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Dear future Year 3 – CJS,

CJS is a wonderful school. I felt excited when I first started. I came up through the Infants school. If you are doing the same, your class will remain the same from year 2 and you will stay with the friends that you know.

My teacher is Miss Foster, who is Head of Yr3. She is good at Art and Drama. Mrs Harrison is our classroom assistant and she is supportive and comes out with us at playtimes.

In year 3 you have certain places to sit and drawers in your desk for your pencil case and some books. There are also buckets on tables that the teacher puts more books in.

The lessons that we do are: English, Phonics, Maths, Topic, French, Gym & Games, Library, RE, Art, Science, Music, and Computing. We stay in our classroom for most of the lessons and have them with our class teacher. The teachers in Year 3 are: Miss Foster, Mrs Biddle, Mrs Broadwell and Mrs Chamberlain. The teachers that help out are: Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wall, Mrs Robinson and Mrs Adams.

In English we sometimes plan and write stories. For Phonics your teacher will put you in groups. My group is with Mrs Chamberlain and we work on homophones and spelling patterns. I work with Sean as my partner for paired work. For Maths we have two workbooks, one is for work that you do with your teacher and the second is for Maths No Problem tasks. In topic sessions we have worked on The Stone Age and Ancient Egyptians. For French we have Kevin from Twynham Learning to teach us. For gym we have Miss Binney and we do a warm- up and then use the gym equipment. Miss Binney also does Wake and Shake on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For games we have Mr Whenman and we play games on the hard-court and field. For times when we need to change our library books we sometimes go as a group, or there are 2 library passes which means 2 people can go at a time. Every person in the class has a library card, that you take with you to change your book. In RE we talk about different religions and celebrations. For Art you have sketch books that we do our Art in. In Science we do experiments, for example we tested biscuits to see how long it would take for the biscuit to dissolve when dunked. For Music we have Mrs Green and you get to learn different instruments and practise songs. Everyone in Year 3 is learning to play the recorder. You can also join the choir. In computing we do Times Tables Rock Stars, My Maths and we made leaflets for an Egyptian museum. There is lots to keep you busy in Year 3!

We have assemblies with our Head teacher and sometimes there are guest speakers. Each week we have the Star of the week awards presented in the Assembly hall.

We have been on a school trip to Cranbourne. This is where we visited a Strong Age village. We made bread, toured the village and did some blacksmithing.

For break times and lunch times we can use the hard court, trim trail, field and walking area. There is a lunch hall where hot meals are served, or you can bring your own packed lunch. There are 2 sittings for lunch. Lunch clubs can keep you busy at lunchbreaks or you can play with your friends.

The best thing about CJS is that the teachers are nice and supportive. The classrooms are full of good stuff and it is always interesting to come to school.

I know that you will enjoy it at CJS.

We are very friendly and will welcome you to the school.

You will get a chance to meet your teacher before you come.

Yours faithfully,

Alana