



# WEST BOROUGH

## YEAR 3 PARENT INFORMATION



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### Year 3 Staff

**Juniper Class** – Class Teacher – Mrs Eades  
Teaching Assistant – Mrs Sage  
**Hornbeam Class** – Class Teacher – Miss Taylor  
Teaching Assistant – Miss Akbar  
**Leader of Learning for Woodlands Team (Y3 & 4)** – Mrs Walker  
PPA Cover – Tuesday morning – Mr Atkinson/Mrs Hill  
**Class assemblies:**  
Juniper — WC 22nd July  
Hornbeam — WC 22nd July



### Our Learning

During the course of the year our topics will be: 'Through the Window', 'Bright Sparks Academy', 'Discovering Guatemala', 'Creative Footsteps', 'The Ugly Bugs Ball' and 'Walk Like an Egyptian'. Learning is cross curricular and we will continue to focus on deepening understanding of Maths through the mastery approach and English skills. Children will be expected to write in Standard English and expectations of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be high.

We will continue to develop learning skills alongside our core values and curriculum. These skills enable children to become life long learners. This term the focus is 'Becoming Better Learners'. During the course of the year we will also cover 'Developing Independence and Responsibility' and 'Thinking Skills'.

This year we are planning to visit Living Land at Detling Showground. This will take place in May. We may ask for a small contribution towards the cost of this trip. A letter will confirm details nearer the time. We also hope to enrich learning in cost efficient ways, possibly in school or visits in the local area. Costs of these will be kept to a minimum.

The class pages on [www.west-borough.kent.sch.uk](http://www.west-borough.kent.sch.uk) will be updated regularly to keep you updated with information. You can also follow us on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/BoroughWest) @BoroughWest.

### Timestables

It is also an expectation that children in Year 3 know their 2, 3, 4 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Children will continue to be tested as part of the 'Rockstars Maths' award in which certificates are awarded for continued high achievement. Times tables should be practiced regularly at home. Children can also practise at home via Timestable Rockstars. A reminder of their login will come home with them.

### Uniform

The school has clear guidelines for School Uniform. We have already noticed that some of the children's clothing is not named; this makes it very difficult to return lost items to the correct children. Please make sure that all of your child's possessions are clearly named, including their PE kit and lunch boxes.

Please remember that all hair of shoulder length or longer should be tied back; there should be no large decorative hair bands or accessories. Nail varnish is not permitted in school and children will be asked to remove it.

### Pencil Cases

At the beginning of each academic year each class receives a new supply of equipment. This equipment is for the children to use throughout the school day and they are taught to use it properly and with respect. In Woodlands Team the children will each be given a clear pencil case with the following equipment: Writing pencil, ruler, board pen, glue stick, red, green and yellow pencil and a purple pen.

The children will need to pay £1.00 each for the pencil case and equipment. Once they finish the academic year and return the pencil case, as long as they still have all the equipment, they will be given £1.00 back. As the year goes on, some of the equipment will run out and this will be replaced with new equipment.

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## PE/Swimming

PE will take place on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. All children are expected to take part in all PE lessons and to have an appropriate change of clothing and shoes. All earrings should be removed before school on these days, unless your child is able to remove them themselves. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and cannot take their earrings out, they will be asked to tape their ears themselves using micro-pore tape. During Terms 5 and 6, Friday's PE session will be replaced by Swimming lessons at Larkfield Leisure Centre on a Monday afternoon. The children will travel by coach to and from swimming. Swimming lessons will be taught by Qualified Instructors, employed by Larkfield Leisure Centre. The cost of swimming will be £5 per week. Girls must wear a one piece swimming suit. To ensure the children's safety, we will require additional adults, when we go swimming. If you think you would be available to accompany us, either on a regular weekly or occasional basis, please talk to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

## Healthy School Packed Lunches

As a Healthy School, we ask that children have suitable items in their packed lunch box. We ask that they only have one of the following:

Crisps  
Biscuit  
Cereal bar  
Cheese string  
Peperami  
Cake/cake bar  
**NO SWEETS or CHOCOLATE**  
Children are also only permitted to bring in water

## Busters Book Club

We will be continuing Buster's Reading incentive scheme this year. Children will receive a new bookmark very soon. Please record the number of minutes that they have read on a Wednesday evening ready for data collection on a Thursday. If your child has exceeded their target minutes please record this on the bookmark too. We will then collect the data and awards will be given out in Friday Assembly. This includes badges, class trophies and tickets to attractions such as Leeds Castle. Our target in **Year 3 is to read for at least 15 minutes per night.**

## School Priorities for 2019-20

Every year, the school produces an Improvement Plan that lays out what it hopes to achieve during the coming terms. This is approved by Governors who monitor the impact of any improvements.

Once again, our end of Key Stage results are very strong and we are achieving above National standards in the vast majority of subjects at every Key Stage, EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. This is a testament to all the hard work of our pupils and the staff, supported by you at home.

Last year our focus included enhancing subjects beyond English and Maths, to ensure we provide a broad and balanced curriculum that is rich and engaging. This was enhanced by many events, including our Arts Week and Language Fair. We hope to include many more events like these this year. Reading was another focus and again we have seen greater numbers of children engaging in reading both in the classroom and beyond, and end of Key Stage results validate this.

This year we will have a focus on Writing with a mastery approach. This follows on from our successful Maths Mastery teaching. This ensures children have mastered a writing skill before moving on to the next stage. More information will become available as we go through the year. We shall also be developing the children as global citizens, ensuring they have a growing understanding of the current issues affecting the world we live in. Finally, we have an embedded assessment and reporting system across the school, however we would like to adapt these procedures this year. This will involve parents views to ensure we are providing you with the most relevant and accessible information about your child's progress and attainment throughout the year. We shall update you on progress of our priorities as we go through the year.

## Learning at Home

Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and the book should be signed. However, reading books need to be in school every day.

In addition to reading, we expect the children to learn and practise times tables and weekly spellings. The children will also continue to have home learning. This needs to be completed and returned to school on a **MONDAY** morning. Consequences for failure to return home learning will be enforced in Term 3.

*We would like to thank you all in advance for supporting your children's learning during their time in Year 3. Please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or concerns. It is often easier to talk to us after school, however if you need to speak to us regarding something that will affect your child during the day, either speak to the Class Teacher or Teaching Assistant when you drop your child off in the morning. As well as speaking to parents at the end of the day, we may write in your child's contact book or telephone you to discuss any concerns or to celebrate your child's achievements with you.*

*Thank you from the Year 3 team*

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