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Dear Parents/Carers

Key Info Please Read

Welcome to the new school year. I hope you enjoyed the sunshine over the holidays and that your children are ready for the new school year.

Welcome Meetings

As a result of a suggestion in last year's Year 3 parent questionnaire, we have put in some welcome meetings next week. These dates were given out on a letter before the holidays but I thought it was worth reminding everyone. There is no need to sign up, just turn up. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday 12th September 9:00am-9:30am

Tuesday 13th September 2:30pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 14th September 6:00pm-6:30pm

We have tried to put on various dates as well as different times of the day in an effort to make sure most parents can attend. Don't worry if you have younger children with you, all are welcome. During these meetings you will be given more info about key dates, trip information, and school priorities. There will also be a chance to meet your child's teacher.

Homework and Reading Expectations

In Year 3 children will be expected to do:

3 X 15 minutes reading per week as a minimum.

2 X 10 minutes on Spelling Shed

2 X 10 minutes on Times Table Rockstars.

As the children are new to the school and won't know how to access Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed straight away, we will not be expecting them to do this part of their homework until after half term. However, we will be expecting them to be doing their reading straight away. We will be testing the children and giving them a reading book by the end of this week. Children can change their books on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. We expect parents to help us track the children's reading by signing their reading record. Reading records will be checked every Friday with house points and other rewards given. More info will be given during the welcome meetings.



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P.E. Days

Here are your children's P.E. days:

Class	Outdoor P.E.	Indoor P.E.
Curie	Monday	Wednesday
Gandhi	Friday	Tuesday
Keller	Wednesday	Monday
Mandela	Friday	Monday

We ask that children come in to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. days.

The P.E. uniform is as follows:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or Plain black leggings
- Trainers
- Black or navy tracksuit for colder months (school jumper can be worn instead of a tracksuit top)

Children should not bring:

- Tops or tracksuit bottoms with large brand names or images
- Football kits
- Clothing with writing or images

Note: branded tracksuits with small coloured logos, stripes, swooshes, etc. are allowed as long as the main colour is black or navy

Please make sure all items of clothing, including coats and footwear are clearly named.

Many thanks

Mr King