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Dear Year 3 Pupils and Families,

We are delighted to welcome you all to **Meon Junior School** and to our Year 3 team. We hope you have had a wonderful summer and are looking forward to the new school year ahead. Moving into Year 3 is an exciting step, and we are so pleased to be sharing this journey with you.

Our first day back is **Thursday 3rd September**. On this day, children should arrive between **8:30 – 8:40am**. Families are very welcome to come together through the playground and accompany your child to their classroom on the first morning. This will remain the arrangement for at least the first couple of weeks. After the first week, we encourage you to begin working towards saying goodbye at the school gate, so that the children can practise walking into school independently with growing confidence.

The school day will finish at **3:10pm**, and children can be collected from the playground outside their classroom. The gate will be opened at **3:00pm** to allow parents and carers to come in.

Please ensure that your child is wearing **full school uniform** along with **plain black shoes or plain black trainers**. To help us return any misplaced items, we ask that **all clothing and belongings are clearly marked with your child's name**.

Breaktime Snacks

At breaktime, children are welcome to bring a **healthy snack** (for example, fruit or vegetables).

PE

Year 3 will have PE on **Thursdays** (but not the first day). Children may either:

- come to school **wearing their PE kit**, or
- keep their PE kit in a **drawstring bag** at school to change into.

PE kit should include:

- Burgundy or black shorts
- A plain white T-shirt
- PE shoes/trainers
- In colder weather, plain black tracksuit bottoms or leggings may be worn.

All PE kits should be **clearly named**. If your child is unable to take part in PE for medical reasons, a **parent's note** is required.

Bags and Equipment

Due to limited cloakroom space, we kindly ask that your child brings their belongings to school in either a **bookbag** (available from Hargreaves) or a **small school bag**, rather than a large rucksack. These can be stored neatly in the classroom.



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We also encourage children to bring a **small pencil case** to help them take responsibility for their equipment. A pencil, glue stick, ruler, purple pen, and whiteboard pen will be provided. Children are expected to bring their **reading book and reading record every day** (once they have been provided).

Communication

We value strong partnerships with our families and welcome open communication at all times. If you have a quick question, please feel free to catch us at the gate during drop-off or pick-up. For anything more detailed, you can email the Year 3 team directly at **year3@meonjuniorschool.org.uk**, and we will get back to you as soon as possible. If you would like a longer conversation, we are always happy to arrange a meeting—simply book an appointment through the school reception.

Poetry Week

In our first full week back, we will be holding a **Poetry Week**, where children will explore a poem and practise reciting it with fluency and accuracy. To celebrate their hard work, we would like to invite families to join us for our **final performance**. This will take place on **Friday 11th September at 2:45pm in the school hall**. We hope you will be able to come and enjoy the children's performances as they showcase their learning.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children and have lots of exciting things planned for the term ahead. If you have any questions or concerns at any point, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Year 3 team – we are always happy to help.

Thank you for your support. We can't wait to see everyone.

With warm regards,

The Year 3 Team

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