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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3, it's great to see you all. We hope you have had a good summer and we would like to welcome you back to a new year at St. Nicolas. A warm welcome to new pupils and their families too.

Staff & Timetable

Class 7 – Mrs Crask (Class teacher Mon-Thurs), Mrs Cook (Fridays)

Class 8 – Ms Evans (Class teacher)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Walker, Mrs Haines, Mr Turner, Mrs Puckey, Mrs Delaney, Mrs Withers and Mrs Fosdike.

Both class teachers have PPA on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Cook and our music teacher, Mrs Leat will be covering these sessions.

P.E.

We will have PE lessons on Tuesday afternoons – **please note this is a change of day from last year.** We ask that children arrive at school in their P.E. kits (including footwear and weather-appropriate clothing); they will remain in their kit all day and so will not require a change of clothes. Long hair should be tied back and earrings must be removed for P.E. and if your child is unable to do this independently, please ensure they do not wear them on P.E. days. Newly pierced ears must be covered with a plaster or surgical tape.

Reading & Homework

Your child will continue to read both with an adult and independently across the week. They will bring their books home along with their reading journal. We would recommend that your child reads with you 5 times per week. Please sign your child's reading record and write a comment where needed to show that your child has read at home.

Homework will be set at the beginning of each term. There will be a variety of activities to choose from and these can be completed in any

order. Some will be on Purple Mash and Times Table Rockstars. There will be a more detailed explanation regarding this in our parent meeting. Children can complete their homework on Teams or in their homework book that will be sent home with them.

Snacks & drinks

Please be aware that Year 3 children are not provided with free snacks at break time so please send in a healthy snack for them to have if you wish. Water bottles- It is important for children to remain hydrated to maximise their attention in class so please remember to send your child in with a **named** water bottle that can be left and refilled regularly in school. They may be sent home on a Friday for washing so please remember to return them the following Monday.

Parent planning meeting

We are holding a meeting for parents/carers at **2.30pm on Tuesday 12th September** for both classes. Do come along to find out about what your child will be learning during the term. We will be providing copies of our knowledge mats for the term to help you support your child in their learning. We would also be delighted if you have any skills and experience you might be willing to share with our classes.

If you are unable to attend the session, please let your child's teacher know.

E-safety / internet

We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents that 'social networking sites' such as 'Facebook, are age restricted and should not be available to primary school aged children. The school policy regarding e-safety is regularly reviewed and we will carefully consider how we can monitor and report any inappropriate use of the internet outside school, including social networking sites and examples of cyber-bullying. We wish to work alongside parents, to ensure the children are safe and secure in their use of the internet. Can we encourage you to monitor your child's activity and check that any games being played are not exposing the children to inappropriate material and are age appropriate.

Diary Dates

We are delighted to be able to host more events in school again and there will be a success event for Year 3 on **Tuesday 17th October at 2.30pm**. Do come along to help us celebrate the children's work from the term.

Class Contacts:

We will notify you of your class contact once this information is available but we would recommend you sign up for Classlist.com for news directly from the SNSA.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact us via the school office telephone (01235 520456) or e-mail (office.3247@st-nicolas.oxon.sch.uk)

systems. We will post regular updates on our class pages on the school website so please continue to check those out.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a happy, busy term with your children!

Many thanks,

Mrs Crask
(Class Teacher)

Ms Evans
(Class Teacher)

Mrs Cook
(Class Teacher)