begins the moment they step foot in the classroom. If your child is late or needs to be collected for an appointment you will be required to use the electronic signing in/out system located by the school office. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, your child is classed as a 'persistent absentee'. Attendance concerns are addressed each half term and parents and carers will be notified in writing of this. Please be reminded that requests for holidays in term- time will not be authorised and it is school policy that if a child has five unauthorised days of absence in one term, that they will be referred to the local authority for a fine.

Any requests for 'special leave' (extenuating circumstances) must be made on the orange form, which can be collected from the school office.

Behaviour

This year the children will continue to receive 'Dojo' points for their behaviour and fabulous work. This system has been a great success over the last few years as both a way of celebrating successes and communicating with parents. The Teaching Team will be available each morning but if we are unavailable please feel free to contact Mrs Wright via the Dojo system and we will respond at our earliest convenience. Dojo is great for minor queries, however, if you have anything that you feel needs discussing in more detail, please contact Mrs Wright via dojo to arrange a face-to-face/telephone appointment. Please be aware that messages in the evenings and at weekends will not be routinely monitored. Please be reminded that all urgent queries in the school day should go through the office.

Curriculum

The children will have 6 main topics throughout the year. These can be found on the Year 3 page of our website:

<https://www.valewood.co.uk/year-3-2/>

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct Valewood uniform.

Nail varnish, makeup and jewellery are not permitted to be worn in school. Please note that electronic watches/step counters are also not permitted to be worn.

Your child is welcome to wear a simple pair of studs or a simple analogue wrist watch, only.

Non-uniform day attire: please note that cropped tops, football kits and high heels are not permitted to be worn in school. Children need to be dressed appropriately for ALL school days.

Online Safety

Teaching online safety is an integral part of our curriculum and is referenced in all subjects. Children's use of technology is carefully planned for throughout the week and all school devices are protected by our school firewall.

Use of Technology At Home/Access to Social Media

Children's access and use of technology and social media is the responsibility of the parents/carers at home. Issues arising from

misappropriate use of social media outside of the school day will not be dealt with by school staff.

School Excursions

School excursions and learning outside the classroom (e.g. forest school) are important elements of our curriculum. Parents/carers are welcome to support these days, providing you have a current school volunteer DBS. Please contact the school office to apply. All volunteers must adhere to the school volunteers code of conduct.

Learning at Home

This year, the children will have weekly activities set on;

- Maths.co.uk (Weekly maths quiz)
- Spellingshed (Weekly spelling list)

Reading

Children will be given a home/school reading record and reading at home should be recorded daily in this book.

P.E.

P.E. will usually take place every Monday and Wednesday. The children should come into school on these days wearing their PE kit.

PE consist of their house top (school logo and in house colours), blue shorts, white ankle socks (children should not be taking part in PE lessons whilst wearing tights) and trainers.

Children are welcome to bring a PLAIN tracksuit (jacket and jogging bottoms) for the winter months. Please note that children still need their full PE kit on underneath.

The Daily Mile

This year we will continue to undertake the 'Daily Mile' initiative encouraging all members of the Valewood community to be more active. This year, Year 3 will have an opportunity within the morning to undertake additional exercise

School Meals

If you believe you are eligible for free school meals, linked to your income, it is important that you apply for this as it provides additional funding for your child in school. The form for this application can be collected from the school office. If your child decides to bring a packed lunch then they can bring their lunch in an appropriate lunch box, which will be kept in their locker.

Snacks and Tuck Shop

Children are allowed to bring a sensible snack from home to consume at morning playtime. Fruit and healthy snacks are encouraged.

Alternatively, the children can purchase a snack from the class tuck shop (individually wrapped brioche) at the cost of 40p. At present we are accepting cash payments from the children to purchase their snack.

Currently, if your child requires a tuck shop snack everyday please send them into school with £2.

Bikes and Scooters

We encourage families to stay active and walk to school, wherever possible. Please remember that children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scoots on the school grounds. Bikes and scooters must be locked up in the bike sheds and are left at your own risk.

Please park away from Sherwood Avenue and Sherwood Road, where possible. Please be reminded to park respectfully and not block the driveways of our neighbours.

REMINDERS

Please help us to make sure that your child does not lose any of their clothing by naming all items including water bottles.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school with all the necessary equipment they need to minimise disruptions to learning.

Please remind your children that scooters/ bicycles etc. should not be used on school property and should be locked in the bike sheds.

We are looking forward to teaching and supporting your child in Year 3, here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mrs Wright

Year 3 Class Teacher

Additional Information:-

Forest School sessions – Summer Term

Swimming Lessons – Summer Term

Further Meetings

- Parents/carers consultations will be held in October and February.