

Welcome To Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Year 3! We are delighted to be welcoming your children into Key Stage 2 and are looking forward to an exciting year of learning, growth and new experiences together.

Year 3 brings many exciting opportunities and new challenges as children become more independent learners. To help you and your child settle into the school year, we have included some important information below.

The teachers:

Heron Class: Miss Griffiths (Year 3 Leader)

Skylark Class: Mr Gribble (teacher Mon/Tues and Year 3/4 Phase Leader), Mrs Spencer (teacher Weds/Thur/Fri)

Buzzard Class: Mrs Pomeroy

The Teaching Assistants: Mrs Brimming, Mrs Keach and Mrs Brennan (HLTA)

At the start of the day: The school day starts at **8:40am**. Children will enter the Year 3 classrooms via the double-doors. We kindly ask that children are supervised until the doors are opened. If your child is late, they need to be signed in at the office (**8:55am register closes**).

At the end of the day: Each class will be dismissed from their same drop-off area outside their classroom at **3:20pm**. Please let us know via Dojo or a phone call to the office if you wish anyone else to collect your child. Before School Club and After School Club sessions will need to be booked on Arbor. Please phone the office for more details. Children will be sent to the office if not collected **3:25pm**.

Contacting your child's teacher: We value positive communication between home and school. Messages for class teachers can be sent via Class Dojo or email. We always love hearing about achievements and special moments from home, so please do share these with us. Please note that absences or illnesses should be reported directly to the school office rather than to the class teacher. The office will ensure that we are informed. Please allow time for staff to respond to emails and messages, and remember to check Dojo, Arbor and your emails regularly for updates. School newsletters are sent out fortnightly.

Homework: Requirements in Year 3 include reading on a daily basis (either your child reading to you or you to them and asking questions or a mixture of both). **It is important that you sign the Reading Record once a week.** The Homework Grid on the Widey website under the Year 3 area outlines the homework activities this term. The maths homework activity will be set on My Maths which is an online programme. Please also practise the Timetable Rockstar times tables 'garage' sessions. Weekly spellings will be set on a Monday, and a spelling test will be given on the following Monday. The spelling list can be found on the Homework Grid. We recommend completing homework in short, regular sessions throughout the week, as this supports learning and retention far more effectively than leaving everything until the weekend.

Reading Books: We will continue to use Accelerated Reader in Year 3. Children will bring home books matched to their reading level and will need to complete a quiz before receiving a new book. You will receive regular updates on your child's reading progress, and you may also sign up for Home Connect to receive quiz results directly by email. We encourage children to aim for two reading quizzes each week.

Bags: Children should bring their belongings in a school book bag or a small school rucksack. To help protect books and reading records, we kindly ask that water bottles are not carried inside bags where possible.

PE:

Heron- Outdoor on **Tuesday** and indoor on **Thursday**.

Skylark- Outdoor on **Wednesday** and indoor on **Friday**.

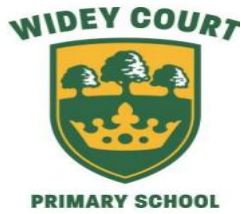
Buzzard- Outdoor on **Wednesday** and indoor on **Thursday**.

All uniform and PE kit **must be named** and we encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings.

Drinks & snacks: As children are now in Key Stage 2, snacks are not provided by the school. Please send your child with a healthy fruit or vegetable snack each day. Children should also bring a water bottle containing plain water only for use throughout the school day. Juice is only permitted at lunchtime as part of a packed lunch.

Lunch: You can use the menu to help your child make their choice of meal for when they order it in the morning during registration or you can provide a packed lunch.

Uniform: We are proud of how smart we look at Widey Court so please help us by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform to school. Hair should be up off the face in hair bands preferably of the school colours. Earrings are permitted but they must be a **small plain stud**. They may be asked to be removed or taped for PE lessons. Watches can be worn for educational purposes, but no liability will be accepted.



Behaviour: We have high expectations for behaviour throughout the school, and Year 3 is no exception. Working in partnership with parents and carers is essential in helping children make positive choices and flourish both academically and socially. Thank you in advance for your support. Our full Behaviour Policy can be found on the school website.

Thank you for taking the time to read this information. If you have any questions about the Autumn Term, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

We are excited to begin this new journey with your children and look forward to helping them grow in confidence, independence and curiosity throughout the year. We can't wait to meet you all at our Meet the Teacher session in September.

With best wishes,
Miss Griffiths, Mr Gribble, Mrs Spencer and Mrs Pomeroy