



Welcome to Year 3!

Welcome to Year 3, Fox class!

I am Miss Morgan and I am looking forward to a brand new year in Foxes! This letter contains some important information about next year along with some activities you may wish to complete with your child over the summer.

As a school, we will be moving over to the Quigley Essentials Curriculum and the White Rose Maths Curriculum from September. Further details regarding subject content and class timetables will be shared with you at welcome meetings in September.

Important Dates

Thursday 1st September 2022 – first day back at school.

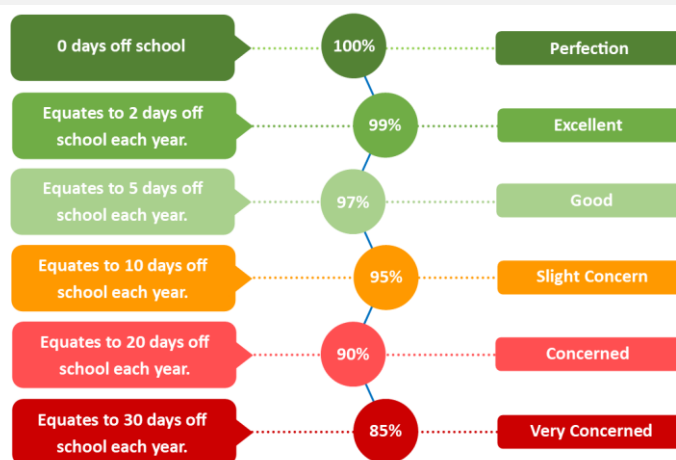
Monday 12th September 2022- Welcome Meeting.

School Values

Over the past academic year, we have reviewed our school values to ensure they reflect our aspirations for all the children at Shorne. Our new Christian values are: **Respect, Community and Resilience**. These will form the basis of our collective worships for the first few weeks of the first academic term, and each value will be linked to two Bible stories that will be shared with all families and the children in September.

Attendance

Your child's attendance at school is of the utmost importance; it directly impacts on pupil wellbeing and achievement. Pupil attendance is closely monitored, and we expect pupils to attend the entirety of their school offering during term time. The national expectation for pupil attendance is 96% and above. If your child's attendance drops below this, support systems will be put in place to help increase attendance. Holidays in term time are not permitted. Please also ensure your child is at school on time and by 8.50am. Please read our Attendance Policy, which outlines our procedures related to pupil absence.



Illness

We appreciate that from time-to-time, children do suffer from illness. If your child is unwell, please consider carefully the necessity to keep them off from school. Please visit the NHS Live Well website to support you with this decision: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. Please make medical/ dental appointments outside school time where possible. If your child has ongoing health issues, the school will be aware and will work with families to support the child's health alongside their school attendance.

NHS

Live well

What does your child need in September?

Please ensure your child has a **bag**. There will be a **middle area** for storing the children's belongings this year and they will have a designated shelf area which will need to contain both their school bag and their PE kit. It would therefore be helpful if the bag was not too large.

Your child can bring a pencil case if they would like to, and it would be useful for them to have their own named **white Pritt Stick glue**. Your child will also need a **water bottle**; this will be kept on their table and can be refilled when needed. **A full P.E. kit** should be sent in from week one. Your child will need **trainers**. For our art lessons, your child will need an **apron/old t-shirt**, these will stay at school for the year; please ensure this is named.

Reading for KS2

In September, the children will continue to use Accelerated Reader (AR), which is designed to help and support children's comprehension skills alongside their reading skills. A few weeks after returning from the summer holidays, the children

will undertake a 'Star Reader Test'. This test generates a score called the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD). This defines the readability range within which pupils should read to best develop their reading, while avoiding frustration. However, success at any difficulty depends on a student's interest in a book, and knowledge of its content.

Your child will receive a Reading Record book in Term 1- please do feel free to write any reading you do with your child or any that they may do independently.



Classroom routines and expectations

In September, we will have a new classroom which is the current Year 5 classroom. The children will come into the classroom in morning via the external door. The children will be expected to come into school and complete early morning work activities.

At home time, the children will be dismissed out of the classroom from the external classroom door. The children will only be allowed to leave the classroom if we can see the adult who is collecting them. For safeguarding purposes, please let me know via ClassDojo if someone different from usual will be collecting your child.

How to continue your child's learning over the summer holidays

- **Reading:** Hear your child read and also read to them as frequently as possible. Reading to your child allows them to experience more complex plots and vocabulary than they can read themselves.
 - **Writing:** Encourage your child to continue to write for a purpose *e.g. shopping lists, postcards and diaries.*
 - **Mathematics:** Continue to recap on the value of different coins, telling the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to and quarter past and the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.
 - **Summer Diary/poster:** Over the summer holidays, I would like your child to complete a summer diary or poster about what they have been doing. Please include writing, pictures, drawings and anything else you would like.
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Other activities available for children over the summer holidays

Sumdog for Spelling and Mathematics

Parents can sign up to access an online program called 'Sumdog' for free over the summer holidays! Sumdog is a fun and free online resource that supports mathematics and spelling. You can sign up for a free trial on <https://www.sumdog.com/en/parents/>. Please note, you will need to add payment details but it is free access all summer, and you will receive an email notification to cancel.



Summer Reading Challenge!

All children can access the Summer Reading Challenge, a national competition led by libraries. There are 2 ways to participate:

1. Visit your local library to collect a Gadgeteers pack for your child. Set a goal to read over the summer (6 books is the recommended goal). Borrow and read books (including eBooks and audiobooks) from the library to read. Collect incentives from the library for each book they read, and if they complete their goal, receive a certificate and medal as a reward from the library for taking part.
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2. Sign up online at: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk. Set a personal reading goal and receive tips for accessing books for free at home. Log books read online on your child's personal profile, and 'unlock' incentives and an online certificate.



Other things to do this summer in Kent and Medway

Here are some ideas, both free and paid for, that may be useful for summer and beyond!

<https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/places-to-go/kent/>

<https://www.visitmedway.org/visit-medway-blog/unique-and-unforgettable-days-out-in-medway/>

Meet the Team!

Miss Morgan

Hello, my name is Miss Morgan and I will be your teacher in Fox Class from September. I am really looking forward to teaching you all and for the exciting things we will be learning about this year. I enjoy gardening, taking care of my many animals, being outside and looking after the environment. Have an amazing summer and I can't wait to see you all in September for a brilliant year of learning!



Mrs Goodger

Hello, I am Mrs Goodger and I am very excited to be teaching you on a Thursday. I love the colour green, reading and being outside. I can't wait to get to know you all better and share with you all of the exciting things we will be doing in Year 3. Have a fantastic summer!



Mrs Steggles

I'm very excited to be joining Foxes Class in September and am looking forward to learning alongside you all in Year 3. I know we will have lots of fun in the classroom. I really enjoy reading and hope that we will discover some fabulous new books together next year. I also enjoy being outdoors, especially walking in the woods with my dog Luna and camping with the Cubs, so I'm especially looking forward to investigating our amazing environment together too.

