



**ST. LEO'S AND SOUTHMEAD
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Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3 children,

My name is Mrs McIntyre and I am your child's class teacher for the coming year. I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and have spent some quality time with your child. All the children have settled well into their new class and are already working hard.

Here is some information that will hopefully inform you of the important things you will need to be aware of this year. Please do not hesitate to come into school if you have any further questions.

**There is also a Year Three Intake Meeting on
Wednesday 13th September at 2.00pm for additional information.**

Attendance

We celebrate attendance with rewards and prizes every Monday in assembly.

We strive at St. Leo's and Southmead for every child to be happy and that their voice is heard. Help and support is available within school if you feel there are any difficulties in your child attending regularly.

It is so important that your child attends school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is unwell please can you inform the school by ringing between
8.30am – 9.30am.

Punctuality

Please make sure that your child arrives to school on time (8.55) and enters through the classroom door. Doors open at 8.45.

Water

It has been scientifically proven that children having constant access to water helps improve their learning. Therefore please can you provide your child with a water bottle (with a sports cap) that will be refilled at home every day. Please ensure that your child's name is on the water bottle and it contains only plain, still water.

Toast

The children can buy toast each day at breaktime. Toast costs 10p for one slice or 20p for two slices. Please can the children bring their toast money into class in an envelope or a money bag. This will stop money being lost on the way to school. If your child does not wish to purchase toast then they can bring in a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit or a breakfast bar.

Money and messages

Please ensure that all money is put in envelopes marked with your child's name and what the money is for. Please do not hand me money at the door as it can be confusing who has given me what and what for. Can you also write any messages in a letter as verbal messages can often be forgotten.

Book Club

Mrs Parry will be continuing Book Club on Tuesdays. This is a great opportunity for your children to become interested in books and become life long readers!!!

Reading and Writing

Both Reading and Writing are important life skills. Reading and Writing skills are developed daily throughout the curriculum in Year three. Each child will be bringing a reading book home in their black book bags. If these have not been returned to school please return them as soon as possible. The children then return the book to school once they have read it, which will then be exchanged for a new book to be brought home. Please would you share comments about your child's reading in their reading log.

Mathematics

Mathematics forms a life skill used daily. In Year three the children will learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Children will use games, songs and puzzles to practise their tables. Please encourage your child to chant their times tables on a regular basis to enable them to recall them confidently. The children will also become more fluent in their mathematics as they develop their problem solving skills.

Uniform

Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and **has their name in everything including their coat**. Their school uniform is a reflection on the class, especially when we are out of school or when we have visitors into the classroom. Please ensure your child has a coat or rain jacket in school every day as the weather is very unpredictable and it enables the children to get some fresh air whatever the weather.

P.E.

P.E. is a compulsory lesson just like English and Mathematics therefore your child must take part. Your child's P.E. lessons are on a Thursday. Please make sure your child has a full PE kit (black shorts, white T-shirt and pumps – **with their name on everything**) PE kits can be kept in school every day and sent home at half terms to be washed.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for the coming school years Theme Weeks, World Book Day and dressing up days are provided each year in September, in Newsletters, Welcome Letters and on the school website. Please make a note in your diary, as plenty of notice is provided for your child to take part in these days without the last minute rush or stress of finding a costume.

Spellings

Your child will be sent home every week with a list of spellings. These will be practised in school but could you also spend some time helping your child to learn these. Your child will have a spelling test every Friday.

Curriculum map

Enclosed is a copy of the curriculum map for this term which shows you the topics that your child will be learning about. Your child can use this as a guide and maybe do their own research nearer the time. Some helpful hints and tips have also been provided.

Cultural Trip

We are already planning our cultural trip. We will send more details about this at a later date.

Theme Weeks

We are continuing our theme weeks this year as they have proven to be very successful. More details about these will follow soon.

Homework

We offer your child homework to reinforce their learning. This really helps to consolidate the work they have done in school.

If you need any help or guidance with anything throughout the year then please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see me. You do not need to wait till parents evening.

I am looking forward to the fantastic year ahead and appreciate the support that you give to both your child and the school. We have a busy year ahead so please take note of key dates and information leading upto Christmas.

Many thanks
Mrs McIntyre

Dates for your Diary – See Attachment.

Could you please supply the school with an up to date contact number and emergency number.

Name of child _____

Parent/carers signature _____

Contact number _____

Emergency Number _____

Has your child got any allergies?
If so please state _____

Does your child require glasses?

Yes

No

I give permission for my child to have their photo or video taken which may be used on the school website. No names will accompany these photos.

Parent / Carer _____