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Dear Year Three Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a lovely summer and feel well rested and ready for the new school year. We are very much looking forward to working with your children and helping them to grow and develop throughout the year.

Curriculum:

Topic – World War Two

English- An Author Study; Dialogue and Plays; Adventure and Mystery Stories; Recounts; Performance Poems

Maths- Number and place value; Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Measures, Fractions, Geometry

RE – Sacred Places; Christmas and Celebrations

Science- Forces and Magnets; Animals Including Humans

PE – Commando Joe; Dance; Outdoor Games

Home School Journal:

Children in Year 3 will have a Home School Journal that is to be taken home daily, and returned the next day. This will be used as a reading record for you to sign when your child has read at home. There is also a space for you to write any comments or questions you may have for us, or for staff to communicate with you about your child. The journal also contains a timetable for the Autumn Term, detailing what lessons will be taught daily.

Homework:

Children in Year 3 will receive two pieces of homework each week - one Maths and one English – as well as spellings to learn. Homework will be sent home in homework books on Friday each week, to be given back in on the following Tuesday. Children are also expected to read for at least 20 minutes daily, as part of their homework.

The school runs a homework club before school on a Monday morning. The club runs from 8-8:55am. If you would like to send your child to this club it is free of charge and breakfast is provided.

Playtime Fruit and Snacks:

Fruit at playtime is not provided for children in Key Stage Two, however if you wish to provide playtime snacks for your children, please provide them with a piece of fruit. Children may also bring in a labelled water bottle each day, which can be kept in the classroom. Please can all children make sure that they take their water bottle home at the end of the day.

Please can we remind all parents that children should **not** bring nuts to school either as a snack or part of their packed lunch, thank you.

Behaviour Expectations

Howes is a friendly and caring community and we are keen for our children to take on these and other values. Our house point system is effective at encouraging children to follow our golden rules and values. We would still very much like parents and carers to help us in reinforcing these rules and values with your children.

Please can children be reminded that they should not bring toys into school, unless they have been given permission to do so.

To encourage pupils to make the right choices, we will be having 20 minutes of 'Golden Time' on a Friday afternoon. However, children who have broken the Howes "Golden Rules" during the week will miss some or all of the time from these sessions. Alternatively, in some circumstances, they may be asked to spend time reflecting on their behaviour during playtime.

Celebration Assemblies

Our Friday Celebration Assemblies will be continuing this term at 9.00am. Two children from each class will be nominated to receive an award for an aspect of outstanding work, achievement or behaviour. Parents will be invited to come into school for the assembly when their child is awarded their certificate. You will receive a letter on a Wednesday to inform you that your child has been nominated.

Parent Helpers:

At Howes we recognise the valuable contribution that all members of our community make to our school. We are always happy to welcome helpers into the classroom, so if you would like to volunteer to help in any way please do come and speak to Mrs Bolland. Here are some of the ways you may like to offer support:

- By joining the Friends of Howes team
- By hearing children read
- By supporting us on school trips
- By helping to organise Accelerated Reader or other resources

PE:

This term, Year 3 pupils will have PE on Monday morning and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit which should consist of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts and pumps; they can bring plain black/navy jogging trousers and a jumper for outdoor lessons only. PE kits should be brought into school in a named, drawstring bag. If for any reason your child is unable to take part in PE lessons, we require a note of explanation. Please can you remind your child that earrings should be removed before PE lessons.

Commando Joe:

Year 3 children will be participating in PE sessions with Commando Joe on Monday mornings. These sessions will work on various aspects of physical exercise, including team games. As these sessions usually take place outside, your child will need to bring a PE kit that is suitable for all weather. Thank you.

Uniform:

In our first assembly this year Miss Cooke spoke to the children about taking great pride in their appearance and wearing the correct school uniform. Staff will be reminding children about the uniform expectations at school regularly. Please support us in ensuring that your child wears the correct uniform, thank you.

Recommended Clothing

- Royal blue sweatshirts/cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore dress
- Blue checked dress in summer if preferred
- Plain shoes (not trainers)
- Reversible waterproof fleece jacket.

At Howes we ask the children to wear a pair of outdoor shoes to and from school and whilst outside at playtime/lunchtime as this enables them to make the most of the school grounds during the wetter weather. Once they arrive at school we ask the children to change into indoor shoes. Please could we ask you to encourage your child to bring a pair of named indoor shoes to keep at school, such as slippers, school shoes or pumps. Thank you.

Children with long hair should come to school with their hair tied back please.

Jewellery

For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery to school. We ask that children with pierced ears should only wear stud earrings.

Timings of the day:

The start of a Howes school day in Year 3 begins with either an English or Maths lesson, starting straight after the register is taken. It is therefore very important that all pupils arrive promptly in order to start the school day at 8.55am. So that children are ready to come into school at this time, we would ask that all children are present on the playground at least 5 minutes before the school bell sounds.

The end of the school day for pupils in Key Stage 2 is at 3.20pm. Please note that this is 5 minutes later than Key Stage 1 pupils.

Absences and Medical Needs:

We would like to remind you that if your child is going to be absent, please telephone the school office at the number above as soon as possible. Any medication that your child requires during the day should be given to the Office, for a First Aider, in the original container and a medical administration consent form needs to be completed. Inhalers must be labelled and be handed in to your child’s class teacher to be stored safely in the classroom.

Important Events for Year Three pupils:

Week Beginning 11 th September	School Clubs to Start This Week
11 th September	Topic Launch Day for Years 3 and 4
12 th September	Parent Information Sessions
11 th October	Parents’ Evening
Week Beginning 23 rd October	Half Term
30 th October	Back to School
3 rd November	Year 3 Class Assembly
6 th November	Year 3 and 4 Trip to Coventry Transport Museum and The Herbert
9 th November	Flu Vaccines
16 th November	Individual Photographs
28 th November	Staff Surgery
8 th December	Friends of Howes Christmas Fayre
18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
22 nd December	End of Term
8 th January	Start of Term

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Ceairns, Mrs Cotton and Mrs Branski

