

## J3 Newsletter Autumn 2017

Welcome back, we hope you had a great Summer and the children are well rested and ready to do well. We are looking forward to a very busy term.

Here is a brief overview of what we will be doing in each learning area this term:

**Maths** - Number work, place value, 2D & 3D shapes, symmetry, measure and data handling; daily focus on number bonds. This term is Maths Term with an emphasis on Problem Solving.

**English** - Reading, spelling (tested each Monday), grammar, creative writing & comprehension, class reader Jim & The Beanstalk.

**Science** - Living Things, including habitats and food chains.

**History** - The Great Fire of London.

**Life Skills** - New beginnings, getting on and falling out, rules and right and wrong.

**Art** - Mondrian, primary colours.

**Homework:** Homework, of up to 20 minutes, is set each evening and homework diaries must be *signed daily*. As always they **must** also read for about 10 minutes every day, discussing and questioning the text. The children are not expected to complete a reading book each day; the emphasis is on discussion, developing vocabulary and understanding. Children should also practise their number bonds to 10 for a few minutes every day, so they memorise the facts.

**Morning Snack:** We would like to encourage the children to have *fruit or vegetables* for their snack. We would also like to ask that the children bring water to school rather than sugary drinks which will enable them to maintain concentration levels.

**Uniform: Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled.** Girls should not wear excessively large bows or ribbons.

### **Autumn Kit Requirements (a kit check will be carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept):**

On Monday and Tuesday: children come to school in their uniform and bring their P.E. kit/tracksuit to get changed into.

On Thursday and Friday: children come to school in their tracksuit and bring their swimming kit (Thursday); plimsolls/jazz shoes for dance required (Friday).

On Wednesday: children should wear full school uniform - no P.E. kit/tracksuit required.

### **Diary Dates**

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet & Greet for Parents 3pm in J3 Classrooms
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Clubs Registration
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual photographs (full winter uniform)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Junior registration for Festival of Speech & Drama 8:15am & 3:15pm (in the hall)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	J3 Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	J3 Coffee Morning
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Festival St. John's Church 9:00am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Letterland Evening for parents 6.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Festival of Speech & Drama: Individual events
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Festival of Drama 9am; Festival of Speech - Class event 1:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Maths Week
<b>14<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Bonfire Night FOMC 6pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Handwriting Workshop 6.30pm.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parents' Evening 3:45pm onwards
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	FOMC Christmas Bazaar
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Junior Christmas Production 9:15am and 2:00pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Parties
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service at St. John's Church 6:00pm (This is a compulsory event. Non-attendance should be notified in writing beforehand).
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Junior Prize Giving 9:15am. Term ends at 12:00 noon

Kind regards, Mr Christy, Dr Faulds, Mr Woodhall