

# Wendover Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome to Year 3! The staff and children are all enjoying getting to know each other and are looking forward to a very busy and exciting year ahead. This letter has been created to give you some key information regarding routines, dates and events that will be taking place this year.

## **The Staff**

In Year 3 the class teachers are Mrs McHardy-Jones (3W), Miss Easton (3J) and Mrs West (3S) (4 days) and Mrs Beck (1 day). The year group are supported by a team of LSAs – Mrs Williams, Mrs Burton, Mrs Salmon, Mrs Austin, Mrs Bishop, Mr Edwards and Miss Weeks-Pearson.

## **Expectations**

We are sure you will agree that having high expectations for every child is important. At Wendover Junior School we place a great emphasis on behaviour and expect all children to behave exceptionally well inside and outside the classroom. We follow the 4Rs: Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Resilience. The children will be learning about the importance of these values throughout the school year. Children will be rewarded for excellent behaviour through house points, certificates, reward time, commendations and Headteacher Awards.

## **School Uniform**

We ask for all children to wear the specified school uniform every day and they are responsible for wearing it correctly. All clothing must be named. Children should come to school with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry for when they go outside to play. Black school shoes should be worn – not boots. In addition, long hair should be tied up in a plain hairband, nail varnish is to be removed and earrings must be plain studs which your child must be able to remove for PE lessons. Please refer to the school uniform policy for further guidance. This can be found on our website under the 'key information' section.

## **PE**

Scheduled PE sessions will be on a Wednesday. Please make sure children have appropriate clothing for a change in weather. All kit must be named. Your child should have black shorts, their house colour T shirt, black long sports socks and suitable trainers. A black sweat shirt may be needed for cooler weather. The children will at times need their kit for other planned activities so should be kept in school at all times.

### **Extended Learning**

Extended learning is work that is set for children to complete at home in order to help them develop their independence and organisational skills.

In Year 3, the following expectations are set for every child:

<b>Extended Learning</b>	<b>How it is set</b>	<b>How much time to spend (approx.)</b>
Reading	Children will be sent home with 2 reading books selected by them at their level.	10mins daily. This can include both adult and child reading.
Weekly Spellings	Weekly spellings are set on eSchools on Fridays. (Log ins for Eschools will be sent home with your child). Children can learn their spelling words for their weekly spelling test which will take place on the following Friday. <u>To begin with, there will be two spelling groups.</u> Further groups will be added as the term progresses and children score full marks each week for a number of weeks. <i>This does not apply to Rubies spelling group.</i>	20mins weekly
Maths	Your child will complete a baseline assessment on our online learning <b>Doodle Maths</b> programme at school. They will receive independent log-in details shortly. They can use these log-in details to access their customised learning, set from the baseline they will complete.	30 mins weekly
TT Rockstars	In addition to Doodle Maths, children should practise learning their times tables. Logins for TT Rockstars will be sent home with your child. The children can practise their times tables, and periodically there will be year group challenges set for the children to work towards.	At your discretion
Wendover spelling challenge (half termly)	In addition to the weekly spellings, children take part in a spelling challenge which are tested at the end of each half term. Please support your child to learn these at home ready for their test. Children in Year 3 will be tested on Copper 1,2,3 the first time before half term. They can choose to learn one list, or the second and third if they like. These spellings can be found on eSchools.	At your own discretion

Y3 classes also have mascots that like to spend their weekends with the children. They will visit along with a journal for recording their adventures with your child.

Should your child have problems accessing any of the extended learning materials, for whatever reason, do please talk to a member of the team.

**Respect**

**Reflection**

**Responsibility**

**Resilience**

### **Events to take place in Year 3**

September	Meet the Teacher (Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September from 3.30pm)
December	Year 3 Nativity Performance
Spring Term	Celtic Harmony Trip
Summer Term	Class assemblies (individual dates for each class)
Summer term	Roman Day (in School)

There are many other exciting enrichments opportunities planned for Y3 children, you will be notified of these as the year progresses.

The Year 3 team are very excited to take your children on a new learning journey and hope that they thoroughly enjoy their time at Wendover Junior School. Should you have any queries or concerns, please talk with your child's class teacher. Members of the Y3 team will be at the gate most mornings and every afternoon. Alternatively, you can send an email to [admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk](mailto:admin@wendoverjunior.co.uk)

We look forward to seeing you at the 'Meet the Teacher' event soon.

Yours faithfully,

**Jane Mc Hardy-Jones**  
**Year 3 Leader**