Thursday 4th September 2025

Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

Welcome back to Blakehill Primary School and welcome to Year 3!

We hope that you have had a lovely, relaxing summer and enjoyed some of the sunshine (and wind and rain) that we had. We have had a lovely few days with your child this week and are looking forward to the rest of the year. We understand that a new school year can be quite daunting for pupils but we would like to reassure you that we are here to support both the children and you. We wanted to share with your some key information for this half term as well as some of the exciting activities that we have planned. As the first year in Key Stage 2, Year 3 is a busy and important year. We will be encouraging, supporting and showing them to become more independent in their learning, organising themselves and taking responsibility. Throughout the year we ask for your continued support in this. We know that relationships are the key to a successful school career and so are here to answer any questions or provide any help that we can.

**Curriculum**

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| ***Subject*** | ***Unit***  |
| Mathematics | Place value Addition and subtraction |
| English | Narrative: Stories with familiar settings: The Creakers Non-narrative: Non-chronological report: Coasts Narrative: Adventures: Clifftoppers: Fire Bay |
| Science | Rocks and soils |
| History  | Local History: The Industrial Revolution in Bradford |
| Geography  | Coastlines  |
| Music | How does music bring us together?  |
| Computing  | Connecting computers |
| Art  | Pencil drawingTexturesPainting |
| DT | Electrical systems |
| PSHE | Me and my relationships  |
| MFL | Greetings Key classroom objectsAbout me |
| RE | How do ancient stories influence modern celebrations? |
| PE | Indoor: GymnasticsOutdoor: Striking and fielding |

**Dates for your diary**

These are the key dates in place for Year 3 that we currently have scheduled, please ensure to keep a record of these.

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| **Thursday 4th September**  | Friendship Workshop |
| **Friday 20th September**  | Jeans for Genes Day – Non- Uniform |
| **Wednesday 16th October** | Athlete for a Day |
| **Thursday 23rd October** | Break Up for October Half Term |
| **Monday 3rd November**  | Back to school |
| **Tuesday 18th November** | Parents’ Evening |
| **Wednesday 19th November** | Parents’ Evening  |
| **Friday 21st November** | Children in Need day  |
| **Monday 15th December** | Y3/4 cinema trip  |
| **Tuesday 16th December** | Y3/4 Christingle |
| **Wednesday 17th December** | Christmas Jumper Day / Christmas Dinner Day |
| **Friday 19th December** | Break Up for Christmas  |

**Attendance and punctuality**

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day.

Our school day begins at 8.45am each day. Your child can come straight into school through their Key Stage door which will be open from 8.40. This is so they can have time to organise their coats and have a softer start to the day. We will greet them at their classroom door.  We ask that children are in school promptly in order to settle them with their peers for the day and maximise learning time.

Our school day ends at 3.15pm and we will exit via the Lower Key Stage 2 door in order to greet you on the playground. Please bear with us as we queue on the ramp to dismiss each child one at a time to their adult. If your child is being collected by a different adult, please let us know.

**Homework**

Homework will typically be set on a Friday. The homework provided is given to support and consolidate pupils’ learning from that week or a previous week. It is used to check understanding of topics covered and helps us identify areas of learning that need further development. Homework will include: half termly Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) in Mathematics, a weekly spelling list and home reading (at least 3 times a week is proven to help your child to continue to progress well).

**Spellings**

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These spellings will cover the Year 3 spelling curriculum. It is important that pupils are learning their spellings and we ask that you support your child with this.

**Home Reading**In Year 3, children are typically given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we encourage them to start being independent in doing this. It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read at least three times a week at home – this should be recorded in their home reading record. Every time your child reads and records this in their reading diary, they will receive a house point and this will be recorded on their home reading chart. We understand that parents/carers/guardians live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial.

**PE
Indoor PE**: this takes place on a Wednesday morning. It is important that children come to school in the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are also permitted) and black pumps.

**Outdoor PE:** this takes place on a Monday afternoon. It is important that children come to school in the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers.

Children should come to school in their kits on PE days.

**Water Bottles**

To enable your child to have a drink of water we would encourage a **named** water bottle be brought into school. Try to ensure your child’s bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned wherever possible.

**Snacks**As a ‘Healthy School’ we encourage the children to make healthy choices at playtimes and lunchtimes such as fruit, cereal bars and so on. Due to children with allergies, please do not bring in nut-based snacks.

**Uniform**

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Children can wear trainers at play times and lunch times but these must be changed back to school shoes ready for returning to lessons. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt. Children in Key Stage 2 should have a cardigan or jumper.

If you do have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 3 team. If this is not a query that you feel we can answer at the end of the day, please contact the office and we will be in touch to arrange a time to discuss how we can help you.

Yours sincerely,

**The Year 3 Team**

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs Scott (Teaching Staff)

Mrs Cookson, Mrs Walker and Miss Naylor (Teaching Assistants)