Dear Parents, Carers and Y2,

We are really excited to be welcoming you and your child to Year 3 at Thurcroft Junior Academy and are looking forward to meeting the children and yourselves as soon as we are allowed. Although we are not yet able to meet we thought it was important to start getting to know each other and having a little fun. It is such an unusual and challenging time at the moment and we know you might be feeling worried about the transition into Year Three this September. We want to reassure you that we are here for you, and your child, every step of the way just as we would be during a normal transition.

The Year Three teachers have put together some information about themselves, so that you and your child can get to know us before joining us. With this letter, we have provided an ‘All about me’ sheet for child to complete, should they wish to, so that we can start getting to know them too. If your child would like to share this sheet or any other home learning that they have recently completed with the Year Three staff at Thurcroft Junior Academy, simply take a picture and email it to us at help@thurcroftacademy.org with ‘Y2 Transition’ and your child’s name as the subject. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to email us on this email too.

A Message from Miss Maloney

Hi! My name is Miss Maloney and I am one of the Year Three teachers here at Thurcroft Junior Academy. I have been working at Thurcroft Junior Academy for a year and have loved every minute of it. I have two cats (Simba and Ollie) and a Cockapoo called George. I am so excited to meet you all, get to know you all and start our learning journey together. I have lots of exciting things planned for your first year at Thurcroft Junior Academy.

I love teaching all of the subjects at our academy (English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, Music, RE, PHSE, Art and Design). PE and Spanish lessons, which are usually taught by our specialist teachers. However, I think my favourite subject is English, as I love to read. My favourite books are Mary Poppins and George’s Marvellous medicine. In Y3, we have fantastic, large classrooms and one of my favourite things to do is create exciting reading areas – last year we had a Stone Age book cave and an Egyptian reading pyramid! I can’t wait to share stories with you in our reading area and to hear all about yours. My favourite school dinner has got to be pizza and wedges with flapjack and custard – delicious!

In my spare time, I like to keep fit by going to the gym, although, I’ve had to improvise and exercise at home due to the lockdown! I also like to walk my dog George, look after my cats and go out for meals. My favourite food is chocolate brownies, I especially love baking homemade ones.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon and I cannot wait to get our learning started! In the meantime, if you want to share any of your home learning or your own biography please send it to the email address above.

Stay safe and I will see you soon,
Miss Maloney
A Message from Miss Brooks

Hello Everyone! I’m Miss Brooks and I am the other teacher in Year 3! You will not be the only new starters at Thurcroft Junior Academy in September, as this will also be a brand-new school to me and I can’t wait to start this adventure with you. Moving to Junior School is an exciting step forwards and I want to make it as easy and as fun as possible, but before I do that, I thought you’d like to know a little bit about me. I grew up in Sheffield with my two brothers and a sister so I come from a very busy household. Outside of school I love gardening and growing yummy things I can eat. Currently, I am growing tomatoes, strawberries, jalapenos and potatoes; I enjoy making lots of delicious meals with them. I also love going on long walks and seeing the beautiful views of the Peak District with my dogs Murphy and Rico.

My favourite food is lasagne, my favourite sports are dancing and badminton. I love walking, gardening, painting and cooking. I can’t wait to meet you all and learn lots about what you like to do at home and at school. I’m sure we’ll make a wonderful team and most importantly, have lots of fun!

Miss Brooks

We hope that you and your child have enjoyed receiving your letter from us and we look forward to hearing back from you soon. Over the coming weeks we will be speaking to your Y2 teachers so we know even more about you and where you are with your learning.

The children in school are currently not wearing school uniform due to COVID19 guidance on daily washing of clothes, and this may possibly still be the case in September so please try not to worry about uniform, enclosed with this letter is a uniform order form with measurements on for your guidance, we have placed a bulk order with our supplier which they will fulfill when they are working again. You are welcome to complete and return the form which we will keep on file until we are able to start processing the orders, however this is not necessary at the moment.

We will be in contact again shortly, but in the meantime please contact school by phone during normal school hours or email ruth.stone@thurcroftacademy.org if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Ruth Stone
Principal
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