



Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Key Information - Please Read!

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

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.

We are so looking forward to this academic year and seeing your children flourish in Year 3, here at DJA.

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 will 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:

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

Tuesday 10th September 2:30pm-3:00pm

Wednesday 11th September 6:00pm-6:30pm

We have varied the times and dates 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:

- A minimum of 3 x 15 min reading sessions
- A weekly times table task (paper)
- A weekly spelling task (paper)
- *Additional homework online on TTRockstars and Spelling Shed is encouraged*

Homework sheets will be given on a Friday and collected in a week later the following Friday.

We will be teaching the children how to login and use Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed. Therefore, if they would like to do this extra practice, please wait until after half term.

Reading is a fundamental life skill and it's really important that children have plenty of practice both in and out of school. We will be finding the appropriate level of book for your child and giving them a reading book by the end of Wednesday 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 and completed homework sheets will be checked every Friday with house points and other rewards given.**

P.E. Days

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

PE KIT - On PE days, children can come to school in:

- Their usual school uniform, preferably with a change of shoes suitable for PE (trainers if possible).

Alternatively, if your child would like to wear a PE kit, they can come in any elements of the list below:

- UNBRANDED completely white t-shirt
- UNBRANDED completely black shorts or black leggings
- Trainers (do not have to be black and can be branded and have logos on them)
- UNBRANDED and completely black tracksuit (or sweatshirt/hoodie) for colder months

No: Branded symbols, logos, slogans or writing whatsoever on clothing.

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.