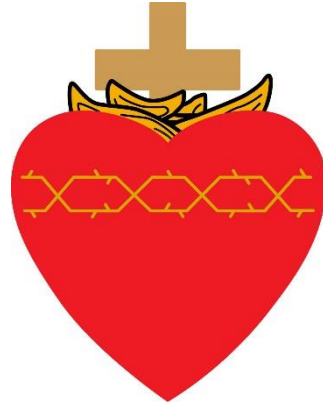


Transition Information



Welcome to Year 3!



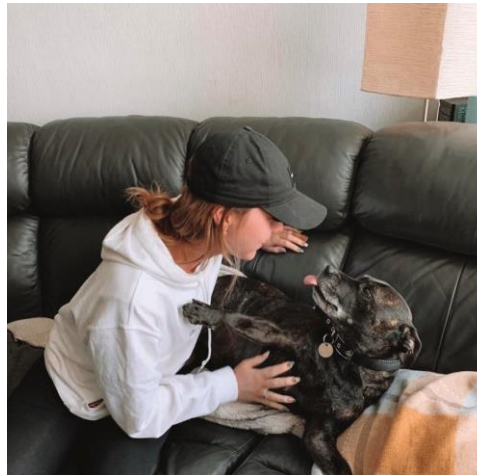
Hello Year 3!

I am your new teacher, Miss Byrne.

I have no children but I have a family dog called Alfie. He is nearly 15 years old (Which is more than twice your age!!).

I love going to new and exotic restaurants to sample their food.. I guess you can call me a foodie! What new foods would you like to try?

Fun fact – I lived in Queensland, Australia for three years, and didn't even pick up an Aussie accent!



In my spare time I enjoy exploring cool places and going for long walks – especially in the summer.

I have been at Sacred Heart for one year now - I really feel at home here.

I am a family person and love spending quality time with the ones I love. My favourite thing to do is make them laugh!

I am very excited to teach Year 3 and look forward to meeting you all soon!

Welcome

This information is to prepare you and your child for the start of their learning journey in Year 3.

We hope they settle back into school well and enjoy their experience of Key Stage 2.



Subjects we will be learning about this year

Year 3 is a very exciting and different year for our children, with the transition from KS1 to KS2 and the preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. As well as these exciting events, we have a jam packed year full of interesting topics to learn too!



Some of the themes we will be covering across the curriculum include: Time Travellers, The Empire Strikes Back, and Lights, Camera, Action!

In English and Maths, we will be learning about:

Novel/ Story/ Theme	<i>Lord of the Forest</i> Caroline Pitcher <i>Book of Bones! 10</i> <i>Record Breaking animals</i> Gabrielle Balkan <i>Meerkat Mail</i> Emily Gravett Literacy Shed- Meerkat film
English writing	Writing to entertain Writing kennings Writing to persuade Writing postcards Writing letters

And many more new concepts!

Maths (White Rose)	Number: place value	Number: multiplication and division
	Number: addition and subtraction	Measurement: money
	Number: multiplication and division	Statistics
		Measurement: length and perimeter
		Number: fractions

Subjects we will be learning about this year

As well as the core subjects such as English and Maths, the children have many more brilliant topics to explore in Year 3, these include ...

- RE: Belonging, Reconciliation, The Eucharist
- Science: Plants, Rocks and Soils, Forces and Magnets
- History: The Romans, Ancient Greece
- Geography: Volcanoes, Oceans and Seas
- Art and Design: Cities and Landscapes, Bodies
- D&T: Aqueducts and Architecture, Greek/Mediterranean food
- Computing: Coding, Emails, Simulations, Online Safety
- Music: Glockenspiel, Three Little Birds, The Dragon Song
- PE: Netball, Hockey, Tag Rugby

... And this is barely scratching the surface!!



Expectations

Sacred Heart has always had a very high expectation of uniform and we hope to work together with our families to continue this .



- Children in neat and tidy full uniform every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- No earrings are to be worn due to health and safety. Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. If children are having their ears pierced then it must be done in the six week holiday.
- Watches are allowed to be worn but not smart watches.
- No other jewellery or nail varnish is allowed.
- No extreme hair styles. Hair should be worn short for boys and not have patterns, lines or artwork shaved into it. There should be no ridges nor perceived difference in length of boys' hair. Girls may wear short extensions of natural colour, but hair must be tied back and be of a neat appearance.
- Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons.

