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Year 3 Welcome Letter

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to North Baddesley Junior School and to the start of Year 3. We hope that your children enjoyed a restful summer and are looking forward to the year ahead. The first few days have been both positive and productive, filled with new routines and opportunities for learning. Please be assured that these will soon become a natural part of their daily school life. We have been impressed with the children's smart presentation and their enthusiastic approach as they begin this new stage of learning.

Year 3 Information and Reminders

- **Morning arrival (8:40 a.m.)** – The school doors at the end of the Year 3 path will open at 8:40 a.m. A prompt start ensures that all children have sufficient time to organise themselves for the day ahead and to complete their first learning task.
- **End of the day (3:20 p.m.)** – School finishes at 3:20 p.m. Children will be accompanied down the Year 3 path by their class teacher. This is a good opportunity if you wish to speak briefly with the teacher. For longer discussions, please contact the school office via email to reach your child's class teacher or to arrange a more formal appointment.
- **Collection arrangements** – If your child is being collected by a different adult, we kindly ask that you inform the school office in advance. They will ensure the class teacher is made aware of the change.

On **Wednesday 16th September**, we will be holding a Year 3 Information Meeting. During this session, we will outline home learning expectations, discuss routines, share timetables, and provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have. Please find below a timetable indicating the days when your child will need their PE kit and when their Home Learning is due.

Our PE days are Thursday and Friday each week. Children will need their PE kit on those days.

PE Kit

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit on the designated days. This should include non-logo black shorts, a

plain t-shirt in their house colour, and for the colder months, a non-logo dark jumper and tracksuit bottoms, along with trainers. We also ask that long hair is tied back and that earrings are removed for physical activity. If this is not possible, we kindly suggest that earrings are not worn on PE days.

Reading Diaries

Each child will be provided with a reading diary to record their reading at home. We ask that children read at least four times per week, either to an adult or independently. Each recorded read will earn them raffle tickets, giving them the opportunity to win free books. Reading diaries will be checked during the week by the class teacher.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be set for the whole school via Google Classroom. Each child will receive their own login details, which will be sent home once they have been introduced to the platform in class.

Home Learning will be set every **Thursday** and is due in the following **Tuesday**.

Tasks will include:

- **Spellings:** a weekly rule with practice activities.
- **Maths:** arithmetic practice, consolidation of class learning, or times tables work on Times Table Rock Stars.
- **Reading:** 4–5 times per week, recorded in the diary and initialled by an adult. This can be done reading a physical book or using the online platform Oxford Reading Buddy (you will find out more about this when we meet you on the 16th September).

We ask that if you experience any technical issues, you approach the class teacher at the end of the day before the Home Learning is due in.

Key Dates for Year 3

Below you will find some key dates for Year 3 children, along with any approximate costs associated with each event. Dress-up days do not involve a direct cost, however children are invited to wear costumes linked to the theme, so you may wish to look out for suitable items throughout the year. Please note that these dates are also written alongside the whole-school events published in the school's Contact Newsletter.

Wednesday 16 th September	Parent communication: Welcome Meetings Year Group Information Meeting and any questions can be answered. Session 1: 3.30pm - 4pm Session 2: 4pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday 14 th October	Stone Age Survival Workshop- 3W
Thursday 15 th October	Stone Age Survival Workshop- 3C
Friday 16 th October	Stone Age Survival Workshop- 3H

Monday 19 th October	Parent Evening 3:40 - 6:30
Wednesday 21 st October	Parent Evening 3:40 - 6:30
Thursday 22 nd October	Year 3 Stone Age Day - Dress up day
Monday 14 th December	Year 3 Christmas Carol Concert to Parents 1:45pm
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 3 Christmas Carol Concert to Parents 1:45pm
Wednesday 3 rd February	Year 3 WW2 trip to Beaulieu Motor Museum.
Monday 8 th February	Parent Evening 3:40 - 6:30
Wednesday 10 th February	Parent Evening 3:40 - 6:30
Thursday 25 th February	3C Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45)
Thursday 11 th March	3W Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45)
Tuesday 16 th March	Open Showcase Afternoon: Whole school curriculum showcase (2.30-3.00pm).
Thursday 18 th March	3H Class assembly to parents (10:20 - 10:45)
Wednesday 24 th March	Year 3 WWII Evacuee Dress-up Day
Tuesday 25 th May	Year 3 Egyptian dress up day and 'play in a day' theatre workshop.
Thursday 10 th June	Church Visit – All Saints Church
Monday 21 st June	Year 3 Parent RSE Meeting 3:30 - 4:30(Adults only).

Finally, please ensure that each day your child brings in a water bottle, a break time snack and a coat as the weather gets colder.

Thank you for your continued support. This term, we are excited to launch our first History topic, **"The Stone Age,"** with a variety of engaging and hands-on activities designed to spark curiosity and inspire learning. We look forward to working closely with you throughout the year to create a positive and memorable Year 3 experience for your child.

Kind regards,

Mr Cassim, Mrs Horton and Mr Wheeler