



## Summer Term Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have really immersed themselves in our ACT curriculum this year, learning new knowledge and skills and we are seeing some fantastic actions being undertaken to make a difference in the world.



### New Deputy Head at Abbey Campus

Governors and I are delighted to let you all know that we have a new Deputy Head Teacher at Abbey Campus for September and that it is **Mrs Rachael Jurkiw**, our current Y3 leader and curriculum/maths leader, who you all know so well already.



This will be a great start for Abbey Campus in September. I'm sure if you see her at the gates, I'm sure you will join me in wishing her congratulations!

### Staffing update

Mr James Evans (Y3 teacher) is having an operation on his Achilles tendon on 28<sup>th</sup> June and will be absent from school for 4 weeks. Mrs Jurkiw and the other Year 3 staff will be teaching the two small classes and running targeted support groups, as they know this is better than a supply teaching coming in who doesn't know the children coming in at the end of term.

Helen Cresswell left us at the end of the last school week. It is an exciting time for her, as she is setting up a new private childcare provision (sadly on the other side of the city). I am very pleased that Mrs Nompumelelo Masoka, who already knows the children, will be working in Year 1 till the end of term.

Mrs Lisa Hayes and Ms Maggie Jones will both be retiring at the end of this school year in July. I wanted to write and let you all know, as we will be planning a lovely retirement celebration towards the end of term so the children can say good bye.

## Dunkirk Clubs

We are running lunchtime and after-school clubs again:

- Cookery
- Singing
- Art
- Crafts
- Multi-sports
- Gardening
- Homework

Letters have been sent out over the last few weeks to different year groups. You will have received a confirmation slip or message to confirm if your child has secured a place at a club for this term. Your child may not have secured a place this half term but we will continue to run clubs next school year.

## Names in Uniform

We have stopped having piles of lost property clothing in school. Please spend half an hour one evening putting your child's name in their uniform, especially coats and jumpers (as lots of children remove them during playtimes!) We will wash any unnamed and unclaimed uniform and donate it to the 'Uniform project' (which is going really well so thank you for everyone's donations so far).

## Summer term Uniform

Please remember that we adjusted our uniform so children can wear jogging bottoms or leggings so there is no need to change for PE days.

Please make sure all uniform follows the school colours:

- Polo shirt in red or white (NOT black even for PE days)
- Sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan in red (NOT black even for PE days)
- Skirt/shorts/trousers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings in black or grey
- Socks/tights in black/red/white/grey
- Dresses/skorts are red gingham for summer
- Shoes/sensible closed toe sandals should be black or dark brown. Trainers can be black or white (NOT blue or red etc)

**Please note that pink, green, blue etc are not school colours even on PE days. PE clothing should be red or white top and black or grey bottoms please.**

Jeans/denim items are only allowed on specific non-uniform days.

No fancy, unsafe or slippery footwear should be worn to school, as the children run, skip and climb at playtimes.

If for any reason your child is not in uniform, we will give them and you a reminder but we want ALL Dunkirk children YR (reception) up to Y6 in their uniform. Even some of our nursery children are now in uniform and feel that sense of Dunkirk belonging!

## PODs (Parents of Dunkirk)

We have had several **PoDs** meetings so far and attendance is improving. **Parents of Dunkirk** is our online review forum where we can gather feedback from across both campuses on specific topics, all linked to school. The purpose of PoDs is to hear different viewpoints about forthcoming actions/events/decisions. Some parent governors may also attend so we ensure views get taken back to Governor committees. We had a really interesting meeting for Relationships and Health Education RHE (which we held online and face to face last term)

The themes for this summer terms meeting will be 'Online learning / safeguarding'. I will confirm the date for that later this week on dojo school story calendar.

## Finland links

I am so pleased that we were able to re-establish our links with 'Rastaala School, in Espoo Finland. Our focus this year is sharing our mathematical teaching knowledge and skills. Staff from Rastaala visited Abbey first and then some Abbey staff taught in Finland for a few days. This really develops our teachers professionally and expands their knowledge and skills, which ultimately improves learning for children at Dunkirk. Many children at Abbey will know the Finland staff from previous visits and it is a real celebration in our school, learning about a new language and about a maths in a different country.



## Eid Celebration Day

This was a great success. We looked at what, why and how. The children all dressed up to share the celebration, we had assemblies and a lovely lunch together. They learnt so much for each other.



## Jubilee Celebration Day

This was another great day and thank you to all the children and staff who came in red, white and blue. The children learnt all about what a jubilee is and what the word monarchy means.



## Residential Camps

Wow, the Colwick camp was such a success! The children experienced so many fantastic outdoor skills and they applied their PRIDE learning behaviours in a different setting. Well done to all the children and a huge thank you to all the staff who organised the camp and who took the children, giving up their own time to provide such enrichment. I'm a very lucky Head Teacher, as our Dunkirk staff are always so willing to give their time for our children at school.



HIGHFIELDS CAMP DAY 2 - MORNING UPDATE

Sorry it's been a while to update you this morning but the children have had a great morning, completed their canoeing challenges and have had lunch. They've even done their own washing up. Mr. Hall has just messaged to say, "Canoeing was great and they ALL loved it."

Here's a few photos to show you how much fun they have had so far, and a video showing what they've been up to on the water.

[Translation viewed by 2 parents](#)

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*Looking forward to an exciting second half of summer term. It is always a busy term so please have a look at the next page for an overview of all the dates.*

*Heidi Hollis  
Head Teacher*

## Diary Dates Summer 2 Term

Date	Event	Time	Campus	Note
<b>Summer term</b>	<b>Y6 secondary school transition days</b>		Highfields	Secondary schools will have contacted Y6 parents/carers directly
<b>Wk beg 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 4 multiplication tables check</b>		Highfields	Video overview has been sent to parents/carers
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 trip</b>	All day		Letter to follow from Y6 team
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y3 trip</b>	All day		Letter to follow from Y3 team
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June/ 13<sup>th</sup> July/20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y3 campus transition visits</b>		Highfields	Letter to follow from Y3 team
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>YR-Y5 class transition day</b>	All day	Both	Update to follow on dojo
<b>1st-8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Abbey Parents ACT sharing week</b> Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> -Y2 sharing Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> -Y3 sharing Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> -Y1 sharing Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> - YR sharing	2:00pm	Abbey Classrooms	Update on school story dojo to follow
<b>11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Highfields ACT sharing week</b> Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> -Y5/6 sharing Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> -Y4 sharing	2:00pm	Highfields Classrooms	
<b>11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Abbey Sports week</b> Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> -Y1 Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> -YR Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> -Y2	1:30-2:30pm	Abbey Playground	Update on school story dojo to follow
<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y4 trip</b>	All day		Letter to follow
<b>20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Highfields Sports week</b> Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> -Y3/4 Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> -Y5/6	1:30-2:30pm	Highfields field	Update on school story dojo to follow
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Reports to parent/carers</b>	-	Email	Letter to follow
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>YR trip</b>	All day		Letter to follow from YR team
<b>26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of term PRIDE assembly</b>			We send a congratulations video to those families
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Y6 Leavers assembly</b>	9:30am	Highfields	Information will be sent on Y6 dojo to families
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Non-uniform day</b>	-	Both	
<b>27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	-	Both	

We are just waiting for confirmation of the Y2 trip visit date and will notify parents in Y2 when confirmed.