



Transition Information for new Y3 pupils and parents



Hello everyone,

I thought it would be nice to put together some of the information that I would have shared with you all on our transition days and open evenings. I hope this answers any questions you may have had. If not, please feel free to call or email the school and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

The School Day:

Our school day starts at 8:50am (gates open at 8:45am), or for £3 a day you can come to our Breakfast Club which starts at 8am. Mrs Eaton is one of the ladies who runs our breakfast club, she is lovely. You will meet her in September too. You can choose from a range of yummy things such as: cereals, toast, bagels and sometimes delicious pancakes! After you have eaten, you can play games, read or do some colouring until school begins.



You might be wondering what your day at school will be like. Although each day is different, mornings usually cover the same subjects but each afternoon the lessons will be different. A typical day could be:

- 8:50am- 9am – register + silent reading
- 9am – 9:40am – Skills practise (times tables, spellings, reading)

- 9:40am – 10:40am- English Lesson
- 10:40am 10:55am Break time
- 10:55am – 11:55am Maths Lesson
- 11:55am – 1pm – Lunchtime
- 1pm – 1:20pm – Skills practise (comprehension, grammar)
- 1:20pm – 2:20pm – Topic (Art, Science, Humanities, PE, ICT, French, RE)
- 2:20pm- 2:35pm – Assembly
- 2:35pm – 3:35pm – Topic (Art, Science, Humanities, PE, ICT, French, RE)

School Uniform:

All children must wear our school uniform, though it does not have to have the school logo on it. You can have black/grey school trousers/tight or skirts to go with your white shirt/polo shirt and blue jumper (no leggings, jeans or jeggings). You must also have black school shoes (no trainers) and sensible haircuts. Hair accessories should be neutral colours or blue. Please make sure your name is in all of your clothing.



Snack:



At break time, in the lower hall, you can buy a healthy snack. These range in price from just 5p to 20p. You can bring your own snack from home but it must only be fruit or vegetables.



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Playtime and Lunchtime

During playtime, we have a timetable for you all to use the playground equipment so you will all get a fair amount of time to use them.

During lunchtime, there is lots to do. We have some lovely children who are playground leaders, they can help you sort out the items you need for your game or help you to find children to play with. Also, one of our lunchtime supervisors will set up and lead games on the playground each day. Luckily, we have lots of space so there is plenty for everyone to do.

When you have your lunch your grown-ups can order you a hot dinner or you can bring in a healthy pack lunch (no chocolate bars, sweets or fizzy drinks). You will get to eat your lunch with your year group.

Clubs:

When school is back to normal, there will be lots of different clubs that happen during lunchtimes and after school. I can let you know more about that in September. There's something for everyone.

PE:



We have P.E twice a week. You will need your P.E kit (yellow top and blue shorts) in school every day so please remember to bring it in to save you having to miss out on fun activities. You will also need to remove your earrings if you wear them on a PE day and have mid/long hair tied back.

Things I will need:

You do not need your own pencil case as we provide everything you need. Please leave your own stationary at home as if they get lost it can be very upsetting for you.

You will need your own named water bottle. You can refill it at school each day but remember to take it home regularly to give it a good clean! You will also need a named bag to put your PE kit, reading book and homework in.



Rewards:

You can earn Dojo points for good contributions to learning. When you reach 50, 100, 150, 200 etc you will receive a certificate in our Fab Friday celebration assembly. When you reach milestones e.g. 100 points you get to choose a prize from Mrs O'Connor's reward cabinet!

Each teacher chooses at least one child on a Friday to be given the Fab Friday award. This can be for many reasons such as a fantastic piece of writing or magnificent maths.



We also celebrate values at Alfo which we refer to as our RESPECT charter.

R - Resilience E - Empathy S - Self-awareness P - Passion E - Excellence
C - Communication T - Teamwork

Our Alfo Awards are held at the end of each half term, where children are recognised for showing the Alfo Values. Each teacher selects a member of the class, who has shown a specific value. The red carpet is rolled out and parents are invited to the special celebration. Names are read from a golden envelope and children are presented with a once in a life time award. Who will be our next Alfo Award Winners?



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Reading:

Reading is really important to me and I hope you already really enjoy reading and listening to books being read to you. I have lots of brilliant books to read to you which I am super excited about.

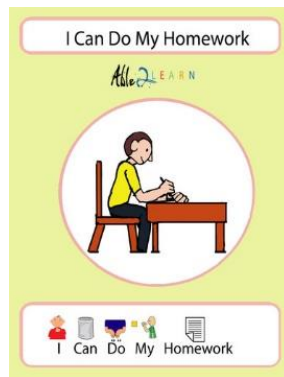


We will be known as Blyton class in September after one of my favourite authors Enid Blyton. She has written hundreds of books and I will try to read you as many as I possibly can over the year! See if you have any at home to bring in to show me. We ask that you read at home to a grown up at least 3 times a week. You don't have to read the whole book, just a few pages is fine. Each time you read, you will be given a raffle ticket then, on Friday your name will be put into a draw and 2 winners chosen will receive something from my Prize Box (shhhhh, no other class has this, only ours). The class with the most reads each week wins the reading trophy, plus there are rewards for you too, so make sure you're a team player and do your reading.

We have an amazing library, you will love it. You will visit Mrs Ebsworth in there once a week. In September, we will also have a new scheme called Reading Karate which I will explain to you all soon.

Homework:

Homework is part of our school routine. We consider reading, practising your spellings and times tables as homework. Also, each week I may set you another piece of homework. This may be to research an area of our topic or to complete work which you have not completed in class. Remember that reading, knowing your times tables and spelling patterns will help you with your school work, it is not a punishment. Promise! If your homework is not done then we have homework club on during lunchtime where you will have to go to complete it. So, it is best to get it done at home 😊



Each term, we also study a significant individual. We have a mission week where we look closely at the reasons why our individual is so significant and discover all about their amazing adventures and accomplishments. Then, we will give you a list of what we call 'Take Home Tasks' from which you can choose the activities you would like to do. We suggest 3 per term. These are fun, creative tasks which you can do with your grown-ups or independently, that will help you learn more about your individual.

To Parents,

Ensuring your child is ready for junior school can feel daunting. To have this feeling coupled with the current situation we find ourselves in will no doubt only increase your anxieties about it. We are currently unsure what September will hold for us but we will face it with a smile on our faces and do our utmost for each and every child. We will be doing a lot of PSHE lessons to ensure children are happy, secure in themselves and their surroundings and ready to learn before we begin to try and teach them.

Please do not worry about the amount of home schooling you have managed to do. I am sure that each one of you has done your very best with the time and the resources that you have had. Just feel secure in the knowledge that we as the teachers know it is our job to find the gaps and support them at their level.

If you could make sure that you are still reading to your child, asking them questions about the story and enjoying the adventures the books hold together then that is great. Maybe squeeze in some times tables and simple sums to keep their math brain ticking if you can. It will help ease the transition after such a long time out of school.

Thank you.
Miss Shelley