

GEORGE ROMNEY JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Dear parents, carers and families,

Welcome to the new term and the new school year! I hope all families have enjoyed a safe and enjoyable summer – whatever or wherever you were and that you are now ready for the excitement and challenge of a new school year! I have already heard stories about exciting summer holiday happenings from many of the children... I cannot remember a 'smilier' start to a new school year for a long time! The children are all so positive and look smart and 'ready to learn' in their new uniforms – it is so important to start the year so well organised – let's see if we can maintain these high standards all the way through the year!

I am delighted at how settled and confident the new Y3 children have been in school this week – all that time spent preparing before summer seems to have really helped the children make the tricky move from infant to junior school as smoothly as possible. I know the staff are really proud of how well they have done too!

Tonight, your child will have a Home to School Agreement for you to read through together this weekend, chat about and then sign and return. We all want to ensure that George Romney really is a 'happy place to learn' for everyone; by following these expectations it can be! Please also complete the other permissions pro-formas and return them to school next week. Next week, you will receive a newsletter from the staff explaining to you the really important information you need to know about this term and the learning that your child will be enjoying. The whole school starts the autumn term with a very important topic 'Good to be Me' in which the children spend some time learning about themselves and how they learn; then sharing this with their new teacher and new classmates. This is a very important topic and one which you will be able to really help with some of the homework tasks.

'We LOVE to read!' our popular reading morning begins next week on **Wednesday 13th September**. All parents and family members are welcome into school from 9.00am until 9.30am to share a book with their child and enjoy some quality time together. Next week, Mrs Dennison will be hosting a coffee morning in the hall from 9.30am onwards and will be available to talk to any parents about how we promote a love of reading across all children in our school. We would love to see as many parents as possible – old and new – you are most welcome!



Next week we will be holding meetings here in school for all parents. We feel it is essential to begin the new year in a positive and exciting way and we want your help and support to do this. By attending the meetings, it gives you the best chance to know about what we expect here in school and how you can help your child be as successful as possible this year...

The Y3/Y4 classes are meeting on **Wednesday 13th September at 3.30pm** in the hall and the Y5/Y6 classes are meeting on **Thursday 14th September at 3.30pm** in Mrs Roberts' classroom.

We are all very excited about the extended provision we are able to offer to all our families this this year. As part of our commitment to 'wraparound' care we have extended our Breakfast Club hours to now begin at 7.45am and we are offering after-school care until 5.30pm. 'The Den' is a new space here in school we have developed to offer a safe and comfortable environment for children to be looked after by our experienced staff.

There will be a variety of stimulating activities organised for the children such as crafts, baking, games and active sports/play. Children will also be offered a snack and a drink too. Children are welcome to attend but booking via the office is essential to ensure we have the correct number of staff available and the correct resources required.

The first session runs from 3.15pm until 4.30pm (£4.00); the second session runs from 3.15pm until 5.30pm (£7.50). We are pleased to be supporting families with this service and know the children will have a fun time too! Please contact the office directly or speak to either Mrs Mayvers or Mrs Ritchie if you have any questions or would like to book a place for your child.

Can I remind all parents and other family members that we will continue to post on our Facebook page as a way of sharing the learning here in school as well as passing on messages and updates. We will also e-mail copies of letters via the ParentMail system and will still use text messages as a way of keeping you informed/reminded about activities and events here in school.

I look forward to meeting and talking to you all over the coming weeks and I am truly excited about another great year here at George Romney!

With every good wish,

David Reddy
(Headteacher)

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