

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 5th September 2017

Dear Parents

We hope you have all had an enjoyable summer holiday. It is so lovely to have the children back in school again and we hope that the year ahead will be a happy and successful one for us all.

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new parents who have joined our school family this year and we hope you enjoy your association with us.

Below are the dates of some of the activities arranged for this term to help you with your planning. An up to date list will be kept on the notice board in the school reception area and on the school website and we will keep you informed of any additions or changes.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2017

Tuesday 5 th September	- Start of Term
Friday 8 th September	- No swimming (normal school uniform)
Tuesday 12 th September	- Music lessons begin
Wednesday 13 th September	- Y5/6 Cross Country – Meres - 4pm
Friday 15 th September	- Swimming starts
Wednesday 20 th September	- Y5/6 Cross Country – Meres - 4pm
Wednesday 27 th September	- Y5/6 Cross Country – Meres - 4pm
Thursday 28 th September	- Gravity Fields Festival Show
Wednesday 4 th October	- Harvest Festival 8:50am
Wednesday 4 th October	- No Pens Wednesday
Thursday 5 th October	- Class 3 & 4 Trip to Newark
Monday 9 th October	- Individual school photographs
Monday 16 th October	- Parent's Evening
Wednesday 18 th October	- Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 18 th October	- End of Term

Half Term

Monday 30 th October	- Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 31 st October	- Start of Term
31 st to 3 rd November	- Road Safety Week
13 th – 17 th November	- Enterprise Week
Wednesday 15 th November	- Non-Uniform Day for Children in Need
Thursday 16 th November	- Class 3 Assembly
Wednesday 22 nd November	- Class 2 Assembly
Thursday 23 rd November	- KS2 Cheerleading – Priory Ruskin
Thursday 14 th December	- Christmas Play 6:30pm
Monday 18 th December	- Christmas Parties
Tuesday 19 th December	- End of Term

Christmas Holiday

Wednesday 3 rd January 2018	- Start of Term
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Swimming

There is no swimming this week and so children should wear their normal school uniform and not tracksuits. Children not staying for Friday Club should be picked up from school at 12:30pm.

Swimming will begin on Friday 15th September. Children will need to come to school in their blue school tracksuit, gold polo t-shirt, trainers and school coat (no blazers or school hats please) with their swimming things in their DHS swimming bag: navy swimming costume, towel and school swimming hat (goggles optional). We arrive back at school just after 12:30pm, depending on traffic, and children should be picked up at this time unless they are staying for Friday club.

Staffing

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Plaatjes to our school who is our new lunchtime supervisor and she will also be assisting Mrs Beckett in class 1 in the mornings.

Classes for this year are:

- Class 1 – Mrs Beckett
- Class 2 – Mrs Brown and Mrs Johnson
- Class 3 – Miss White
- Class 4 – Mrs Harding

Morning Procedures

For parents who need to drop their children off early in the morning, the gate will open at 8:15am and children can walk up the side of the school to the playground where they will be supervised by a member of staff. (Children should not arrive at school before 8:15am.)

If it is raining children should enter through the front door and will be supervised in the school hall.

When they get to the playground children should put their bags by the adventure playground fence. When they go into school at 8:40am they will take their things into the classroom and put their hat, reading book and water bottles in the correct boxes in the classroom, their lunchbox on the trolley in the hall and finally put their bag and coat in the cloakroom. We do this to encourage the children to take responsibility for their own things and it works well.

All children should be in school ready for registration and the first lesson at 8:45am.

End of the day

At the end of the day children who are not staying for after school club or extra-curricular clubs should be picked up at 3:30pm from their external classroom door. Children from class 4 will come out through the front entrance. Any child not picked up by 3:40pm will be registered for after school club.

After School Clubs

Each evening we run a variety of clubs after school. Extra-curricular clubs run from 3:30 to 4:30pm and then we also provide after school care until 5pm.

This year we would like to tailor the clubs more closely to the ages and interests of the children, in order to help us to do this please could you indicate on the enclosed form which days you would like your children to attend and return this to school on Thursday. We will then let you know which clubs will run on each day.

Friday club

Friday club is a wonderful end the week with crafts, games, sports, cookery and other exciting activities. It takes place on Friday afternoon from 12:40 to 3:30pm and costs £9:60 for the whole afternoon. It starts this week and children will be doing autumn activities.

If you would like your child to attend Friday club on a regular basis, please indicate this on the enclosed form and return it to school. A list of children attending on a regular basis will be put on the notice board in the reception area.

If your child is registered to attend on a regular basis and there are sessions you would like them to miss, please cross off their name for that session.

If you wish your child to attend occasionally you can write their name on the weekly register on the notice board in the reception area or let Mrs Johnson know.

Music Lessons

Piano, violin, drum and guitar lessons will start again next week, with our peripatetic music teachers. Individual lessons cost £5:00 for a 15 minute lesson.

Charges for music lessons are invoiced directly to you from the music teachers and should be paid at the beginning of the term.

If you would be interested in your child learning to play an instrument, please let us know on the enclosed form.

Names in Clothes

Please, please, please, ensure that all your child's clothes and bags have their name in so that we can return clothing to the right child.

PE kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school each day and all items, including the bag are named.

Water

We encourage all children to bring a named plastic drink's bottle each day, containing water that they can drink from throughout the day. This will be sent home each evening to allow it to be washed and fresh water put in.

Fruit Snacks

Children are able to eat a fruit snack each morning at break time, which often gives them a boost of energy to keep them going until lunch time. This should be placed in their tray at the start of the day ready for playtime.

Lunchboxes

Please ensure that your child's lunchbox is named and that they have the necessary cutlery to eat yogurts etc. with each day.

Homework

Please can you all help support your child's learning at home by reading and discussing the content of their reading books regularly at home. It really makes a difference.

Your children will also be set a range of other homework tasks that should be completed neatly and to the best of their ability in pencil or blue handwriting/fountain pen (Class 3&4 only). Please ensure that your child completes all homework tasks set and that they hand their homework in on time.

Email

We like to send out newsletters and other information by email instead of paper copies, as they are often misplaced or lost before they reach home. Letters are emailed from Dudley House School as an attachment usually in Word or PDF format.

In order for us to do this we need to have a current email address for you. Please can you provide details of email contacts for your family on the form at the end of this letter.

We look forward to a very enjoyable term and we are looking forward to associating with you throughout the coming school year.

Jenny Johnson
Headteacher

Name of Child: _____ Class: _____

Clubs

If you require any child care after school please indicate your preferences below:

	I need my child to stay after school on		I would be interested in my child staying for clubs after school on	
	3:30 - 4:30 pm (£3:40)	3:30 - 5:00 pm (£4:80)	3:30 - 4:30 pm (£3:40)	3:30 - 5:00 pm £4:80
Monday				
Tuesday				
Wednesday				
Thursday				

I would like my child to stay for Friday Club at a cost of £9:60.

I do not require any after school care for my child.

Music Lessons

I would be interested in my child having individual (Please tick those that apply)

Drum lessons

Guitar lessons

Piano lessons

Violin lessons

at a cost of £5:00 per 15 minute lesson and agree to pay the music teacher directly at the start of each term.

Email

Please email letters and other information to:

Parent's name: _____

Email: _____

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Email: _____

Signature _____ Date _____