



Tuesday 6th September 2016

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Year Three! We hope your child will have a happy and productive year with us as they begin school life at Ashley Junior School. We would like to share some information which you may find useful as your child settles into their new class.

The members of staff in Year Three are Mrs Witney, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Saddler and Mrs Moss (class teachers) and Mrs Edgson, Mrs Eastwood, Mrs Bowdidge and Mr Gorry (Learning Support Assistants). Your child may also be selected to work with Miss Jeffery during the next few weeks. In Beehive (Nurture Group) Mrs Jetten, Miss Bardell and Miss Lewis may support your child in the afternoon. Once a week, whilst Mrs Barnes and Mrs. Saddler and Mrs. Moss and Mrs Witney are planning and preparing, the classes will be taken for Music and P.E. by Mr Thew and Ms Frisbee respectively. All staff members will be happy to talk to you about your child's learning experience and progress if you wish to arrange an appointment.

We are committed to providing a high quality curriculum with a range of learning experiences and ask that your children come to school ready to learn. They will need a full P.E. kit in school all week as we may have impromptu lessons. However, it may be useful for you to know that our regular P.E. sessions are usually held on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. For Art sessions we aim to use lots of media including paint which can be difficult to wash out of school uniform, so we request that your child is sent into school with an old, adult shirt or long-sleeved T-shirt to wear to protect their clothing.

Every half-term you will receive a curriculum map detailing what your child will be learning for the following few weeks. The curriculum map for this term will follow shortly.

At Ashley Junior we follow a homework policy which encourages home learning to support work at school. In Year Three we request that your child completes several weekly tasks. Every week on a Friday your child will receive their spellings / phonics work. They will be assessed on the following Friday, giving them a full week to practise at home. We will also set Maths homework using the 'MyMaths' online programme which should be checked for new tasks weekly. Should there be no task set this website provides many different revision opportunities. Your child will be issued with a login and password for this website shortly. Lastly, your child will be expected to read EVERY NIGHT for a minimum of five minutes and this should be recorded in the Reading Journal. We understand that the children have busy schedules including extra-curricular activities, however regular reading practice is essential for progress in every area of the curriculum and we politely suggest that if timing is an issue, your child reads to themselves at bedtime for five minutes before

turning the lights off. Your support in this vital area of your child's learning is greatly appreciated.

As part of our 'Knowing Me, Knowing You' topic we would like to invite your child to an activity and fun night on **Friday^{23rd} September**. Your child will have opportunities to participate in various team-building activities during the evening. A letter will follow with timings and further information.

Best Wishes

The Year Three Team

