Thursday 20th July, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

PREPARATION FOR YEAR 3 TRANSITION

* Some of our current Year 2 children have been to the Juniors at different times on a short visit in the last week or so, and all the Year 2’s have visited last Monday to meet their new teachers and see their new classroom. We hope they enjoyed that!

**WHATS HAPPENING NOW THAT YOU ARE IN YEAR 3!**

* **On the first day of term, on Monday 4th September, Year 3 children can come straight into class at 8:45am when the gates open, ready for a 9.00am start. At the end of the day the gates open at 3:20pm for pick up, parents walk around from the gate to the lower playground, round to the upper playground and up to the car park.  School finishes at 3.30pm.**
* **All children in Year 3 will be given a tie to wear – (all Junior children wear collared pale blue shirts and wear a tie!) The tie is a compulsory part of the uniform and will indicate the house the children belong to. There are six houses, all named after important Saints: St Joseph, St Matthew, St John Bosco, St Clare, St Theresa and St Bernadette.**
* **The children can earn house points for good behaviour and making a positive contribution to school life and through inter house activities.**

**OTHER PRACTICAL MATTERS………..**

* The Junior Department is very busy at times and the administration office can get very hectic! You can really help by……..
* Consulting our school website, which usually has a lots of useful information on it.
* If your child uses an inhaler, or one is prescribed for your child, please ensure this is brought in to school at the earliest possible time. It is important that it is available for your child to use, if necessary, during the school day.
* Ensuring your child has the kit they need for P.E.
* Please ensure we have up-to-date contact telephone numbers and addresses.
* Remember that now in Year 3, if your child continues to have a school meal, there is a charge for this of £2.40 a day, £12 per week, unless you have an underlying entitlement to free school meals. You need to order and pay (if appropriate) for school meals in advance via School Grid. You should have had an email instructing you to create a new School Grid account given your child is now moving up to the Juniors. Please make sure you do the on line free school meal checker to see if you have an underlying entitlement to free school meals-visit [www.manchester.gov.uk](http://www.manchester.gov.uk) - even if you don’t think you are entitled, it’s a good idea to register, just in case your circumstances change in the future.

**EVERY DAY COUNTS………………………!**

The Local Education Authority wants us to achieve maximum attendance rate. Please do your utmost to arrange optical, dental and medical appointments outside school time. We do understand this can be difficult-our staff manage to do this in the main! Do your Best!

* Please avoid at all cost arranging holidays during term-time. Many school days are being lost every year because of this. Particularly disruptive are holidays in September – this makes for a very bad start in a new class. Very few absences are being authorised now except for illness. You could well get a penalty fine. Our administrative staff will email you if you do not let us know why your child is off school. You can ring the office about absence from 8.30am. Please report any absence by 9.30am.
* If your child is late one morning, you must come in to the office and sign them in. This is for the children’s health and safety.
* We reward children and classes with the best attendance.
* Achievement and good attendance has a proven link.

**Sacramental Programme**

You will receive details about the Sacramental Programme in due course.

**And finally………**

Enjoy a happy, healthy summer, stay safe and we will see you on Monday 4th September!

Yours sincerely

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