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A Big Welcome to Year 3!

We are very pleased to welcome all our new Year 3s to Avenue Junior School! We hope you all had a wonderful summer holidays and that you are feeling refreshed, excited and ready to learn.

The teachers in Year 3 are:

3L: Mr Lowe (Year Leader)

3KA: Miss Knights and Ms Amies

3S: Miss Sabbar

3P: Mr Peterson

We are looking forward to working with your children this year and have included some information within this newsletter to help them (and you) feel up to speed with things at school. Your child will receive a timetable for the term in the first few weeks and we would be grateful if you could go through this with your child to help them become familiar with our routines. Understandably there are also lots of extra formalities due to Covid-19 that children will need to learn. We appreciate your help and support with these too.

Class Dojo

This year, we will be using a website/app called Class Dojo. We believe that Class Dojo is a fantastic tool for communicating with parents, updating them about events and for sharing information and pictures. It is our hope that this website/app will make communication with the teacher easier—especially considering the restrictions in place around face to face contact. Class Dojo is also a lovely way to simply involve parents a little more in our school day.

As part of our digital transition earlier in the year, we tried to set up at least 1 parent/carer per child with access to Class Dojo. This was done via an email invite. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. It's been lovely to hear from some of you during the school holidays. If you've not yet managed to sign up or you don't think that you've received an invite, please speak to your child's teacher and they'll be able to provide you with the necessary information.

Class Dojo is an additional communication tool that the school use. All important information will always be emailed out by the school office or sent home in paper form. Please ensure the office have your correct email address!

Retuning to School—Covid-19

During the Summer Holidays a large 'Return to School' document was emailed to parents and carers as well as being posted on Class Dojo. It is hugely important that you read this document thoroughly as it outlines all of the necessary procedures to ensure that children, staff and parents remain safe in and around school. This includes specific pick up/drop off times and locations as this will differ for each class. There is also information on school uniform, hand washing and communication. Although we will be spending a lot of time with the children trying to help them learn all the extra rules and procedures, it is helpful if these can be gone through at home as well.



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Important Reminder

We have a number of children across the school who are severely allergic to nuts (including peanuts) and kiwi.

We kindly ask that you check all foods before sending them into school for snacks and lunch.

Curriculum Information

A half termly curriculum map accompanies this newsletter, detailing all of our work for the Autumn 1 half term. There will also be a Yearly Overview which will inform you of upcoming topics and general areas of focus for each half term. Please remember to provide the office with an up to date email address, as this really helps us with making sure correspondence is getting home! These documents will also be shared on Class Dojo.

Also, don't forget to check the website www.avenuejuniorschool.org Here you will find copies of all of the curriculum documentation for the year as well as other useful information.

Topic—What can I learn about myself and others?

We are starting the year off with a lovely PSHE based topic to help children feel more comfortable and settled within the school. There will be a number of discussion based sessions where children and adults will be able to share information about themselves in order to build a strong initial relationship with one another. We will be exploring what makes a good learner and how we as individuals best learn. There will be discussions about friendships, making friends and what to do if things don't quite go the way you'd hoped. Lastly, we will explore the idea of 'difference', from people's family make, to race and religion and disabilities.

P.E

Your child's timetable includes P.E. times. These will change over the course of the year so that each class can utilise the facilities at Recreation Road Sport Hall once they reopen. Please familiarise yourselves with the days that children have P.E. On P.E days your child will be required to attend to school in their sports kit. They will not be getting changed into/out of their kit. Unless the weather conditions are unsafe, we will be aiming to deliver P.E lessons outdoors as much as possible. It is therefore important that children are sent in wearing appropriate clothing such as jumpers and tracksuit bottoms if necessary. We ask that children wear trainers as opposed to plimsolls as these provide much greater support. There will be no spare PE kit in school to borrow.

Proposed School Trips

At Avenue Junior School we strive to deliver an exciting and varied curriculum throughout the year. We feel passionately that children should learn about our different topics through a variety of activities and experiences. One way in which we like to enrich our curriculum is through the use of school trips. Whilst we try and make the most of our local environment and free trip opportunities, there are some experiences which do incur a cost. Due to Covid -19 we have held off booking any trips for the moment, however we will make sure that you have details of any upcoming events with plenty of notice.

Lastly...

If you have any questions, concerns or queries over the course of the year, please do not hesitate to contact the school or your child's class teacher. This can be done via Class Dojo, an email sent via the school office or chatting to us on the playground after school.

We hope you all have a great first half term in Year 3!

Kind Regards,

Mr Lowe, Miss Knights, Ms Amies, Mr Peterson and Miss Sabbar.