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ROOM 3 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of a new school year. I am looking forward to this year and sharing all the challenges and achievements with you and your children. We have had a busy start and the students are all beginning to get used to a new classroom and class routines.

Here are some of our classroom routines to help you all -

News

Monday	Weekend News
Tuesday	Books
Wednesday	Newspaper Reporters
Thursday	Theme
Friday	Poems and Free Choice

Reading

For the first two weeks of school the focus will be on shared reading.

The students will be bringing books home that they can easily read themselves. At this early stage of the new school year the emphasis is on revision and revisiting the reading skills that may have regressed over the holiday period.

For the rest of the year the students will have books that they can read themselves in their own reading packs and they should be reading every night of the week. The students are expected to choose two or three books and to return them on a regular basis.

Notices will also go home in their reading packs.



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The students will be bringing these folders home on a regular basis.

Worksheets need to be completed and returned and are then shared with the class at prayer times.

Library

We have library on a Monday. It would be a big help if the students got into the habit of bringing their library books every Monday.

Maths

There is no set homework at this stage but students will be starting the school wide basic facts programme at various times throughout the year. Parents will be contacted about this and the programme explained to them.

At the beginning of the year an emphasis is placed on revision and acquiring instant recall of the basic facts to ten and twenty. Help with this at home would be useful.



Morning Routines

When the students arrive in the morning they are expected to -

1. change browsing books and put their reading pack on their desks
2. put their pencil case on their desk
3. bring in their water bottle and put it on the shelf
4. go to the toilet

As these morning routines take about 10 minutes it is a good idea for the students to arrive by 8:45 am at the latest.

I hope this will help your child to settle happily into Room 3. You are most welcome to come and help in room 3 as any assistance is a big help in a busy classroom.

I hope you have a happy year.

God Bless

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