



September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year and Year Three. We hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know everyone!

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Three this half term, as well as a copy of your child's new timetable. Ms Mitchell and Mrs Miles will be supporting in both Year Three classes this year and Mrs Twiggs will provide PPA cover. As you will be aware, the start and finish times for the school day have changed this year: Poplar Class: 8.45 - 3.10 and Willow Class 8.50 - 3.10.

We expect the correct uniform to be worn and this should be clearly labelled. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. We have a no jewellery policy. Stud earrings may be worn, but must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back and it should be of a natural colour. Please make sure the children bring their coats to school, even on a sunny day.

Children will need to wear PE kits to school on a **Monday** and a **Thursday**, and they will remain in this kit all day. All PE lessons will take place outside so trainers (not plimsolls) and a dark tracksuit is advisable as the weather gets colder. Kit List: Plain white t-shirt, plain dark shorts, trainers and a dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months.

As a school we are continuing to focus on healthy lifestyles so your child may bring a healthy snack to eat at break time. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we will no longer be offering toast at break and no money should be brought into school. We encourage children to drink plenty of water during the day so please can children bring in a named bottle containing just water. We encourage children to ride a bike or scooter to school and insist that they wear a helmet to do this. An adult should accompany any children riding a bike until they have passed their cycling proficiency test.

All medication for children should be prescribed by a doctor (including sore throat sweets) and left in the office where the appropriate forms should be filled in.

As a school, we are trying to minimise the things being transported between home and school. All stationary will be provided by the school and it is not necessary for children to bring in their own pencil case. All children will continue to bring home a reading book to read each night at home. In Year 3 we reward children for frequent reading (at least four times a week) at home with house points, so please do record the valuable reading that you do at home. Please record their reading in their Reading Record book and return it to school every morning. We will send out more information regarding homework at a later date.

We are looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your continued support. As always please don't hesitate in contacting us, however due to Covid-19, we will need to do so through phone calls and/or email. We will also be using the Reading Record books to support communication; these will be checked just once a week and should be used for messages that are not urgent.

Mr Arrowsmith, Mrs Barons and Miss Wainwright