

Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Year 3



Dear children and parents / carers,

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to Year 3! We hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing holiday and that the children are feeling ready and excited for the year ahead. We are really looking forward to welcoming the children into Year 3 and supporting them as they continue to learn, grow and enjoy new experiences throughout the year. This letter contains some important information about the new school year. Please take a little time to read through it and keep it somewhere safe so that you can refer back to it when needed.

We ask that children arrive at school by 8:30 am each morning. Children should wait on the lower playground with their parent/carer until they see a member of staff at 8:30, after which they can make their way to the classroom. Regular and punctual attendance is really important, as learning begins from the moment the children enter the classroom. Registers will be taken at 8:40 am, at which time the pupil entrance will close. If a child arrives after this time, their parent/carer will need to escort them to the school office.

If you would like to speak to a member of staff, please feel free to call or email the school. I can be contacted by email at mjurczak-morris@beaumont.croydon.sch.uk or through ClassDojo for all non-urgent enquiries. Please bear in mind that I am not usually able to check my emails or ClassDojo messages during the school day. For this reason, any urgent messages (such as changes to who will be collecting your child at the end of the day), as well as messages regarding attendance or medical appointments, should be sent directly to the school office at office@beaumont.croydon.sch.uk (or by telephone on 020-86607707).

The children will be dismissed at 3:15 pm on the tarmac area of the field, where we ask parents to wait at the end of the day. Please make sure that the school office has your current contact information in case we need to get in touch with you during the school day, as well as up-to-date dietary and medical information for your child. It is also important that the information we hold about your child's home-time arrangements (e.g. the names of people who may collect them) is kept up to date.

The school communicates with families mainly through ClassDojo, so please make sure you have the app downloaded to help you stay informed about what is happening at school. I post regularly about the work we have been completing in class and hope this will give you a useful insight into your child's learning and experiences at school. If you like what you see, please click 'Like' – this helps me to know what content parents find useful and how often they enjoy receiving updates. ClassDojo login details should only be used by people with parental rights and should not be shared with wider family members. We kindly ask that you follow this guidance as it helps us to keep the children safe.

Children should attend school in full school uniform and bring a named book bag, a named waterproof coat and a named water bottle every day. Keyrings and other 'charms' on book bags and coat zips can be useful for quick identification, but we ask that these are limited to one small one, please. Please also note that the optional Beaumont fleece is intended as an outdoor garment only and not as a replacement for the Beaumont jumper or cardigan.

Our preferred type of water bottle is a 'flip-top' straw water bottle with no 'carry-on' straps attached. These can be kept on desks and allow children to take frequent sips of water throughout the day. All other types of water bottles, and bottles with straps attached, will need to be kept in a tray in the classroom.

All children will be provided with a free school lunch. Please help your child to make their choice from the lunch menu each day before they come to school. If you choose to send in a packed lunch from home, please remember that only healthy food items are allowed and that mid-morning snacks should be fruit only.

Your child has been given a home reading book from their assigned book band. We ask that children read every day and that this is recorded in their reading record log by the adult who heard them read. Your child has been shown how to change their reading book independently in class once they have finished it.

As the books become longer, please note that your child is not expected to read the whole book in one sitting. We recommend around ten minutes of quality reading time with an adult every day. This should also include some time to talk together and ask questions about what they have read.

Home reading books and reading records should travel between home and school every day, whether the book needs changing or not, as we will need these when we hear your child read at school. With this in mind, may we suggest that the book and reading record always “sleep in the book bag”, please? We ask that book bags are used only for carrying reading books and letters. Placing drinks bottles, jumpers, hats, scarves, mittens and other items in them can stretch the fabric and make them less suitable for their main purpose of keeping books and papers neat and dry. Thank you for your support and co-operation!

Home learning will be set on Fridays and home learning logs should be completed and returned by the following Wednesday to a box labelled “Home learning” in class to allow time for a comment to be made. Spellings will be sent home on Fridays (in a separate book) and tested on following Fridays.

We will have PE on Thursdays and the children should wear their PE kit to school all day. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and earrings are removed. Our PE kit consists of a Beaumont round neck t-shirt and shorts and plain trainers or plimsolls. In colder weather tracksuit bottoms are recommended. In addition, we ask for a pair of plimsolls to be kept at school in a school shoe bag for extra activities taking place outside the PE lessons. It is also a good idea to keep a change of clothes in this shoe bag, too, in case your child has an accident at school that requires them to get changed. Please make sure all parts of the uniform - book bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, shoe bags, coats, hats, shoes and jumpers - are clearly labelled with your child's name as this saves a lot of time and confusion. “Pre-loved” uniform is a great idea, but please ensure that the name of the previous owner is removed and replaced with your child's name!

You can best support your child's learning by making sure they attend school regularly and on time. Attendance rate of 96% or more is considered good, and studies show that high attendance rates clearly correlate with good levels of attainment. Please make time to listen to your child read daily at home and provide them with a place and time to complete the home learning set. Your support in helping your child to become more independent at this stage of their schooling is crucially important. They should be encouraged to start taking responsibility for their daily reading, learning spellings and completing their home learning on time, as well as looking after their own belongings.

The children will have a very busy day learning here at school and they will be tired. For best possible learning outcomes, it is important they get enough rest. Ten to eleven hours of sleep a night is recommended for 7-8 –year-olds. Please consider the amount of afterschool activities your child attends and avoid screen time just before bedtime as this can be detrimental to sleep. Ensure your child has a nutritious breakfast every morning. Shared meal times provide a good opportunity to chat and catch up, allowing for your child to talk about their day, including any worries they may have - this is shown by research to promote good mental health and have a positive impact on learning outcomes, too.

Our Year 3 team here at school consists of myself, Ms Nash, the Year 3 Teaching Assistant (Monday to Friday), Ms Gisela Afonso (Monday to Thursday), as well as Mrs Wright, our Reading and Writing Lead, who will be teaching the class every other week on Wednesdays.

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are all very much looking forward to working together with you and your delightful children!

We will hold a Curriculum Meeting for Year 3 parents and carers on Wednesday 16th September at 8.45am in the school hall - please make every effort to attend as lots of important information regarding academic expectations at the beginning of KS2 will be shared!

With kindest regards,

Mrs Marta Morris, Class teacher