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Welcome Back!

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I just wanted to send a letter to welcome you back to school and into Class 3! It's been a while but I wanted to reassure you that we have planned activities to ensure that the first few weeks are all about settling the children back into school and our routines as gently as possible. Following this, we will then make a start on our topics – details of which you can find on the Class 3 section of the school website <http://www.st-josephsrc-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/class-3/>.

From September, the whole school will be doing their P.E. sessions on Mondays and Fridays. Therefore, to eliminate the need to bring in bags and to change in school; the children are to come into school, on these days, dressed in their outdoor PE kit. This consists of jogging bottoms, a plain white or blue t-shirt (this can be their blue polo shirt) and their school jumper/cardigan, along with trainers suitable to wear outdoors. So along with Monday afternoons our second PE session will be on Friday mornings. I am delighted to announce this will be led by Mr Baker from Scout.Ed (Science and Outdoor Education Specialists). The children will have opportunities to experience activities which will get their hands dirty through practical activities which offer challenge whilst exploring our school grounds!

Homework will look slightly different this year. Unlike 'Home Learning', this work is purely a consolidation of the learning which has taken place in class and should be done independently. More details of this will follow in due course but like I said the first few weeks is predominantly about settling in and getting used to being back. Please remember the usual pleas for names on clothing and water bottles. Children are NOT to bring bags into school – new school bags will be given to the children in the coming weeks when homework starts to go home.

Our times are the same, between 8.50 and 9am on a morning and 3.15pm is home time. All that is left to say for now is that I look forward to welcoming the children back in again and seeing you, socially distanced of course, on the mornings when I am on the yard. I have a good feeling about the year ahead and feel really lucky that I get to be a witness to all the things your children will achieve!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs G Hanley

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