

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, and to Year 3 at St Wilfrid's School! I am really excited to be working with you this year and I'm looking forward to making your child's learning fun with just the right amount of challenge. Before we get underway, I have a few notices and some information for the start of term.

### Uniform

As we move into autumn, please ensure you provide appropriate clothing for your child. Also, please include your child's name inside all uniform; our lost property container was bulging with anonymous jumpers and cardigans by the end of last year!

# Water bottles

Children are encouraged to bring in named water bottles to access when they are thirsty. Please only fill them with water.

## Forest Schools

On Tuesday, starting 6<sup>th</sup> September, Year 3 will continue to take part in our Forest Schools sessions. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the world around them in a practical outdoor classroom setting. As the learning takes place outside, and the weather is not always on our side, please can you ensure your child comes to school every Tuesday with the following clothing:

- Waterproof boots, or wellies.
- Tracksuit bottoms or leggings
- Waterproof trousers to go over the bottoms or leggings.
- Additional waterproof coat.
- Warm top.
- Hat, gloves and scarf (when it is appropriate).



#### PE

Year 3 will be having PE on the Monday afternoon with Mr Devivo and Wednesday afternoon with myself. Please ensure your child has their PE kit with them every Monday morning. PE kits will then be sent home at the end of the week to be brought back the following Monday.

# **Reading Diaries**

Reading is massively important for your child's education and helps them succeed in all subjects in the curriculum. Please can I request that your child brings their reading diary in every Friday and that you enter any times when you, or a family member, have listened to them read (grandparents or older siblings can often help with this too). I normally suggest three times a week as a minimum but the more, the better. Home reading in your child's diary will be celebrated on our Reading Stars chart and special awards from Mr North in our Golden Box assemblies, will follow too.

# I have set myself up on your Class Dojo for Year 3 so you don't need to do anything. I will be using it to keep you informed of your child's progress and posting school experiences on its Class Story. The private messaging service enables us to communicate quickly about any important information specific to your child. However, please report any official attendance information to Mrs Porter in our office. ClassDojo **Spellings** Spellings We will have weekly spelling activities posted on Spelling Shed as well as weekly practices in class. Please use the login inside your child's diary to access the site. It is important that your child practices their spellings, but if you or your child find the spelling practice challenging, please speak to me and I will be happy to offer additional support. Times Tables It is fundamental that children practice their multiplication tables. We will be using Times Table Rockstars and, much like Spelling Shed, please use the login details inside your child's reading diary to access the site. There will be lots of opportunities to celebrate their achievements in school and also take part in some friendly inter-house maths competitions. Thank you for your continuing support as it is greatly appreciated. If you have any concerns or questions to ask, please message me and I will be happy to speak to you after school. Many thanks Mr Clapham