

Transition Meeting

Key Stage 1 to Key
Stage 2

Quotes from our children!

We asked Year 3 what they felt was most different about this year and this is what they had to say...

- 'Bigger homework books (for more homework)'
- 'We are expected to learn all of our times tables'
- 'The teachers expect you to do your best work'
- 'We have harder work and less breaks'
- 'We are expected to join our handwriting now'
- 'The teachers are stricter'
- 'I have much more homework – but I love homework!'
- 'We get house points if we have a good answer or for good work'
- 'I have noticed that everyone has become more independent'

Before School

The children will now be on the KS2 playground.

They will need to take their packed lunches to the trolleys which are next to the dining room. When the bell rings at 8.40am, all parents are expected to leave so that the children have space to run around. If you need to speak to Miss Jones then please send a note with your child or book an appointment at the office.

The second bell will ring at 8.50 and the children will line up in 2 lines - boys and girls. Miss Jones will then come and meet the class and walk them to the classroom.

Break Time

The children will have their morning break at 10.25 on the Key Stage 2 playground after Collective Worship.

In Key Stage 1, fruit is provided for the children to have as a snack however they will now need to bring their own. Please only give your child fruit - no fruit winders or frubes please.

On the Key Stage 2 playground the children rotate their football days. Year 3 has football on a Thursday. They will need to change into trainers if they want to play football, and in the summer to use the playtrail.

If you wish your child to have milk, then please speak to the office about costs.

Lunch Time

Lunch for Key Stage 2 children starts at 12.15 so that there is extra curriculum time in the morning.

The children can bring in a packed lunch or you can choose to pay for school meals. If they are having school meals then there will be three choices per day as in Year 2. Miss Jones will write the menu for the day on the board so that the children can choose what they would like.

You may be entitled to free school meals.

Free School Meals

Herts Catering have asked that all parents apply for free school meals even if you think that you may not be entitled.

If you already applied for free school meals, you *will* need to apply again now that they are moving to Key Stage 2 as they are not automatically renewed.

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Equipment

In KS2 we expect the children to come to school fully prepared and to take care and responsibility for their possessions.

Blue pen
Black pen (Big Write)
Purple pen (Polishing pen)
Pencil
Rubber
Ruler
Pencil sharpener
Glue stick (white glue only please)
Whiteboard pen

Second pencil case with colouring pencils (optional)

The children will be given their first handwriting pen for free once they have earned their pen licence.

Blue and purple pens are available from the Office priced 55p.
Whiteboard pens cost 30p.

Dictionaries

With more emphasis on spelling in the curriculum we would like all children in Key Stage 2 to bring in a pocket sized dictionary to keep in their drawers.

The children will be expected to use their dictionaries to help them look up unfamiliar vocabulary and to help them when proof reading and editing their work.

PE Kits

It is expected that children will have their PE kits in school every day in case we have to change the weekly timetable.

It is recommended that during the winter the children have trainers rather than plimsolls and that they have a plastic bag in their kit bags in case they get muddy! They are also allowed to bring in a plain, navy blue jumper or hoody to wear outside.

The children will go swimming on a Tuesday and will need to bring a swimming hat, swimming costume/trunks and a towel. Please be aware that swimming will start during the first week of term!

Homework

The children are still expected to read every day. They will have a reading book each week and access to the Junior Library where they can choose their own book. They will be able to change their library books at lunchtime. Please sign their reading record book at least 3 times a week.

Maths and English homework are set each week and the children will be told when they need to hand it in. If they repeatedly do not hand in homework, then they will have to do it in their lunchtimes.

Spellings – Get Spelling

The children will continue to do 'Get Spelling'. This approach covers all of the spelling requirements of the 2014 National Curriculum. The focus shifts away from the traditional weekly spelling test to daily teaching and children orientated activities with the aim of teaching spelling rather than just assessing it. This will result in children being able to use these words successfully in their written work, not just in their spelling tests.

Your child will bring home a spelling book in a plastic wallet to protect it from water bottle spills. Please ensure they keep this in their school bag as they will be using it daily. The spelling book is a place where children can collect words that they find difficult as well as words that fit the spelling pattern/rule of the week. There will also be tricky words that don't fit regular patterns but must be learnt.

Children will be tested on a random selection of words that fit the previous spelling rules on a regular basis.

The children will also be tested on a list of Year 3/4 words which they are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 4. We will teach these spellings to them during the course of the year, they are not expected to know how to spell them all!

Mathletics

Mathletics is a fantastic subscription site that the school pays for. They will be issued with a log in and password early on in September and Miss Jones will send these home so they can access it at home.

Mathletics will be set for homework regularly. They will still be able to use Sumdog in the meantime.

The biggest difference from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 is that we expect the children to be more responsible and independent. This transition takes time and some will find it difficult to organise themselves to begin with.

Be prepared for tired children as the time spent in the classroom learning is extended!