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Dear Parents,

I can honestly say that I am really looking forward to teaching this year 3 class this year. In the short time I have spent with them so far they have shown a great attitude to their learning and have made a fantastic start to their return to school. Obviously, things are different in many ways to that which they are used to and one of these early challenges is the new bespoke timetable. However, they seem to have coped with this excellently and with no fuss.

This will be my second year at Newlands and my second year teaching Year 3. Previously I taught at a school in Wokingham where I spent time teaching years 3, 4, 5 and 6, so you could say I have a little insight into what your child can expect as they make their journey through Key Stage 2. I have also raised two boys to adulthood and know what you have to look forward to in the coming years – the difficult ages, the relationships, the insecurities etc..... (and that's just us parents).

Before becoming a teacher, I worked for a computer company as a Service Manager, but always wanted to be a teacher. So, when I had the opportunity to change jobs a few years ago I jumped at the chance. I can honestly say I have loved every minute and there is no better feeling than seeing all my pupils improve and develop both academically and as people. As well as being a Year 3 teacher, I am also a qualified cricket coach and I play for Cove Cricket Club in Farnborough. I used to spend all my spare time coaching children from the ages of 6 all the way up to 18. Now however, I only play at weekends in the summer so that I have time for planning and marking!

Year 3 is a transition year for the children as they move from KS1 into KS2. The expectations of them are greater and they will be encouraged to develop their independence, both academically and socially. As adults and teachers the year 3 team will help them in this process and I am fully aware that they are 'only' 7 and 8 years old. I will challenge and support them in their learning while hopefully having some fun along the way. They will be encouraged to "Give it a Go" and not to fear getting something wrong. I will also set them homework which compliments their learning in school and is vital to the children achieving their full potential. If we work together I am sure the children will make great progress.

Finally, I hope the power point gives you useful information about Year 3 and how you can help your child but if you have any concerns or queries, please email Mr Neighbour and I will endeavour to give you a prompt response.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Redhead
Year 3 teacher