

## Letter to NEW Year 3&4

September 2020



Welcome to 3CSJK!

We are very excited to be starting a new year and welcoming you to year three. Some of you will be a little nervous about coming 'up the stairs' to KS2, but there really is no need. We are all very friendly! We are looking forwards to lots of learning and fun.

Your new teachers will be Ms Short (on Monday, Tuesday and Friday) and Mrs Kyle (on Wednesday and Thursday). Mrs WM will be your new Teaching Assistant and will be working with you throughout the week.

The first week in new classes will be spent easing into new routines and continuing with our fabulous transition unit based around Oliver Jeffers' book: Here We Are.

Our topic in term 1 will be Tremor - an exciting exploration of earthquakes and volcanoes. In term 2 we will have a local history focus around children's lives in Victorian times. Please see our topic web on our new look website, where you will also find more details of the Lethbridge Curriculum <https://lethbridgeschool.org.uk/>

Please do not worry about schoolwork. Your books from last year will be going up to your new class, so your teachers know exactly what you were capable of when you were last in class. Of course, we will go over any missed curriculum elements in the coming terms. Those of you ready for Y3/Y4 targets will have appropriate work planned in for you as we get to know you. Remember Lethbridge teachers are very experienced and brilliant at their job - you are in safe hands!

We look forward to meeting parents for home/school catch-up in week 3. Details to follow.

### Homework Expectations

Years 3 will be expected to complete a times tables homework and spelling homework each week, in addition to daily reading (please sign reading records). We will begin with targets from last spring. Homework will be set on Thursday and collected in by the following Tuesday. We will send out the Common Exception spellings that form part of the curriculum for your reference. We would really appreciate your support in helping your child learn these over the course of years 3&4. Children will also be able to access Times Tables Rock Stars, Purple Mash and Espresso online from home; details to follow.

### ESSENTIAL THINGS TO KNOW

Forgive me for repeating information that you have had about entrances/exits and times etc. - I hope you find the reminders useful.

Week 2	Entrance	Exit	Start Time	Finish Time
3 MR/EM	KS2 playground Children will line up on the playground and be collected by their teacher from there	Children will be walked out to the KS2 playground to the climbing frame area	8.50am	3.15pm Friday - 1.35pm

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### **Clothing:**

**Full school uniform** will be required. *PE kit should be worn to school all day on the day your child has PE*, this is a change to our usual practice during the COVID pandemic and is to reduce lost property in school and reduce the chance of children taking home other children's clothes. It will also save us time during the day as we will already be losing some teaching time for regular handwashing routines. Our school specific uniform (with the school logo) is available to purchase online through our supplier, <https://www.yourschooluniform.com/schools/index/lethbridge-primary-school-44489> but logo free white polo shirts and navy sweatshirts are also acceptable.

### **Uniform:**

Polo shirt- White, long or short sleeves

Sweatshirts/cardigans - Navy

Trousers/skirts/shorts/pinafore - Black

Shoes—Black, sensible flat heels

Summer dresses—Blue/white checked

### **PE kit:**

Jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts (dependant on weather/time of year) in plain colour - Navy, black or grey

PE T- shirt— white

Tracksuit top or sweatshirt—plain navy, black or grey

Plimsolls or trainers (Plimsolls or trainers should be worn all day on PE days, children do not need to bring school shoes as well.)

*Please label all clothes with your child's name.*

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*We will not be able to keep large amounts of lost property.*

#### **WEAR P.E. KIT TO SCHOOL ON P.E. DAYS**

Outdoor P.E. begins week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> September. Children should wear full P.E kit to school on P.E. days. Kit should be warm layers and suitable for the varied autumn weather. Don't forget your coat! Only bring in P.E. kit in a bag if your child has a club after school on a different day.

Y3 – P.E will be on Tuesdays

#### **Water Bottles:**

Water bottles must be provided for each child as we cannot use school cups from now on; please ensure the bottle is labelled with their name to ensure they are used by the right child whilst at school. Please can you wash the bottle immediately when it enters your home?

#### **Packed lunches:**

If your child is bringing a packed lunch to school, it must be in a plastic lunchbox or wipe-able lunchbox. Also, please try to ensure your child is able to open their own lunch box and items inside as we will need to try and reduce the close contact between children and staff where we can. Please can you wash the lunch box immediately when it enters your home?

#### **School Lunches:**

School lunches through our catering company, Aspens, will be available as usual with a hot and cold menu choice. You will order these in the usual way.

Those pupils entitled to a benefits based Free School meal or in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 entitled to a Universal Infant Free School meal will be provided with lunch for free but they will still need to order this lunch for this meal to be prepared.

#### **Medicine:**

If you have any prescribed medicine that might be needed in the day, such as an asthma inhaler, be sure to bring it into school with it carefully named. The office will need to check it and fill in a form about it too.

#### **Bags:**

To reduce the activity in cloakroom areas we are asking that children only bring in their plastic lunch boxes and water bottles and coat and a small book bag. They will only need to bring in their reading book and homework folder. Please can children not bring in anything else from home?

**We are looking forward to welcoming you to Lower KS2. Please do not hesitate to make an appointment through [admin@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@lethbridgeprimary.co.uk), tel: 535033, if you'd like to speak to one of us.**

**Ms Short, Mrs Kyle, Mrs WM ☺**