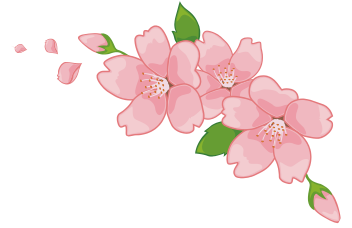


Dudley House School
Newsletter 17th April 2018



Dear Parents,

We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter break with your families despite the miserable weather. Hopefully the weather will improve soon.

New Pupils

We were delighted to welcome two new pupils into our school family this morning and hope that they will be very happy here.

Positive Promotion

Thank you to those parents who are positively promoting the school and encouraging new families to join us now and in the new school year. Please continue to promote the school, to ensure that we continue to grow and flourish.

Class Adjustments

Currently class 3 and 4 join together for learning for at least 2 afternoons each week and we have found that this has been successful. Due to the reduction of pupils in class 3 over the last term, we have decided to combine class 3 and 4 each afternoon for foundation subjects during the summer term. I am sure that you will agree that this will continue to optimise learning opportunities, increase social interaction and utilise staff strengths to the full.

Maths and English will continue to be taught separately by their current class teachers with Mrs Harding teaching KS2 on Monday afternoon and Miss White teaching KS2 for the other afternoons and Friday morning.

Regrettably, I am needed in the office for the next few weeks to ensure that new government legislation is implemented on time and other key tasks are completed. Therefore, Mrs Harding will be increasing the number of sessions that she teaches in class 2, during this time. Mrs Brown will continue to teach all day Monday and then Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Parent Surveys

Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the parent survey. We really appreciate the time you have taken to do this. Please ensure that any outstanding surveys are returned to school by the end of this week so that the results can be collated and analysed. Thank you.

The children have also completed surveys, that we are in the process of analysing so that we can take into account everyone's views when planning future school improvement.

Daily Mile

As a school we keen to improve children's physical, social, mental health and emotional wellbeing and so we have reintroduced the daily mile to help with this. Each day every child will go out in the fresh air to (run or jog or walk for 15 minutes). It is not competitive though some will compete and that is fine. Most children will average a mile in the 15 minutes, with some doing more and some doing less. As well as improving fitness levels, it can help children to focus and concentrate in the classroom and raise their attainment. Most importantly, we found that the majority of children really enjoy it.

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school each day, filled with fresh water, especially as the weather starts to warm up.

Healthy Lunch boxes

As a school we see some lovely packed lunches that are really healthy and nutritious with one or two treats. However, others sometimes cause us concern. Please help us promote healthy eating in our school by ensuring that your child brings a healthy lunch each day.

Uniform

As the weather starts to warm up please can you ensure that all uniform is labelled so that we can easily return it to the rightful owner.

If your child needs any new uniform, please see Mrs Plaatjes this week so that any items not in stock can be ordered.

Future Events

Quicksticks Hockey – Wednesday 18th April

The hockey tournament postponed from last term will be taking place tomorrow afternoon at Priory Ruskin Academy from 1pm. Children taking part will need to come to school in their blue tracksuits and trainers and be picked up afterwards from Priory Ruskin Academy at 4:15pm.

No Swimming – Friday 20th April

There will be no swimming this week and so children should come to school in their normal school uniform and be collected from school at 12:30pm.

PTFA Meeting – Wednesday 25th April 2:30pm

Flicking through the parent surveys returned so far, one thing that has been highlighted is more parental involvement. Therefore, I propose that we meet on Wednesday 25th April at 2:30pm to restart this group, as one way of doing this. Please come along and get involved - your input will be greatly valued. If you are unable to make this date but would like to be involved or have any suggestions, please let us know.

Class 1 Trip – Thursday 3rd May

Class 1 are planning to visit Sacrewell Farm as part of their learning this term. Further details will be sent out shortly.

Clubs

This term we will be running the following clubs:

After School Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£3.40
Card Making Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£3.40
Gardening and Wildlife Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£3.40
Music Making Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Thursday	£3.40
11+ Club (Year 5s)	3:35 – 4:30pm	Thursday	£3.40
Friday Club	12:45 – 3:30pm	Friday	£9:60

If you would like your child to attend one of these clubs or stay for afterschool care or Friday club, please complete the form at the end of this letter and return it to school with the payment.

Diary Dates

Please see below events confirmed so far for this term, to help you with your planning.

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2018

Wednesday 18 th April	- Quicksticks Hockey ~ Priory Ruskin 1:00 - 4:15pm
Friday 20 th April	- No Swimming
Wednesday 25 th April	- PTFA Meeting 2:30pm
Thursday 3 rd May	- Class 1 Trip – Sacrewell Farm
Thursday 3 rd May	- Y3/4 Cross Country Competition ~ Meres 4pm
Monday 7 th May	- Bank Holiday
Thursday 10 th May	- Class 1 Assembly ~ 8:50am
14 th – 17 th May	- Year 6 SATs Week
Thursday 24 th May	- Class 3 & 4 Assembly ~ 8:50am
Friday 25 th May	- End of Term

Half Term

Tuesday 5 th June	- Start of Term
Wednesday 6 th June	- Class Photographs
Tuesday 12 th June	- Class 3 & 4 Trip to Skegness
18 th – 22 nd June	- Sports Week
Monday 18 th June	- Sports Day ~ 1:15pm
Thursday 21 st June	- Y5/6 Tennis Tournament ~12:30 – 4:30pm
Friday 22 nd June	- Small School Athletics Competition ~ The Meres 12:30pm
Wednesday 4 th July	- Class 2 Assembly ~ 8:50am
Thursday 12 th July	- Musical Recital ~ 8:50am
Thursday 19 th July	- Leaver’s Service and Celebration Assembly ~ 8:50am
Thursday 19 th July	- End of Term

After School Care & Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term 1 2018

Dear Parents,

If your child would like to attend any extra-curricular clubs or will require after school care, can you please fill in this form indicating what clubs you would like to book and return the form to school, with payment or pay online, by Tuesday 17th April 2018.

Please note that parents will still be able to book their children in for clubs on an ad hoc basis if spaces are available, but in order for staff to be able to adequately prepare we need to know who will be staying.

All clubs will commence on Tuesday 17th April.

Child's Name:

(Please tick as appropriate)

My child would like to attend:

___ After School Club 3:35 - 4:30pm Monday £13.60 for ½ term *(4 clubs at £3.40)*

___ Card Making Club 3:35 - 4:30pm Tuesday £20.40 for ½ term *(6 clubs at £3.40)*

___ Gardening & Wildlife Club 3:35 - 4:30pm Wednesday £20.40 for ½ term *(6 clubs at £3.40)*

___ Music Club 3:35 - 4:30pm Thursday £20.40 for ½ term *(6 clubs at £3.40)*

___ 11+ Club 3:35 - 4:30pm Thursday £20.40 for ½ term *(6 clubs at £3.40)*

I would also like my child to stay for After School Care when the club has finished

Monday 4:30 - 5:00 £5.60 for ½ term <i>(4 clubs at £1.40)</i>	Tuesday 4:30 - 5:00 £8.40 for ½ term <i>(6 clubs at £1.40)</i>	Wednesday 4:30 - 5:00 £8.40 for ½ term <i>(6 clubs at £1.40)</i>	Thursday 4:30 - 5:00 £8.40 for ½ term <i>(6 clubs at £1.40)</i>

I require my child: to stay for After School Club on:

Monday 3:30-5:00 (£4.80)	Tuesday 3:30-5:00 (£4.80)	Wednesday 3:30-5:00 (£4.80)	Thursday 3:30-5:00 (£4.80)	Friday 12:45- 3:30 £57.60 for ½ term <i>(6 clubs at £9.60)</i>

___ I do not require After School Care for my child.

I enclose payment of _____ for the clubs that my child will be attending.

I have paid _____ online for the clubs that my child will be attending.

Signed:

Date: