



## Year 3 and Year 4 Autumn 1 Newsletter

### **Welcome back!**

We hope you have enjoyed your summer break and are ready for the exciting new year ahead! May we take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful cards, gifts and kind messages the year 2, 3 and 4 teachers received at the end of last term – we are always so touched by these - thank you.

### **Lumen Christi**

To launch our year and celebrate our Mission Statement we are having a special week all about how the light of Christ is our guide. We may be sending home mini-missions to involve those at home with our activities.

### **Robin Hood: innocent or guilty?**

Our Autumn Topic will officially begin in week 2 this term when we will be learning all about the Anglo Saxons and the mythical stories surrounding Robin Hood. To launch this topic, we will be visiting West Park on the morning of Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. Permission for this walking trip is already given on the green consent forms but please ensure children come to school with a coat/ hat and water bottle. In the park, we will be reading tales of heroism and bravery, working out how to use trees to make hideouts and re-enacting scenes from Robin's fabled life!

### **Uniform**

The children have all come to school very smart and are taking pride in their uniform. Could you please make sure all names are written inside the uniform as already we have had some cardigans and jumpers reported lost, also take note if your child may have taken another person's uniform home by accident. As a staff, we always remind the children to look after their belongings and are often carrying a jumper behind one or two pupils on the way out of school!

### **PE**

As always, PE is a part of the National Curriculum that we provide for the children. These lessons are fun and provide excellent opportunity for health and well being. Please ensure that PE kits are always in school so that children can take a full and active part in this. A gentle reminder that earrings need to be removed for PE lessons, therefore ensure children come to school without their earrings or teach your child to take out and put them back in after the PE lesson.

### **Music**

All children will take part in a music lesson on Friday mornings. Year 3 will be taught the recorder. This is a great instrument to learn and we ask that all year 3s **please bring a recorder into school from home with the child's name clearly visible.**

Year 4 will be taught the trumpet, ukulele and recorder on a termly basis and on a rotation system with music teachers from The Beckett High School. Again, hopefully Year 4 should have their recorders from last year but the trumpet and ukulele will be loaned out to children.



**Reading**

The children have been given a reading book and reading diary. Please make sure you hear your children read and make a note in their reading diary. We will listen to your child read at least twice per week but the more practice they get reading aloud the better as reading is vital in all subjects across the curriculum.

**Reading Diary**

We will often use the blue reading diary to send messages home, please ensure you read the diary and sign it each week. If you would like to send us a message please use the diary as we will check it every day e.g. changes in how the child is getting home, appointments, changes to lunch times etc.

Homework is attached in the front of the diary – the children really enjoy celebrating their homework with their class and we appreciate the time it takes. The homework is produced in a project form which should take 3-4 weeks to complete – a few hours for research and planning, and then a further few hours for completing and finalising. There are also reading and maths challenges to do over the term that do not always need to be handed in but will be tested throughout the lessons.

Your child's targets for the term will also be attached to the front of the diary in the Outcomes booklet.

**WOW Day**

Look out for information in Reading Diary.

**Dates for the Diary**

September 13 <sup>th</sup> Rock Star Day	September 24 <sup>th</sup> School Photos
September 14 <sup>th</sup> Whole school Mass	September 28 <sup>th</sup> Year 3 and 4 Good Work Liturgy
September 19 <sup>th</sup> Open Door 8:30 – 9:45	24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> October Parents evenings
September 21 <sup>st</sup> Jeans for Genes day	

**Parents Meetings**

Parents Evening take place each term and is an opportunity to look at the children's work and have a short meeting with the class teachers. However, parents are welcome to come into school at other times to discuss their child's progress. Appointments can be made via the school office.

We hope your children are looking forward to this year as much as we are. Any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your support.

**Kind Regards**

**Mrs Pettifer, Miss Dickson, Miss Coxhead and all the  
teaching assistants in LKS2**