



# St. Jude's Church of England Primary School

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Dear parents and carers of year 3,

Welcome back! Miss Francis and I are looking forward to working with you and your child in Class 3 this year. The children have settled into life in Key Stage 2 well, but please do let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Our topic this half term is Roman Revolution. We will be learning about Ancient Rome and its impact on Britain. Please see the topic web overleaf for more information. It is very important that your child continue to read every night. Twenty minutes of reading a day has proven results in all areas of learning! Your child's reading should be recorded in their reading records five times a week (Monday-Friday); obviously we encourage weekend reading too! We will check reading records every Monday and Friday. Homework will be sent out on Thursday and should be returned on Tuesday. Please see the separate homework letter sent out this week by Miss Douch for more information.

I wanted to share a little more information with you as we are all adjusting to the new routines.

## **Our PE day is: Tuesday**

Children must come to school in their PE kit on this day, so that they do not need to change.

## **Snacks**

Please feel free to send your child in with a piece of fruit/vegetable snack for the mid-morning break time. We thought this might be helpful as children have not been in school for a while. Free fruit for Reception and key stage 1 continues to be available.

## **Lunches and packed lunches**

We have a new catering company this term who are supplying an excellent cold lunch service. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be eating their lunches in the school hall in their class bubble. Children in key stage 2 will eat their lunches in their classrooms.

**Please remember - when preparing a packed lunch at home for your child - there should be no nuts or seeds – this includes sesame and hummus. We have children with severe nut/seed allergies in school.**

- Please do check the list of ingredients on snacks.
- Please also check types of bread/rolls that may contain seeds/sesame/nuts.
- Although hummus has been advertised on the menu - it will be prepared without tahini.

## **Scooter and bike storage**

If you are dropping off your child at Herne Place, parents must either take scooters/bikes home or drop them off at the Regent Road entrance so that they are safely stored. We have no place to store bikes and scooters at Herne Place. This continues to apply for the Breakfast and Six O'clock Club.

## **Water bottles and other items**

All children should be bringing in a water bottle that is clearly named. We will continue to send home reading books home. Children should not be bringing in any other items from home unless the teacher requests this. Rucksacks and



book bags should only have one keyring / charm to identify them.

### **Meetings with staff**

If you would like to arrange a meeting with a member of staff, please call the school office. Meetings can be arranged on the telephone, in a room allowing for social distancing or virtually. Please do not come into the school office without an appointment.

### **Sibling drop offs**

We have made arrangements to offer the hall as a space for the children to wait if their siblings have been dropped off earlier or picked up later. We are struggling to staff this long term, so if you are able to make alternative child care arrangements – especially at the end of the day, that would really help us. Older children may be able to walk home alone, and the Six O'clock Club is available. You may also be able to arrange group pickups with other parents.

I am attaching the home alone letter for you to complete.

### **Medication**

Miss Scott has been contacting parents this week regarding medication. If your child does not have the up to date medication in school please make an appointment to drop it off to the office. If any medication has changed over the holidays please also contact Miss Scott. If long-term care plans need to be reviewed a meeting with the school nurse must be arranged. We can only administer prescribed medication when the permission forms have been completed, and a meeting has been arranged with myself, Miss Douch or Miss Scott.

I am attaching the medication forms, should you need to complete them. One is for long-term conditions like eczema, asthma and allergies. The other is for short term prescribed medication, for example a course of antibiotics.

### **Emergency contact details**

Finally, a quick reminder about contact details, please update the office if you have a change of telephone number so that we can reach you swiftly, should we need to.

Regards

Miss Booth and Miss Francis

Class 3 Team

