



## Class 3 Information for Parents

Welcome to class 3. Here is some important information about our class.

In this class there is 1 teacher, Mr. Gardiner.

Every Wednesday afternoon Mr. Gardiner has some time for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). During this session the children will be having a specialist PE lesson with 'Total Sports' and an Art lesson with Mrs. Shelton. Mrs. Shelton and Mrs. Fitzgerald are Class 3's teaching assistants.

### In the morning

Each morning we have an 'early bird' activity for your child to do when the doors open at 8.45am. You are welcome to stay and do this with them. At 8.50am we will play some music which is the signal for the children to come and sit on the carpet to do the register and for parents/carers to leave. Parents are not obliged to stay for the 'early bird' activity.

### Outdoor clothing

The children go out to play each day, and also have regular outdoor activities. They need to bring a coat to school every day, which will withstand light rain. A hat, gloves and scarf (and wellies) are also a good idea during the cold weather and a sunhat when it is hot.

### Drinks in the classroom

The children are allowed to drink water freely during the day especially when it is warm. The children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school that can be kept in a specific area of the classroom.

### Snack

Children will receive a piece of fruit each morning.

### P.E.

We will be doing P.E. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please check that your child has a full P.E kit with plimsolls, as trainers are unsuitable for our gym; everything should have their name on. If your child wears earrings, it is school policy that these are either removed or covered for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not able to do it for them. Please leave kits in school and we will send them home each half term for washing.

### Reading books

We will hear children read, in groups and individually, regularly in class. They will be given a reading book to take home which will be changed in class once a week, but you are welcome to change their book as often as you wish from within their coloured band. We recommend this is supplemented with other reading material such as library books. Please write any additional books the children read in their reading record. They will need to bring their book and reading record to school each day.

If possible please hear you child read for ten minutes each day as this makes a big difference to the progress they make.

### Homework

Each child is given a homework book with a list of suggested activities, and a spelling book with 6 key words to practise.

Please bring these in each Wednesday so we can mark and return them to your child on Friday.

### Library

The children have the opportunity to change their library book each Monday afternoon. They will only be permitted to take a new book home if they return their current book.

### Toys

Please do not allow your child to bring toys into school. We have 'Toy Day' on the last day of each term (Christmas, Easter and Summer).

### Show and tell

We will hold a regular show and tell session where your child can bring in an interesting object from home to talk about. This can be a photo, fossil – anything they would like to share! Please keep an eye on the class notice board for details of whose turn it is.

### Good work Assemblies

We have a Good Work Assembly each Friday at 9.00am. These assemblies will last approximately 30 minutes. Each week different children from throughout school are selected to show their work. If your child is chosen they will be given a letter on the previous Friday and then presented with the Good Work certificate within the assembly. Parents are very welcome to come and watch but we understand many of you work so don't worry if you can't make it. If your child has been awarded a certificate for an activity these will be shared in KS1 assemblies on Thursdays.

### Lunch

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are entitled to a free school meal. We give the option of either a cooked lunch or a 'Grab Bag'. Your child can choose each morning which they would like or they may bring in a packed lunch from home if they wish.

### Lost property

We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate in school. To help us reunite children with lost clothes it is essential they have names on all items of clothing. Please help us by labelling all your child's property, including P.E. bags, kits and pack up boxes.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Mr. Gardiner and the Class 3 team.