Ipplepen Primary School & Pre-School

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Cherry Class Year 3 Parent Letter
Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you back to school and into Cherry Class. The children have been sharing all their news from the Summer holidays and have already settled in really well. We are excited to get started on our new topics with them.

School Day

Timings – Gates open 8.50am, registers at 8.55am.
End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

Uniform and belongings

Please ensure that full school uniform is worn every day and PE kit on PE days. Your child's uniform and belongings should all be clearly labelled as this helps to keep lost property to a minimum.

Your child should ensure that they bring a named water bottle into school each day and a packed lunch if they are not having a school dinner. They did not need to bring pens, pencils or pencil cases into school as all equipment will be provided by the school. As the children are now in Key Stage 2, they no longer need a book bag and they may find it easier to store their reading books, snacks and lunch in a backpack instead. We would ask that all toys and pencil cases remain at home as they will not be permitted to use these during the school day.

Please note, for health and safety reasons, we discourage the wearing of all jewelry. Stud earrings and wristwatches may be worn but must be covered or removed for PE. The wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school.

Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them every day, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable.

During the warmer weather, please ensure your child has suitable sun protection; hats, sun cream etc

Snacks and Drinks

We remind you that playtime snacks are no longer provided now that your child is in Key Stage 2. We encourage you to provide a healthy, fruit and vegetable snack for your child to eat at playtime.

In line with school policy, please ensure that water bottles contain water only and these can be refilled where necessary.

Curriculum

We have included an overview of the curriculum in Year 3, to support you and your child as they work through the term.

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Spellings

Spellings will be handed out on Thursdays, with the weekly homework and a spelling test, based on this list, will be given on the following Wednesday. Please ensure that children practise their spellings regularly.

Reading

Year 3 will take the Accelerated Reader assessment at the beginning of the term. After that, individuals will be assigned a book at their particular level to bring home and read. Once they finish their book, they will be able to take a short quiz in school which will track their comprehension and reading progress and they can then change their book for a new one.

Please ensure that your child reads at least 5 x a week at home. This may sometimes be quiet reading, but we encourage them to read aloud to an adult as much as possible too as this will help to develop their fluency and vocabulary.

Reading Diaries have already been handed to your child so that they can complete an entry each time they read. Please ensure that they are returned to school daily, as we will be checking on the reading done outside school on a weekly basis.

Reading for Pleasure

Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure. More information will be given to your child about this in due course.

PE

We will be having PE lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays this term.
On these days, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on these days.

A reminder that our school PE kit is:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms **(not grey)**
- Plain house-coloured t-shirt
- Trainers
- School jumper

Outdoor Learning

We will be going outside for a lesson on Friday afternoons, so please ensure that your son or daughter has the correct clothing in their bags for that afternoon. Being as we can not be sure what kind of weather we will encounter, it would be useful for them to have waterproof clothing and wellingtons, just in case.

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Homework

Homework will be posted on Google Classroom every Thursday. Your child should be able to complete most of their homework online and in homework booklets for maths and grammar, but occasionally we may set some research or topic linked activities that may need to be completed on paper. If this is the case, the children will be informed and instructions will be sent out on Google Classroom.

End of day collection

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who collecting your child.

Finally, if you have any queries about any aspect of Year 3, do not hesitate to contact us through the office or catch us at the classroom door before or after school.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, we look forward to working with you this year.

Kind Regards,

Miss Middlebrook and Mrs Clark.