

## ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at school! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves – Mr James Ridd and Mrs Barbara Dobson and share some information about Year 3. Mrs Dobson teaches every Monday and Tuesday and alternate Wednesdays and Mr Ridd teaches alternate Wednesdays and Thursday and Friday.

At the start of this term, we will focus on settling the children back into school routines and provide activities centred on well-being, mental health and transition. Let us take this opportunity to reassure you that much of the school routines will stay the same and feel very familiar to the children and any changes will be fully explained to them.

### Curriculum

We have been working hard to develop an exciting new curriculum and our first unit this term is called 'Our Own Bodies' followed by a short unit on World War II, which focuses on the environmental impact of the war. Your child will be immersed in each unit, and these units are integrated and linked across the wider curriculum. You can support your child's learning by doing a small amount of topic research at home, using books, news articles, pictures and the internet. We always love to see what the children have been learning at home. However, in the current climate, we would ask that you share photographs of any additional learning that your child does at home on class dojo.

### P.E kit and uniform

For Term 1 (week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> September), PE will be on a **Monday and Tuesday**. A Future Stars coach will teach the children on a Monday in the first term. After the first term, (week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> November), PE lessons will take place on a **Tuesday and Thursday**. As per previous correspondence, children need to arrive in school on PE days in their PE kits, as they can no longer change in school. This should include: a T-shirt, shorts or tracksuit/jogging bottoms, socks, trainers and a tracksuit jumper. We will be using the field for games, so please bear in mind that the children may get muddy. A light, waterproof coat might also be handy.





Please may we remind you that it is school policy that children wear the recommended school uniform as identified on our website (available at <http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/>). In addition, children are allowed to wear a watch and one pair of stud earrings. Please remember not to wear any jewellery on PE days.

### **Homework**

At present, to limit the amount of objects going backwards and forwards, homework will consist of reading and practising times tables using TT rockstars. Reading is a vital part of the educational experience and we would suggest that your child reads at home at least three or four times a week. This can be both individually and reading aloud to an adult. We ask that parents sign their children's reading record when they have read. Currently, reading records will stay at home. To encourage and celebrate home reading, we invite you to share, via class dojo, a weekly summary of how you feel your child's reading is progressing. Also in class, we will ask children to recommend and review books that they have read at home, to share their love of reading.

**Please remember that it is important to keep the office up to date with any changes in your child's medical needs and keep us updated with changes to emergency contact details.**

### **ICA**

Please remember each child has an "I can achieve" ICA folder that we use to celebrate achievements. This also includes achievements outside school. If they would like to celebrate these with us, please share with us via class dojo.

We are looking forward to getting to know you better over the next year. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on class dojo.

Thank you and take care,

James Ridd and Barbara Dobson

