

HAFFYDOWN 2023-2024

class information

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Welcome back to another fantastic year at Aston St Mary's! We are delighted to welcome children back after their summer break and I am thrilled to be teaching Haffydown class this year, alongside Mrs Davies. Although I already know your children, I am very much looking forward to getting to know everyone much better within our new Haffydown class community. To ensure Year 2 remain closely connected with the rest of their year group, a combined timetable of lessons and playtimes has been arranged.

This letter provides information on the year and term ahead, however, I would welcome you to come and speak to me at the start or end of the day, if you have any questions. Alternatively, please reach me through Seesaw and I will be in touch as soon as I am available.

Miss Myers

ARRIVAL AND PICK UP

Drop off and pick up will continue as before, at the side of the school and by the Haffydown door. Could all parents please confirm in writing, via Seesaw, their arrangements to avoid any confusion at pick up, e.g. childminder days, family members trusted to collect, etc. This ensures your child always leaves safely with the correct person and will help me to pass messages on easily.

SCHOOL TRIP

To support our learning in History, we will be visiting the British School Museum in Hitchin on the 10th of October. This is an exciting costume trip, however, while you are welcome to buy an outfit, please do not spend lots of money on a costume that may not be worn again - any clothing you already own that nods to the Victorian era would be suitable. FULL DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON!

STAFFING

Miss Myers - Class Teacher
Mrs Davies - Class Teaching Assistant
Mrs Evans - Monday Class R.E. Teacher
Miss O'Brien - Friday Morning Class Teacher
Mrs Minnis - Tuesday Class Music Teacher
Mr Wells - Monday P.E. Teacher

SEESAW

New Seesaw login details have been sent home with your child to allow you to log into the app. If you are unable to gain access, please let me know as soon as possible. Class updates and communications will be posted to the class journal. The messaging function can also be used to reach me with any queries. Haffydown will be encouraged to share their homework, achievements and news on Seesaw.

P.E. KITS

All children require a full, labelled P.E. kit in school, including named trainers. Trainers are stored on the bench in the classroom and therefore must be named as they are used every day for the Daily Mile.

P.E. kit should include:

- P.E. T-shirt (plain, red, rounded neck)
- Trainers
- Navy jumper
- Navy jogging bottoms
- Navy shorts

READING AND TTRS

Reading is essential for academic progress across all subjects and in Haffydown, our passion for reading will be promoted and incentivised as much as possible. We have a basketball and spin wheel system in class for children who have read at home - please ask your children for the exciting details! All children should aim to read at home every day and to promote independence, the children will be able to record their reading in their journals themselves. This should be supervised by an adult at home and ideally countersigned.

Times Table Rocks Stars will also continue to be a strong focus within Haffydown. Within the next few weeks, we will be relaunching TTRS for parents of Year 2 primarily, but Year 3 parents are also very welcome to attend. More details on this will follow but in the mean time, Year 3 will be expected to practice TTRS at home.

WATER BOTTLES

The children will all need a named water bottle in school every day that will be sent home daily to be cleaned and refilled. Our class sink can be used for refills throughout the day. Hydration will be encouraged in Haffydown all year round.

SNACK POTS

Year 2 will be provided a free school snack. Year 3 can, if they wish, bring their own snack in. Any containers must be named and returned home at the end of the day.

RECORDERS

Year 2 and Year 3 will all need a named recorder for their music lesson on Tuesdays. These are available to purchase at the school office.

ARBOR

Could all parents please check their Arbor accounts to ensure all details are correct and up to date. This is particularly important for allergies and contact information. All medical information must be recorded, including asthma pumps.

OUR CURRICULUM

Homework - A History homework grid and a Science homework grid will be sent out this term for the children to choose one activity from each. Alternatively, they are able to do an activity of their own making/choosing to support their learning in each subject.

English - We are starting with the Paper Bag Princess as we look at Fairy Tales. We will also cover writing instructions through our reading spine texts.

Maths - We will continue to cover the National Curriculum.

Science - Year 2 and Year 3 - Animals including humans.

History - Local History - Joseph Lancaster.

Art - Andy Goldsworthy

Music - Harvest Festival/Christmas Songs, Recorder Notes B, G, A - Performing and Pitch Control, and Composers - Bach and Amy Beach.

P.E. - Football and Tag Rugby

Computers - Coding

PSHE - VIPs