



Dunkirk Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Reading Records

As we will soon be celebrating World Book Day (Friday 2 March) and our love of reading, it is a good time to remind parents that all children should be reading **every** school night and reading activities should be completed. Reading records should also be completed each school night.

Home-learning

On Friday March 2th we will also be launching our new home-learning project books. More information to follow shortly.

School Uniform

Only Dunkirk PRIDE Ambassadors are allowed to wear black hoodies. All other children should be wearing:

- White or red polo shirts/shirts
- Red jumpers/cardigans
- Black/grey trousers or skirt/pinafore
- Black sensible outdoor shoes (not trainers)

Queries and Questions

As a school, we want to listen and improve. Please see your child's class teacher initially if you have any questions about your child or school. If the teacher is unable to help, please see a member of the leadership team:

Highfields Campus – Mr Parry, Deputy Headteacher or Mr Brooks, Assistant Headteacher

Abbey Campus – Mrs Beeley, Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Mitchell, Designated Safeguarding Lead

As Head Teacher, across both campuses, it is easier for parents/carers to see campus leadership first so we can respond more promptly.

Tea @ 3!

Free tea and coffee is served on the playground at Highfields Campus every Thursday afternoon and at Abbey Campus every Friday afternoon so parents/carers can chat and get to know each other. A big thank you to the parents who help Sue serve the drinks!

Communication with parents

As a school, we are always striving to improve our communication with our families. Following feedback from the recent parent questionnaire we:

- Have introduced a 'dates for you diary' reminder that will be emailed to all parents at the beginning of each term. Dates are also available on our website.
- Are currently installing new TV's in each office area, which will display recent photos of the children and date reminders.
- Will increase the newsletter to half-termly.
- Will continue to communicate with parents/carers via
 - Email
 - Text reminders
 - Front gate board reminders
 - Twitter updates
 - Friday morning- staff on early duty
 - Tea @ 3 each week
 - Staff being on the yard at the start and end of each day

New Staff Governor

Congratulations to Matt Williams who has been appointed as our new staff governor.

Staffing Update

Amanda Balkitis will be continuing to lead our new Acorn provision at Highfields campus next term and Helen Cresswell will be continuing as Apple Class Teaching Assistant. We have 3 maternity leave staff returning after Easter, Holly Elliott, Rachael Taylor and Rachael Jurkiw. We look forward to seeing their baby photos!

Dunkirk Highfields turns 50!

Our Highfields campus will be 50 years old in March! We know many of our families have lived in Dunkirk all their lives – if you have any stories, memories, photos regarding the Highfields campus that you would like to share, please see Miss Yvonne or Mr Brooks at Highfields Campus or Miss Jones or Mr Wright at Abbey Campus.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
Fri 2 March	Dunkirk's World Book Day – come dressed as your favourite book character!
Fri 2 March 2.00pm-3.00pm Abbey Campus	NSPCC parents online safety workshop
Tue 6 March am for four weeks	A taster course 'Introduction to Beauty Therapies'. The course will be free to anyone claiming benefits*
Thurs 8 March am	Y3-Y6 Road Safety Quiz
Thurs 8 March pm	Tennis Roadshow
Fri 23 March	Sports Relief Day (PE kit needed)*
Mon 26 – Thurs 29 March	Dunkirk Highfields 50 th year celebration and whole school history week*
Fri 30 March	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Mon 2 April – Fri 13 April	Easter holidays (school closed)
Monday 16 April	Start of Summer term
Tues 17 and Thurs 19 April	Parent's consultation evenings*
Mon 23 – Fri 27 April	Y3/Y4 Kingswood Residential Group 1 23 rd -25 th April Group 2 25 th -27 th April
Mon 18 – Fri 22 June	Y5/6 Lockerbrook Residential
W/C Monday 14 May	Y6 SATs week

*Further details to follow

Kind Regards

Heidi Hollis, Head Teacher