

A Message from Mr. Hawthornthwaite

In normal times, we would have arranged a meeting so that you could meet our Year 3 staff and start to get to know your child's teachers. We would have given you lots of useful information and an opportunity to ask as many questions as you would have liked. Sadly, because of the circumstances in which we find ourselves, we will have to make an alternative arrangement and communicate with you through our website and through the post.

Welcome to Your New School!

First of all, I'd like to give every new Year 3 child and their parents and carers a very warm welcome to Longshaw Community Junior School. We cannot wait to get to know our new children and their families. We understand that it may be a worrying time for some children. All children are different and need different amounts of support when dealing with a change of school. It is our first priority to make sure that our new Year 3 children are settled and happy from the very start.

What we Know Already about Your Child

We work very closely with our colleagues at Longshaw Community Infants School and we are already aware of some important information about your child. We know about their learning; what their individual strengths and weaknesses are, where children need special support and where children have particular talents. Our Year 3 teachers have discussed your child with their current Year 2 teachers and these discussions will continue after your child has joined us in September. A number of our teachers, such as Mrs Rigbye, Mrs Ainsworth and Mrs Eccles work in both schools so your child will recognise some of the adults from their first day in school.

Working with Parents and Carers

We are always keen to have close contact with the parents and carers of our children, especially when they are new to school. Please, please feel free to ring school with questions or concerns should you have any. If your question is a brief one, teachers may be able to speak to you about it on the playground before and after school. More usually however, teachers will pass your query on to a senior leader or a member of the office staff. Alternatively you could make an appointment to speak to a teacher after school when there is more time. Of course we cannot always guarantee to solve every problem in the way in which individual parents would like it to be solved but we promise to listen and do everything we can to ensure parents and carers are happy.

Some Useful Information About the School Day

There is a document on our website entitled 'Welcome to Year 3' which gives some information you might find valuable as your child starts school. Much of it is also included in our school booklet, copies of which you can collect from school before we close for the summer if you would like to. There is information about starting and finishing times, school uniform, dinner money and so on. Please do not worry if you have initial difficulties with any of these things. They will all be able to be ironed out once your child has started school and the normal routine is established.

Contacting Us

The main office telephone is the best way to contact school. Unfortunately, during the summer it may be out of service because of some electrical work we are undertaking. If this is the case, you should ring the school mobile number – 07955 823958 – and your call will be returned as quickly as possible.

And Finally...

I would like to stress that our main priority is to help your child settle into life in their new school as quickly as possible. I know that Longshaw Community Infant School has given them an excellent start to their education and we at Longshaw Juniors are determined to carry that on. We will support each child to learn and grow, recognising their individual needs. We want them to be successful learners and happy individuals and we will support them in this from their first day with us.

Paul Hawthornthwaite

Head Teacher.