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Welcome to Year 3

Halifax Primary school 2024-2025

Halifax Primary School- Meet the Teachers

Staff:

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- ❖ Mrs Mortimer, Mrs Stankiewicz (3MS), Miss Dawson (3ID) and Mrs Devereux.
- ❖ Learning lead- Mrs Johnson.
- ❖ Mrs Chakraborty

How to contact us- Please use messenger on Class Dojo in the first instance. A member of staff will also be on the gate in the morning to take any messages to pass them on to the class teacher. If these channels do not work, please contact the school office.

Please ensure any absence or appointment notes go through the school office and not on Class Dojo.



❖ The school day:

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- The gates open at 8:25am.
- Children can come into school from 8:35am.
- The gates close at 8:45am.
- Break time will be at 10:30am to 10:50am.
- Lunchtime will be from 12:00 – 12:55pm.
- The school day will finish at 3:15pm.
- Children will come into school and leave through the Year 3 gate. At the end of the day, we will take the children out of the gate and bring them down the steps. Once we see parents we will let them go.



❖ ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance and punctuality is a skill for life and the best way to embed this skill in our children is to promote high expectations as soon as they start school.

When we are thinking about attendance '**Helping Each Other to Aim High**' means that we all aspire for our children to be in school, on time, ready to learn every day. We will update you each week on how we're doing.

Statutory Guidance from the government regarding school attendance comes into force from **19th August 2024**. Please find more information in the dining hall.



ATTENDANCE	LOST LEARNING
100%	Nothing missed Everything gained
99.5%	1 DAY 5 LESSONS WITHIN EXPECTATION
99%	2 DAYS 10 LESSONS WITHIN EXPECTATION
98%	4 DAYS 20 LESSONS WITHIN EXPECTATION
97.99%	Over 4 DAYS Over 20 LESSONS BELOW EXPECTATION CATCH UP REQUIRED
95%	9.5 DAYS 45 LESSONS WORRYING, CHANCES OF FALLING BEHIND IMPACTING ON SUCCESS
92%	15 DAYS 70 LESSONS LESS LIKELY TO SUCCEED & HARDER TO MAKE PROGRESS
90%	19 DAYS 95 LESSONS LIKELY TO HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON ACHIEVEMENT & LIFE CHANCES

Did you know that children are only in school for 190 days a year? That leaves 175 days for family time, holidays and routine medical appointments.

In most areas of life a score of 80% or 90% would be considered good or event excellent, but not when it comes to school attendance.

If you have concerns about your child's attendance and would like to discuss these, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.



❖ School Uniform:

We expect children to wear our uniform as this promotes a feeling of belonging to the community of Halifax School and also prepares them for the world of work. We expect children to be wearing black shoes during the school day!

[School Uniform - School Website](#)

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What Your Child Will Need for School

Uniform

White or blue polo shirt
Royal blue jumper or cardigan (school logo optional)
Grey or black trousers or shorts
Grey or black skirt or pinafore
Blue and white summer dress
White or dark socks or tights
Black school shoes, ankle boots or trainers
Water bottle
Appropriate coat (provided all year round)
Wellington boots (a pair to be left in school)
Sunhat and sun cream (for warm weather)
Discreet hair bows and bands in blue or white
One pair of stud earrings can be worn



If you would like your child to have a Halifax jumper or cardigan, these can be purchased from PMG Schoolwear, 40 Westgate Street, Ipswich.

PE Kit

Plain white t-shirt (school logo optional)
Plain black or navy shorts (no logos)
Plain dark tracksuit (no logos)
Black Trainers

Forest Schools Clothing

Plain dark trousers
Plain dark sweatshirt
(old tracksuit would be ideal)
Dark T-Shirt
Coat and Wellies

Please ensure that long hair is tied up and earrings are removed for PE lessons.

PLEASE NAME EVERYTHING CLEARLY



❖ Timetable:

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PE Days

Wednesday indoor PE

Friday outdoor PE

Swimming - TBC

PE kits must be appropriate. We expect children to wear a white, plain polo top, black or navy plain shorts and black or navy plain tracksuit. Please do not send your child in with a massive logo on their tops or brightly coloured t-shirts.

We are striving to keep the cost of uniform as low as possible, so please support us by buying plain items and not branded sportswear.



❖ Trips and Experiences

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As part of our work to provide an engaging curriculum, we endeavour to provide a range of trips and experiences to enrich the learning of all of our pupils.

As you can appreciate, the provision of these events does involve a significant amount of additional planning and costings and we will always strive to provide as much notice as possible to gain consent, deposits and balance payments. Therefore, in order to help us continue to provide these experiences, deadlines for consent and payment must be met.

Spring Term

Stone Age experience at school

Summer Term

Colchester Castle



❖ Year Group Expectations:

Our school rules: **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be Caring** frame our high expectations in Year 3.

We expect all children to be kind and courteous to everyone. We also expect everyone to genuinely try their best and to know that making mistakes is part of learning.

We appreciate your support with this.



❖ Homework Expectations

- We expect a minimum of 4 reads each week but we encourage children to read everyday. Diaries need a short comment and signed by an adult or the child. Children can write in their own diaries. (We are parents too; we understand that this is not always possible!)

Reads will be checked every Monday.



❖ Curriculum:

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Autumn Term –

Our Topic in Autumn Term will be Around the world – North America. Within this topic we will be using atlases to learn lots about geography. We will also be having lots of fun learning about volcanoes and other natural disasters!

Spring Term-

In the Spring term we will be learning about the Stone Age through to the Iron Age. Children will experience and learn all about the lives of our prehistoric ancestors.

Summer Term-

Our Topic in Summer Term will be 'The Romans'. We will learn about the impact of the Romans on life in Britain.



❖ How You Can Help:

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The most important thing you can do at home is to read with your child **every day**. Reading is the key to their success in Primary School.

Knowing times tables is an essential part of mathematics, therefore it is important that you also practise times tables, particularly 3s, 4s and 8s. The children can continue to use Times Table Rock Stars over the holiday to develop their recall of these facts. Hit the button is also a good website to help children with their times tables. We also recommend writing a diary over the summer holiday.

We will keep you updated regularly on what the children do in school through Class Dojo.



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We thank you in advance for your support and very much look forward to working with you and your child next year.

Any questions?

