

Year 2 - Moving Up to Year 3 - 2021

Parent Information Evening



September 2021

Please be aware that the following information may be subject to amendments due to the COVID-19 Situation and the information contained herein relates to 'normal practice'.

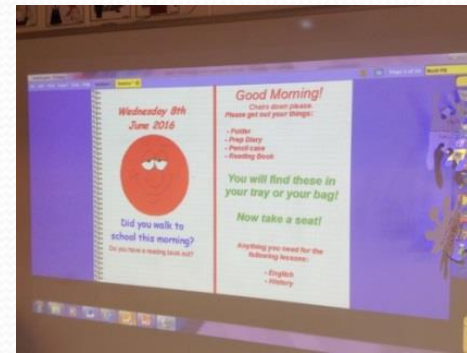
Overview

- Outline of the day in Year 3
- Curriculum and Subjects
- Communication
- Transition and Preparation
- Trips, Events, Visits & Performance Opportunities
- Q & A - this will be held online at the end of June

Outline of the Year 3 Day

- There are 9 lessons a day, each lasting 35 minutes.
- These run from 8.45am - 3.50pm
- Children arrive from 8am onwards, and go to the Astro, unless attending breakfast club from 7:25am or early morning activities.
- 8:20 -8:40 Registration
- 8:45- Lessons start/Assembly

Please try to ensure that your child arrives early enough to benefit from the form time to get themselves ready for the day ahead.



Outline of the Year 3 Day

Cont'd

- 8.45 - 10.30 - Lessons x3
- 10.30 - 11.00 Break - snacks - **nut free**
- 11:00 - 12:45 Lessons x3
- 12:45 - 1.45 - Lunch
- 1:45 - 2.05 Form Time and registration
- 2.05 - 3.50 Lessons x3
- 4pm Home/Snack/Prep
- 4.30 - 5.15 Activities/WDT
- 5:15 - Pick up- (Supper Club - 6pm)



Curriculum and Subjects

- Children are taught mainly by their form teacher in their class base, they will move around for some subjects - DT, Art, Music etc.
- Subjects include: English, Maths, Science, History, R.S. Geography, French, Spanish, Art/DT, Music, P.E. and Games.
- Matches and Tournaments- Thursdays and occasionally at the weekend.
- Sports covered include: Rugby, Netball, Football, Hockey, Cricket, Rounders, Athletics, Tennis and Basketball, handball and gymnastics - multi-sports also.
- Music and LAMDA lessons are available - Please contact Mr Reeves for peripatetic lessons and Ms Moon, via the School Office, for LAMDA
- Activities - advice is to limit these initially - the day will be longer for your child already. Some activities may be before, during or after school. You will receive notification about how to sign up for these.

Trips, Events and Performance

- Curriculum or Social skills give your child the value added aspect to 'school life'.
- Previous years - The Look Out as part of STEM week, The Verulamium Museum, Year 3 Camp, Art Week - visitors in, Walk to School etc, World Book Day and charitable events throughout the year
- Performance - Plays usually occur in Years 2 and 4 so opportunities for performance - MOTY, Musical Moments, Form Assemblies - parents invited, Carol Service, Choral evenings and Prose and Verse and of course sporting fixtures

Communication

Whether you are new to Gayhurst or not, we hope you will keep closely in touch with us; the better we know you, the more we shall be able to communicate constructively about your child's development.

- MSP (My School Portal)
- Prep Diary
- Weekly Newsletter and Social Media
- Letters about trips/events/curriculum
- Information Evenings - 11+, Handover, Secondary Schools exhibitions
- Parents Evenings
- Specific events



Transition and Preparation



- At the end of June - There will be an online Q & A session for parents with Miss Legg - Assistant Head - Senior School and the Year 3 Team- This will be held online on Teams.
- At the beginning of July - The children will find out which forms they are in for next year and will go up to their new class for a 'Moving Up' session.
- The Year 3 staff will visit the Year 2 children in their Year 2 classes before the end of term.
- The Year 2 & 3 staff will complete a detailed handover session before the end of term.
- Children who are NEW to the school will be invited into school at the end of August to meet their Form Teacher again and familiarise themselves with the school grounds and location of their class room.
- During the holidays - parents will be sent a copy of the Parent Handbook for 2021-2022

Over the holidays:

To Prepare.....you can do the following:

- Regular reading - monitoring comprehension as well as accuracy
- Raising levels of independence (Shirts/Ties etc)
- If your child has shoes with laces, please make sure they can tie them up 😊
- Organise equipment and pencil case
- Practise their times tables

