

Longshaw Junior School

Welcome to Year 3!



Arriving at school -

The entrance to school is via the bottom gate on Park Lee Road. A member of staff is on the yard at 8.40am. Children should not arrive before 8.30am, unless they are in Breakfast club. Children line up and the bell rings at 8.50am. Staff will lead children into school. School gates are locked at 9.00am. If your child arrives after the class has gone in their name is logged in a late book and if they arrive after 9.00am they need to go to the Main office to access school. Learning starts straight away so it is really important that children are punctual and don't miss anything.

Breakfast Club -

Breakfast club runs every day from 8am until 8.40am. Children bring £1 and can choose a drink, cereal, toast or special (bacon sandwich or beans on toast). There are activities to keep the children occupied after they have eaten and Sports Coaches on two of the days for some post breakfast exercise. You do not need to register for a place as children can attend on an adhoc basis.

School Uniform –

All children require full uniform – Girls – grey skirt or trousers

Blue polo shirt

Blue sweatshirt/cardigan

White socks – Grey or black tights in winter

Blue summer dresses in summer if you wish

Black shoes

Boys – as above but grey trousers or shorts for summer



PE Kit –

A PE kit is required in school every day;

- White t-shirt with school logo
- Black, blue or white shorts
- Black pumps or trainers
- Long hair tied up
- No jewellery or watches

PE kit should all be named and stored in a named bag.

All school uniform and PE kit is available from Whittakers. We do often hold sales of good condition second hand during the year which can be really useful for picking up spares. As per PE kit all uniform must be named. This gives us a chance of returning any lost items to their owner. It is very hard without names.

Forest School

During the year your child will have at least 6 weeks of Forest School. We will let you know nearer the time what they should bring for this depending on our slot and the weather. Crucial though are wellies so these may be worth keeping hold of or picking up.

Daily Routine –

In the morning lessons are until 10.30am which is break time. At playtime, children can buy a piece of fruit for 20p or bring in their own to eat at lunch time. We do occasionally have ice lollies in warmer weather but you will be contacted about this via text. No cereal bars, crisps or chocolate please. £1 can be sent for the week if preferred. After break we work until 12.15 which is our lunch time. Children come back into afternoon lessons at 1.15pm and we work until 3.20pm. This means we do not have an afternoon break as the children are used to. We are conscious of this and in the first few weeks and in nice weather will often use this chance to go and get fresh air or run our Daily Mile.

Pupils can bring in a named water bottle from home to have in the classroom. It must be water only, not juice of any kind.

Lunchtime –

Children can bring sandwiches or have a school dinner. School dinners are £1.80 per day, £9 per week. This can be sent in with your child in a named envelope or paid directly to the office if preferred. Some families will be entitled to Free School Meals due to financial circumstances. If this applies please make sure you are registered with the council. Details can be found at <https://mybwd.blackburn.gov.uk/Pages/Form%20Pages/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>.

Even if your child would prefer a packed lunch if you are eligible for Free School Meals please do register as it helps the school a great deal financially.

Packed lunches will not be checked for their contents but please make sure they have an appropriate mix of healthy foods and a treat.

Reading –

A book bag, books and reading record will be provided in September. Children are expected to read 4 times every week and will be rewarded in various ways if they do. The way we teach reading at the Junior school is different and a lot of reading happens in lesson time. This means they do not read regularly to adults as you may have been used to at the Infants. This means Home Reading is even more important.

Collecting from school –

The school day finishes at 3.20pm. Initially as we try to get to know you, we will only let the children go once we see you in the yard. If someone else is collecting them, please let us know. After the first week, please let us know what arrangements you have made with your child. Likewise if your child is going home with siblings in school.

Contact with school

There are various ways we will make contact with you and in turn you can contact us. We use a very successful text service for parents that is used to send out quick reminders about things and also to book for events like Parents Evenings. It is crucial we have up to date mobile numbers for this to work. We send letters home with the children and produce a weekly newsletter, copies of which are all on the school website. Should you need to speak to your child's teacher we are always on the yard in the morning or after school. Please be aware that if it is an issue that will take a while to discuss it is better to make an appointment which can be done either by arrangement with the teacher or via the school office.

Classes

The children will be in 3 classes 3BC, 3J and 3W taught by Mrs Brooker-Carey & Mrs Lee, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Wade. They are supported by Mrs Berry, Mr Holden Greenwood, Mrs Creasey and Mrs Rose. The groupings will not be the same as the classes at the Infants. We find it provides a much more successful transition to mix the children up and start afresh. This is painstaking process of discussion with the Infant staff and looking at the children's personalities and academic needs and we ensure the children are always with some children they know.

New starter packs –

The new starter packs include;

details of your child's class and teacher

the data collection form

consent form

E-safety form

home/school agreement.

These forms **MUST** be completed and returned to us as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us on 01254 296450.

We can't wait to welcome you to Longshaw Junior School!