

Welcome Year 3 and 4
parents!



Attendance

- ▶ Incentives: there are several strategies in place to encourage children to attend school every day. The main incentive is the completion of Every Day Counts where the children get to choose a treat.
- ▶ Please send your child to school even if they are feeling a little under the weather. They often improve once they are in school. We will call you if they are unwell.



Dropping off and collecting children

- ▶ The gates open at 8.45am and children need to be in the classroom by 8:55am.
- ▶ Years 2-6 can walk from the playground to their classroom without parents. This is to maximise learning time. We use this time for interventions, morning work, corrections and recaps.
- ▶ Please be considerate when parking.
- ▶ School ends at 3:20pm. Please ensure you are on time.



Uniform

- ▶ Make sure all uniform is named and is in line with the school policy.
- ▶ You were sent a copy of the uniform policy at the end of the year. Please note that jewellery is not permitted to be worn at school including earrings.
- ▶ In Year 3 and 4, PE is on Tuesday. There is an extra session for Year 3 on a Friday and Year 4 on Thursday. Please ensure your child comes to school dressed in their PE kit.
- ▶ If your child attends a sports club, please provide an extra kit for this.



Snacks

- ▶ Children may bring in a small bag of crisps (up to 30g) or a piece of fruit to eat during the morning break time.
- ▶ Children should bring in a plastic bottle or container of water to drink during the day and at break time. They will be able to top this up at lunchtime. Children are not allowed to bring in any type of energy / sports drink/ juice.
- ▶ Bagels are provided daily.



Packed Lunch

- ▶ We encourage healthy eating at Newtons.
- ▶ We do not allow sweets, chocolate or nuts (including food containing nuts). Please cut grapes in half for safety.
- ▶ Please remember to only pack what your child can eat in about 20 minutes.



Curriculum

- ▶ We will be using Cornerstone curriculum which is more of a topic approach to learning rather than specific subjects. Please take a look at our school website for further information.
- ▶ <https://www.newtons.haverling.sch.uk/school-life/curriculum>

Year 3's first topic is 'Through the Ages'...

Year 4's first topic is 'Invaders'...



Homework

- ▶ We have directed our focus on basic skills which are the foundations of all subjects. We need to have your support to ensure that these skills are really embedded so that the children can make great progress.

Homework for Year 3 and 4:

- ▶ Spellings
- ▶ Daily Reading
- ▶ TT Rock stars
- ▶ 1 Grammar and maths activity to consolidate class learning for the week.

Homework will be handed out on a Friday, and we expect it to be returned by the following Thursday.



Reading

- ▶ We want to develop the children's love for reading.
- ▶ This is a lifelong experience and to be engrossed in a good book is our aim for all.
- ▶ We expect each child to read at home at least 3 times per week and the Reading Record to be signed by an adult at home. Only then will the book be changed.

Please ensure your child brings their reading book and reading record each day to school. Children no longer have individual trays therefore bringing a bag to school each day would be helpful.



Spellings

- ▶ Each child will receive spellings to learn each Friday.
- ▶ They will be tested on these the following week each Friday.
- ▶ Some children learn these best by writing them out - Look, Cover, Write, Check. Some like to put the words into sentences. Others like to say them out aloud. We will be teaching spelling patterns and rules to help the children recognise these in unfamiliar words.



Maths

- ▶ Children will need to practise times tables at home.
- ▶ When learning times tables, learn them in the correct order first and then muddle them up.
- ▶ As they progress, we will be asking them the inverse operations e.g. $8 \times 6 = 48$ so 48 divided by 6 is?
- ▶ To help them practise their times tables in a fun way, we subscribe to TT Rockstars. Please encourage your child to use this program at home. It can become quite competitive with children trying to beat the adults in the school.



Workshops

- We will be organising workshops during the year which you will be invited to. It would be great to see you here. It will help you understand the methods we use to help teach your children.



Trips

- ▶ Throughout the year, we will go on a number of trips.
- ▶ Please ensure permission slips and money is given in in a timely manner.
- ▶ We will only allow children to represent the school if they show good behaviour and manners whilst inside the school.



Website

- ▶ Please check the website /Study bugs every week.
- ▶ On Friday, a newsletter is uploaded which includes children who have received awards, Head teachers award, Newtons Award and Value certificates.
- ▶ We also use Facebook as a way of sharing a snapshot of the activities happening at school.



Any questions?

Thank you for coming to
this meeting.