Uniform

Winter

Grey trousers
White shirt
Navy sweatshirt with school badge *
Grey or black socks
Sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)
School Tie *



Tie



V-Neck Sweatshirt



Winter

Navy skirt or pinafore dress
White blouse
Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with school badge *
White socks or navy tights
Low heeled sensible black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**)
School tie *



Tie



Cardigan



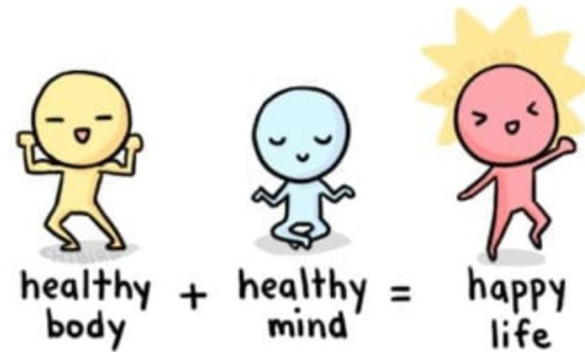
Children may bring trainers to change into for break times.

All uniform can be bought from the link on the school website.

* These items can only be bought from school.

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/sacredheartcatholicprimaryb203ae>

P.E. Kit



PE is an important part of the curriculum and so children must be prepared for this lesson every day.

PE kits must be worn to school on PE days.

All children need pumps, T-shirt and shorts for P.E. Lessons and all items must be named.

School polo shirts can be bought from the school website.



P.E Polo Shirt



P.E Shorts



Velcro Plimsolls

Partnership with home and school

You, as parents, are the key educators of your children but we need to work together to create a positive attitude to school.

- We need to work together and ensure homework is completed to a good standard and handed in on time.
- We also need to work closely together to encourage high expectations in behaviour and learning attitudes.
- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Reading, Writing and Maths activities should be encouraged at home.
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings and make sure that everything is labelled.

Children will be provided with a pack of equipment at the start of term that they must take care of. School will replace items that 'run out' but parents will need to supply equipment that is lost or broken.

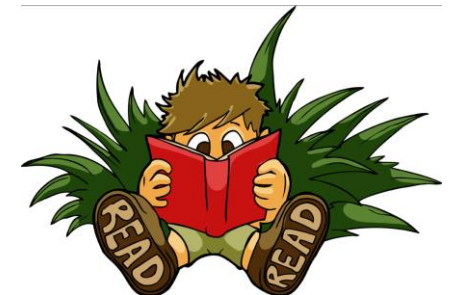


Homework in Year 3

- Children in Year 3 should spend approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes per week on homework tasks.
- Children must read their home reading book **every night** to an adult at home.
- Maths homework will focus on the times tables that should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order).
- Homework will be given out on a Tuesday and we expect children to have completed and handed it in by Friday.
- The homework set will be based on the thematic or English work being studied in class.



Homework is an important way of establishing a successful link between home and school. We aim for all our children to develop as independent learners and we believe homework will help children to acquire this skill.



Sacraments that Catholic children celebrate in Year 3

Year 3 is a very important and special year for Sacramental preparation

Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

- Your children will prepare for these Sacraments through:
 - RE lessons in school
 - Parents' meetings
 - Masses at Sacred Heart Church.



Your role as a parent is vital in supporting your children through these steps in their journey of faith at Sacred Heart Catholic School.

- More information about the dates for First Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be provided in due course.

Lunch and break times

- All children must bring a water bottle to school that can be refilled using the water machines. These bottles need to be take home and washed everyday.
- Year 3 children may bring a piece of fruit or vegetable for their morning break.
- The school operates a healthy eating policy which means items such as crisps, chocolate and sweets are not allowed at break times.
- Your child may either have a school lunch or their own packed lunch.
- If your child chooses to bring packed lunch then it must be healthy. No sweets, chocolate or drinks other than water are allowed in school.
- School dinner money is payable through ParentMail.
[Please download the app onto your phone.](#)



Thank you

We understand that the children had a very strange end to their Key Stage 1 stage of learning but it is our aim to settle them back into school routines as quickly as possible in September.

If you have any questions or concerns then please contact the school office or email at enquiry@sacredheart-sch.net.

We will keep you all in our prayers.



Have a lovely Summer break and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 5th September**.