



Year 3 Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Loughton School! We are impressed with how well the children have already begun to settle into the new routines of year 3 and how independent they are becoming. As you know, the doors open at 8:40am and the children need to be in the classroom ready to be marked in the register by 8:50am. After this time, children will need to arrive via the front entrance and sign in as 'late' at the office. So far, the children have learnt about the importance of talk and the children are already showing us how well they can use their talking and listening skills; about place value in maths and Peter Rabbit in their English sessions. The Year 3 team are already impressed with the presentation, hard work and perseverance shown by the children in their lessons.

It has been good to meet many of you when you've been dropping off and picking up your children and we would like to say a very big thank you for all your support so far. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or worries about your child. We will be meeting you during parents' evening at the end of this half term, and look forward to discussing how your child has settled in.

Best wishes,
Charlie McNeaney
Year 3 Leader



Please be aware we have some children with severe nut allergies in year 3 and therefore kindly request that you do not pack any nut products in your child's lunchboxes.



Introducing the Year 3 Team

- HB1 **Charlie McNeaney** mcneaneyc@loughton.school (Year Leader)
- Nadina Murray** murrayn@loughton.school (Weds)
- Ben Whyman** (Trainee teacher)
- HB2 **Boppy Wilmshurst** wilmshurstb@loughton.school (Mon-Weds)
- Nadina Murray** murrayn@loughton.school (Thurs-Fri)
- HB3 **Dee Newman** newmand@loughton.school
- HB4 **Lewis Woodham** woodhaml@loughton.school (Deputy Year Leader)

Nicola Read – additional English teacher
Mrs Jo Gray– additional maths teacher
There will also be lessons from Mr Joe Sullivan (PE/Games), Mrs Jane Nabbs (Art), Mr Luke Hodgson (Languages) and Mrs Bianca Vernon (Music/Drama)

Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. You are welcome to catch us on the door between 8:40 and 8.50am or after school, alternatively please email us. Our emails are above and you can find them on the school website.

Events this term

Whipsnade Zoo

HB1 and HB2 24 September
HB3 and HB4 25 September

Harvest Assembly

Tuesday 15 October 9am

Parents' Evenings (and book fair)

Tuesday 22 October 4-7pm

Thursday 24 October 5-8pm

Lion King dance workshop

Friday 8 November

Last day of half term

Friday 25 October

Back to School

Tuesday 5 November

School Photographs

Tuesday 6 November

Firework Evening

Friday 9 November

Children in Need

Friday 16 November

Year 3/4 Disco

Thursday 28 November

Christmas Production

Monday 9 December 1.30pm

Tuesday 10 December 7pm

Wednesday 11 December 7pm

Family open day and Wear it wild day

Thursday 19 December

Last day of term

Friday 20 December 1:30pm

Please check the whole school newsletter or website for any additional dates for your diary.



ParentMail

Due to a large software and IT update throughout the school we are experiencing some problems with the Year 3 ParentMail. We are working on this and hope to see it up and running very soon. We will keep you updated. Once it is up to date, please sign up to receive all communication via your email.

Additionally, parent pay also means you can easily and safely pay for any events, trips or school lunches. This will also mean you give automatic permission and will save the need for any additional slips!

Homework

A spelling task and a maths task will alternate as the homework set every **Friday**. The children will have until the following **Wednesday** to complete and hand in their homework. Additionally, larger projects will be set throughout the year linked to the year group theme; more information will be provided about these throughout the year. Inside the homework book you will find a daily reading record - please help your child to complete this. To encourage and celebrate a love of reading we will be offering the chance to win prizes if your child reads aloud 4 times a week. Inside they are to keep a record of anything they have read, and note whether they enjoyed it. There will also be a copy of their class timetable inside.

Parent Helpers

We always welcome parent help in school, but you do need to be DBS checked. Please see the school office for details.

If you would like to volunteer please let your child's class teacher know and they will arrange with you the most suitable times. If you cannot help on a regular basis there will always be special one-off events that you may be free for. For example, puppet week and a trip to Whipsnade Zoo will happen in the first term, any extra pairs of hands are of great value to us, and the children enjoy sharing these days with their parents.

Games/P.E. Days

HB1 – Monday and Thursday
HB2 – Tuesday and Wednesday
HB3 – Monday and Friday
HB4 – Wednesday and Friday

Please can you ensure children have their kit in school on the correct days.

We will be going outside in most kinds of weather and suggest that you send your child with suitably warm clothing, such as a tracksuit.

Behaviour

Rules

Be your best

1. Be Ready
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Safe

Visible Consistencies

1. Meet and Greet
2. Recognition boards
3. Wonderful Walking

Over & Above Recognition

1. Feel good Friday reward
2. Children sent to SLT
3. SLT/Governors Tea Party

We have spent some time reviewing our behaviour policy; the full document will be available on our website soon. Above are the three clear rules we ask the children to follow: be ready, be respectful and be safe.

As a school, we want to celebrate all of the children for their over and above (exceptional) behaviour. We will be having Friday treats and monthly tea parties to recognise those children.

The children are also aware of a series of consequences that will be followed if they do not adhere to the Loughton School rules.

Library days

HB1 – Friday **HB2** – Tuesday
HB3 – Thursday **HB4** – Friday

The children have the opportunity to visit the school library once a week. We appreciate your support in encouraging the children to ensure their library book is in school on their library day so they are able to change this.

Marvellous Me

Marvellous Me is a fantastic app we have here at Loughton School. It enables us to send you instant positive messages about what your child/child's class is getting up to at school. These range from badges for showing values in school to messages to show off their work. All you need to do is download the app, type in your child's unique code and you're ready to go!



Reading

On the first day your child was given a book. Once they have been assessed, the book level may change. Every child in Year 3 will be able to choose a reading book to bring home. We encourage the children to read a little every night, but suggest a minimum of 4 times a week. Please remind your child that it is their responsibility to change their books regularly and record any reading done at home in their daily reading record. It is always lovely to read children's comments about what they have read.

The most important thing is to make reading a positive and enjoyable experience.

Year 3 'I Can' Statements

Lots of parents ask us at the beginning of the year how else they can support and extend their child's learning at home, in addition to the homework set. Pre-learning topic related vocabulary and beginning each new topic with some understanding would help your child to make the best progress. On our school website under 'curriculum overview' is a map of the different subjects the children will cover in their first term at Loughton School. Each subject has a list of 'I can' statements, in which the children will be aiming to be able to say they can do by the time we break up for the Christmas holidays.