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Dear Year Three Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and feel well rested and ready for the new school year. We are very much looking forward to working with your children and helping them to grow and develop throughout the year.

**Curriculum:**

Topic – The Romans

English- An Author Study; Stories with Familiar Settings; Non-Chronological Reports; Performance and Shape Poetry; Myths and Legends

Maths- Number and place value; addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, measures, fractions, statistics, angles

RE – Sacred Places; Celebrations

Science- Plants; Rocks and Soils

PE – Commando Joe; Ball Skills; Gymnastics

**Home School Journal:**

Children in Year 3 now have a Home School Journal that is to be taken home daily, and returned the next day. This will be used as a reading record for you to sign when your child has read at home. There is also a space for you to write any comments or questions you may have for us, or for staff to communicate with you about your child. The journal also contains a timetable for the Autumn Term, detailing what lessons will be taught daily.

**Homework:**

Children in Year 3 will receive two pieces of homework each week - one Maths and one English – as well as spellings to learn. Homework will be sent home in homework books on Friday each week, to be given back in on the following Tuesday. Children are also expected to read for at least 20 minutes daily, as part of their homework.

**Playtime Fruit and Snacks:**

Fruit at playtime is not provided for children in Key Stage Two, however if you wish to provide playtime snacks for your children, please provide them with a piece of fruit. Children may also bring in a labelled water bottle each day, which can be kept in the classroom. Please can all children make sure that they take their water bottle home at the end of the day.

Please can we remind all parents that children should not bring nuts to school either as a snack or part of their packed lunch, thank you.

**Behaviour Expectations**

Howes is a friendly and caring community and we are keen for our children to take on these and other values. Our house point system is effective at encouraging children to follow our golden rules and values. We would still very much like parents and carers to help us in reinforcing these rules and values with your children. Please can children be reminded that they should not bring toys into school, unless they have been given permission to do so.

To encourage pupils to make the right choices, we will be having 20 minutes of 'Golden Time' on a Friday afternoon. However, children who have broken the Howes "Golden Rules" during the week will miss some or all of the time from these sessions. Alternatively, in some circumstances, they may be asked to spend time reflecting on their behaviour during playtime.

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### **Celebration Assemblies**

Our Friday Celebration Assemblies will be continuing this term at 9.00am. Two children from each class will be nominated to receive an award for an aspect of outstanding work, achievement or behaviour. Parents will be invited to come into school for the assembly when their child is awarded their certificate. You will receive a letter on a Wednesday to inform you that your child has been nominated.

### **Parent Helpers:**

At Howes we recognise the valuable contribution that all members of our community make to our school. We are always happy to welcome helpers into the classroom, so if you would like to volunteer to help in any way please do come and speak to Mrs Bolland. Here are some of the ways you may like to offer support:

- By joining the Friends of Howes team
- By hearing children read
- By supporting us on school trips
- By helping to organise Accelerated Reader or other resources

### **PE Kits and Uniform:**

This term, Year 3 pupils will have PE on Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit which should consist of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts and pumps; they can bring plain black/navy jogging trousers and a jumper for outdoor lessons only. PE kits should be brought into school in a named, drawstring bag. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in PE lessons, we require a note of explanation. Please can you remind your child that earrings should be removed before PE lessons.

Please also ensure that your child attends school wearing the correct school uniform. For information about this please visit: <http://howesprimary.co.uk/Uniform/>. Children with long hair should also come to school with their hair tied back.

### **Commando Joe:**

Year 3 children will be continuing their PE sessions with Commando Joe on Monday mornings. These sessions will work on various aspects of physical exercise, including team games. As these sessions usually take place outside, your child will need to bring a PE kit that is suitable for all weather. Thank you.

### **Indoor/Outdoor Shoes:**

At Howes we ask the children to wear a pair of outdoor shoes to and from school and whilst outside at playtime/lunchtime as this enables them to make the most of the school grounds during the wetter weather. Once they arrive at school, we ask the children to change into indoor shoes. Please could we ask you to encourage your child to bring a pair of named indoor shoes to keep at school, such as slippers, school shoes or pumps.

### **Timings of the day:**

The start of a Howes school day in Year 3 begins with either an English or Maths lesson, starting straight after the register is taken. It is therefore very important that all pupils arrive promptly in order to start the school day at 8.55am. So that children are ready to come into school at this time, we would ask that all children are present on the playground at least 5 minutes before the school bell sounds.

The end of the school day for pupils in Key Stage 2 is at 3.20pm. Please note that this is 5 minutes later than Key Stage 1 pupils.

### **Absences and Medical Needs:**

We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent, please telephone the school office at the number above as soon as possible. Any medication that your child requires during the day should be given to the Office, for a First Aider, in the original container and a medical administration consent form needs to be completed. Inhalers must be labelled and be handed in to your child's class teacher to be stored safely in the classroom.

### **Important Events for Year Three pupils:**

Week Beginning 12 <sup>th</sup> September	School Clubs to Start This Week
13 <sup>th</sup> September	Class Information Sessions
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Coffee Afternoon (2pm-3pm)
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Class Assembly

20 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening Year 3 Flu Vaccines
Week Beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to School
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 3 Trip to The Lunt Roman Fort
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Individual Photographs
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Afternoon (2.30pm-3.15pm)
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Staff Surgery
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Friends of Howes Disco
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Friends of Howes Christmas Fayre
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Visit to Christ Church
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
16 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Term

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Ceairns, Miss McKinlay and Mrs Henshaw

