



CLASS NEWS: Year 3: Autumn 1

In God's light we shine, we love and we learn.

Welcome to Year 3 and the Juniors

This is an important year for the children because the transition from the Infants to the Juniors is a major step in their development. Most children settle in the first half term but if you have any worries, please pop in to see me.

R.E.

Our '*Come and See*' topic is '*Homes*' for the first four weeks of term. In this topic we explore what makes a house a home. So far, we have looked at different types of homes and what is special about our own home.

The topic progresses into exploring God's vision for home life in which the children learn from Bible stories about what it means to be a Christian in the context of the home.

The Second Vatican Council uses an ancient expression, Ecclesia Domestica : the Domestic Church. It is in the bosom of the family that parents and carers are by word and example....the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1656)

This topic will help children to understand God's vision:

Since you are God's dear children, you must try to be like him.

Your life must be guided by love just as Jesus was guided by love.

It is wrong for you to use bad or rude language.

Instead you should give thanks to God.

You must not be greedy.

You must be like people who live in the light.

Let the light of your goodness and truthfulness shine out for everyone.

Ephesians 5:1-2,4-5,8-9

Swimming

Please remember pierced earrings need to be covered with a plaster. A swimming cap also needs to cover the plaster. Long hair needs to be tied back and a swimming cap worn.

Please check your child's uniform has their name written on the label. This will help avoid mix-ups in the changing room.

Swimming is every Thursday afternoon. All parents will have received a letter, regarding the swimming arrangements, in the last term of Year 2.



MEET THE TEACHER:

This meeting will take place at 3.30pm on Thursday 12th September in Y3's classroom. We may be a little late due to swimming so please wait in the classroom.

Homework

Your child has:

- a **planner** which is used to record reading at home and to record homework tasks.
- a **folder** in which to keep the planner and homework.
- A **reading book**. Reading books will be given out as soon as reading assessments are completed.

The planner, folder and reading book need to be kept together and brought into school everyday.

Parents are asked to sign inside the planner on the appropriate page to say their child has finished reading the book they have chosen from the classroom library.

Other information

Please remember the following:

- a purse/wallet for money
- an old T shirt for art
- 20p for toast and 20p for fruit should your child wish to buy one or both of these for the 10.30am break
- homework time allowance – **written tasks: no more than 20 minutes; learning tasks: preferably 5 or 10 mins per night or whenever possible**
- homework reading book: at least 10-20 minutes per night.

I look forward to working with you and thank you for your help and co-operation in advance.

Mrs Ogdon