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Key Information - Please Read!

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

Welcome to the new school year! I hope you enjoyed the rare days of sunshine over the holidays and that your children are ready for the new school year. We are so looking forward to this academic year and seeing your children flourish in Year 3.

Please find below some key information:

Welcome Meetings

As mentioned in a previous letter before the Summer Holidays, we will be holding welcome meetings next weeks. These meetings are designed to give you more information about school life at DJA and in Year 3! There is no need to sign up, just turn up. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday 11th September 9:00am-9:30am

Tuesday 12th September 2:30pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 13th 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.

The meetings are all the same so you only need to attend one.

Reading and Homework Expectations

In Year 3 children will be expected to do:

- 3 X 15 minutes reading per week as a minimum.
- 2 X 10 – 15 minutes on Spelling Shed.
- 2 X 10 - 15 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.



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However, we will be expecting them to be completing their reading straight away. Reading is a fundamental lifeskill and it's really important that children have plenty of practice both in and out of school. We finding the appropriate level of book for your child and giving them a reading book by the end of Monday 18th September. In the meantime, please read with your child at home if you are able to.

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 information around reading will be given during the welcome meetings.

P.E. Days

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

Class	Outdoor P.E.	Indoor P.E.
Curie (Mrs Groves)	Monday	Wednesday
Keller (Miss Rowbury)	Wednesday	Thursday
Mandela (Miss Mckay/ Mrs Crawford)	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 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**.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact us via MyEd or the office if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Groves and the Year 3 team.