



Dunstone Primary School Newsletter



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'Growing and Achieving Together'

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to all our children, particularly to the new families who have joined our school community. We hope everyone has had a lovely summer holiday and spotted lots of Elmers along the way! Welcome to Mrs Gibson who has taken up her new role as Children's Wellbeing Champion. She is on hand to help with your child's wellbeing in any way she can, providing support, advice and further information. Should you wish to make an appointment, please contact the school office on office@dunstoneprimary.co.uk. Welcome to Mrs Dorman, who will be working alongside Mrs Thomas and Mr Prynne in Sycamore Class during Mrs Geary's absence. Congratulations to Miss Harmsworth, who is now Mrs Tucker, following her wedding over the summer.

PARENT WELCOME MEETINGS – YEARS 1-6

On Thursday, 12th of September at 3:30, each class will be holding a parent welcome meeting. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, listen to information about the year group, understand expectations for the year group and ask questions regarding the year ahead. We look forward to seeing you there.

PARENT HANDBOOK 2019-2020

Please use the link below to access the parent handbook on the school website:

<http://www.dunstoneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Prospectus+%26amp%3B+Parent+Handbook&pid=10&action=saved>

UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children all looking smart in the correct school uniform. It helps to maintain our high expectations of behaviour and respect and builds their sense of belonging. Please ensure that all uniform is named as this helps us to return lost items to their owners.

EXTRA- CURRICULAR CLUBS

In response to survey feedback from parents and children, we have worked hard with outside agencies to ensure we are providing a wider range of clubs after school. We are also very grateful to the staff who give up their time to volunteer to run clubs for the children. Please ensure you return your club preferences by 10th September to ensure that your child is able to participate in their chosen activity.

LUNCHTIMES

As from this week, we have started a new staggered lunchtime for the younger and older children. This will allow more space in the dining hall and the playground at certain times. We have reduced the amount of unstructured lunch time to 45 minutes to help with wellbeing and positive play. To compensate for this time, we have introduced an afternoon break for staff and children to improve wellbeing and learning through the afternoon.

2019-2020

Autumn Term

4th September - First day of term
18th October - Non-pupil Day
21st October - Half term
20th December - Last day of term

Spring Term

6th January - First day of term
17th February - Half term
27th March - Last day of term

Summer Term

14th April - First day of term
8th May - Bank holiday (VE day)
25th May - Half term
17th July - Last day of term

Autumn Term Events

04.09.19 - First day of term
04.09.19 - Willow parent coffee morn (09:00 in the hall)
12.09.19 - Parent welcome meeting (15:30 in classrooms Y1-Y6)
26.09.19 - European Languages Day
27.09.19 - Tempest Individual and Sibling photos
03.10.19 - National Poetry Day
04.10.19 - Oak class assembly (09:00 in the hall)
11.10.19 - Harvest celebration
18.10.19 - Non Pupil Day
11.11.19 - Anti-Bullying Week
15.11.19 Children in Need
15.11.19 - Elm class assembly (09:00 in the hall)
19.11.19 - Parents Evening
20.11.19 - Parents Evening
29.11.19 - Play Proud assembly (09:00 in the hall)
06.12.19 - Willow Nativity (14:00 in the hall)
12.12.19 - KSI Nativity (14:00 and 17:00 in the hall)
13.12.19 - Festive Jumper Day
17.12.19 - Christmas lunch
18.12.19 - Christmas parties
19.12.19 - KS2 Carol Service (14:00 at St Mary's Church)
20.12.19 - Last day of term 1:45 finish

PLYMOUTH CONSULTATION

There is currently a consultation from Plymouth City Council regarding penalty notices and absence from schools. If you wish to have further information or to express a view, please follow the link below:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcareskillsandemployability/attendancebehaviourandwelfare/schoolattendancepenaltnoticecodeconductconsultationsurvey>

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

This year we will be concentrating on improving outcomes for the children in the following areas:

- Rich and purposeful curriculum
- Fluency in mathematics
- Oracy and vocabulary across the curriculum
- Wellbeing of children and staff
- Progress and achievement for all

DATES

Please take the time to look at the date list for this term so that you know well in advance forthcoming events in school.

INDIVIDUAL AND SIBLING PHOTOS

Tempest photography will be visiting school on Friday 27th September to take individual and sibling photographs. The photographer will be in school from 08:15-08:45 to take family pictures.

CATERed LUNCH CHANGE

On Friday 13th September CATERed are organising a Roald Dahl Day lunch for the children, the food choices will be 'Fantastic Fox' Nuggets, or 'Mrs Twits' Birdless pie. Dessert will be 'Bruce Bogtrotter's' Chocolate cake. Jacket potato and sandwich option will also be available.

GDPR

It is very important that we have the most accurate personal information regarding your child. If there have been any changes over the summer to, for example contact details, please inform the school office.

Lastly, we would like to say how much we are looking forward to working positively in partnership in the year ahead. Should you ever have any questions or issues that you would like to discuss, please talk to your child's class teacher, email office@dunstoneprimary.co.uk, message in the Home Link Book or arrange to meet with the member of the team who can help.