

Dudley House School

Newsletter – 4th September 2018

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to have the children back in school today and hear about the wonderful time that they have had over the summer holiday and see them having fun with friends. We hope that you have all had a lovely time as well. We were certainly blessed with super weather for a change!

Summer Improvements

The children felt as if they had a new school this morning, with all the work that has taken place inside during the summer. It was certainly a busy few weeks, with all the lights being replaced, much of the school being decorated, the hall floor sanded and sealed and all the carpets cleaned. It is just the new sand pit that we are waiting for now, but hopefully the craftsman, who is building it, will be free before too long.

The teachers have also been busy creating new displays and attractive areas in which to learn and I would like to thank them for spending a considerable amount of time making sure the school was looking lovely for the start of a new year.

New Music room

We have created a new music room for the children to have their class and individual music lessons in. We hope that they will enjoy using the new facility.

Music Lessons

Piano, violin, drum, trumpet 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 like your child learning to have individual music tuition, please let us know on the enclosed form. Also, please can you let us know whether your child will be continuing with music lessons this term.

New Classes

Children have been allocated new classes this year:

Hazel Class	- Nursery and Reception	- Mrs Beckett
Birch Class	- Year 1 and 2	- Mrs Harding & Mrs Johnson
Oak Class	- Year 5 and 6	- Miss White

Please bear with us while we all get to grips with new names.

New House Teams

Children were also excited to learn that will be in new house teams this year and the children in Hazel Class were very good at working out the colours.

Grasshopper (Green)	Dragonfly (Blue)	Ladybird (Red)
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Uniform

It was lovely to see children smartly dressed in their school uniform this morning. We encourage children to take a pride in their appearance and expect children to be wearing the correct uniform at all times. Uniform ordered at the end of term is now ready for payment and collection, apart from the gold polo shirts which will arrive shortly.

PE kits

To ensure that children can take part in all PE activities, please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day and that all items, including the bag are named.

For outdoor PE, we have a small selection of the old logo sweatshirts. These are available from reception at half price. (£5:00 on a first come first served basis.) Don't miss out on a bargain.

Homework

We really appreciate that you support and reinforce your child's learning at home by hearing and discussing their reading books regularly. It really makes a difference.

As well as reading your child will 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 (Oak Class only). Please ensure that your child completes all homework tasks set and that they hand them in on time.

After School Clubs

As usual we will run a variety of clubs after school each night. Extra-curricular clubs run from 3:35 to 4:30pm and then we also provide after school care until 5pm.

This term we will be running the following clubs:

Science Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£3:50
After School Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£3.50
Construction Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£3.50
Get Physical Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Thursday	£3.50
Friday Club	12:45 – 3:30pm	Friday	£9.80

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.

Friday club

Children in Friday club have a wonderful end to the week taking part in crafts, games, sports, cookery and other exciting activities. It takes place from 12:45 to 3:30pm and costs £9:80 for the whole afternoon. It starts this week - all are welcome. Just let us know whether you would like your child to attend, by indicating this on the enclosed form and returning it to school.

A list of children registered to attend each week will be put on the notice board in the reception area. If your child is registered to attend regularly 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 if there are spaces available. Any queries contact Mrs Johnson.

All children attending Friday Club need to be preregistered so that Mrs Hall can plan and cater accordingly.

Safety

We have reminded the children this morning, that for their safety, that they should walk up and down the drive at the front of the building and should not play on the grass area, go on the wall, play around the cars or in the bin area, or on the church steps. Please help us keep you children safe by reinforcing this.

Swimming

Swimming will begin on Friday 14th 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.

As swimming starts next week, children should wear their normal school uniform and not tracksuits this week. Children not staying for Friday Club should be picked up from school at 12:30pm.

PTFA Meeting at 2:30 pm

The next meeting of the PTFA will take place on Wednesday 12th September at 2:30pm. Please come along and find out what has been happening and help us decide what we would like to do this year.

We look forward to a very enjoyable term and a successful year ahead.

Jenny Johnson
Headteacher

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2018

Tuesday 4 th September	- Start of Term
Friday 7 th September	- No swimming (normal school uniform)
Wednesday 12 th September	- PTFA Meeting ~ 2:30pm
Wednesday 12 th September	- Y5/6 Cross Country – Meres ~ 4pm
Thursday 13 th September	- Music lessons begin
Friday 14 th September	- Swimming starts
Wednesday 19 th September	- Y5/6 Cross Country – Meres ~ 4pm
Tuesday 25 th September	- Class 2 & 3 Assembly
Wednesday 26 th September	- Y5/6 Cross Country – Meres ~ 4pm
Thursday 27 th September	- Gravity Fields Discovery day Class 2 & 3
Friday 28 th September	- Woolsthorpe Manor Visit Class 2 & 3
Friday 28 th September	- No swimming
Saturday 29 th September	- Gravity Fields Parade
Thursday 4 th October	- Poetry Day
Monday 8 th October	- Individual school photographs
Monday 8 th October	- Class 3 Hills & Hollows walk
Wednesday 10 th October	- PTFA Meeting ~ 2:30pm
Thursday 11 th October	- Parent's Evening
Monday 15 th October	- Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 16 th October	- Harvest Festival ~ 8:50am
Wednesday 17 th October	- End of Term

Half Term

Monday 29 th October	- Training Day (School Closed)
Tuesday 30 th October	- Start of Term
Wednesday 14 th November	- PTFA Meeting ~ 2:30pm
Friday 16 th November	- Children in Need
Friday 16 th November	- No swimming
19 th – 30 th November	- Switch Off Fortnight
Thursday 22 nd November	- KS2 Cheerleading – Priory Ruskin
Wednesday 5 th December	- Geography Day
Wednesday 12 th December	- PTFA Meeting ~ 2:30pm
Tuesday 18 th December	- Christmas Play ~ 6:00pm
Wednesday 19 th December	- Christmas Parties
Thursday 20 th December	- End of Term

Christmas Holiday

Tuesday 8 th January 2019	- Start of Term
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After School Care & Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 1 2018

Clubs

If your child would like to attend any extra-curricular clubs or require after school care, please can you fill in this form indicating what clubs you would like to book and return the form to school by Friday. Invoices will be issued at the end of each half term for clubs attended.

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.

Clubs will commence this week.

Child's Name:

My child would like to attend: *(Please tick as appropriate)*

<input type="checkbox"/> Science Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Monday	£3:50
<input type="checkbox"/> After School Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Tuesday	£3.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Construction Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Wednesday	£3.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Get Physical Club	3:35 – 4:30pm	Thursday	£3.50
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday Club	12:45 – 3:30pm	Friday	£9.80

I would also like my child to stay for After School Care until 5:00pm when the club has finished at a cost of £1.40 per session.

Monday 4:30 - 5:00	Tuesday 4:30 - 5:00	Wednesday 4:30 - 5:00	Thursday 4:30 - 5:00

I do not require After School Care for my child.

Music Lessons

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Drum lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Guitar lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Trumpet lessons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Piano lessons | <input type="checkbox"/> Violin lessons | |

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

Signed:

Date: