



Dunkirk Primary School

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday. We are looking forward to a new school year, with lots of great learning!

The children were very sensible last term during the hot weather, wearing hats, drinking lots of water and playing in the shade. Thank you for supporting this.

Also, thank you to all the families who have fed back so positively about the end of year reports. If you wish to comment on your child's report please email admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk.

School Improvement focus 18-19

This year we are focusing on accelerating attainment at the end of each school year through:

- Developing the new school vision, with a focus on positive and proactive learning behaviour and attitude
- Increasing opportunities to write across the curriculum
- Improving attainment in writing
- Further developing our reading fluency
- Reviewing and strengthening the school as two campuses

School Vision

We have reviewed our school vision and this year we are very pleased to start sharing with you our new ethos. Children and staff are developing Dunkirk as a '**Learning and Research School**', where we are all involved on a learning journey and develop ourselves through research and reflection. More details to follow.

PRIDE

Well done to all our new PRIDE winners and congratulations to our new ambassadors, who will be proudly wearing their black PRIDE hoodies this autumn term.

Meet the Teacher Reminder

We will be hosting 'Meet the Teaching Team' sessions on (letter sent previously):

Abbey campus-Tuesday 18th September 2018
3:25-3:45pm

Highfields campus-Thursday 20th September 2018
3:40-4:00pm

This year there will be an opportunity to hear more about our 'Big Read' sessions, opportunities for extended writing, homework expectations, PE and cross-curriculum learning. We encourage all our families to attend so that you learn more about what your child will be learning and how you can really help them at home.

We thought it would be a good opportunity for families to meet early in the year, allowing us an opportunity to share food and drink together in the hall or playground afterwards (weather permitting).

Reading Focus

During the autumn term we continue to focus on improving the teaching and learning of reading. We are launching 'Big Read' teaching of reading fluency and comprehension, as well as maintaining the daily phonics sessions.

Welcome

We welcome Mark Whitehead as our new school business manager, part of the senior leadership team. Joining our teacher and teaching assistant team are Mrs Joelle Wilcox, Miss Hannah Nix, Mr Jimmy Evans, Mrs Alison Kendell, Mrs Carol Holmes and Miss Beth Tyers.

School Uniform Expectations

Please remember that Dunkirk uniform must be worn to school:

- Grey or black skirt/trousers
- White or red shirt/polo shirt
- Red jumper or cardigan
- White, red or grey socks/tights
- Dark sensible shoes (no trainers please)

Uniform can be purchased from Tesco online with the school logo or from local supermarkets etc.

As the weather is becoming wetter, please remember to send your child to school with a coat.

Please put your CHILD'S NAME inside all of their uniform.

Basketball

We have a special focus for Key Stage Two sports this year 'basketball'. We are working with Miss Prior (Commonwealth bronze medallist) to promote the sport across school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
14 th September	Reading books and records sent home
18 th September	Abbey campus 'Meet the Teaching' team & family food sharing
19 th September	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies Y1-6
20 th September	Highfields campus 'Meet the Teaching' team & family food sharing
21 st September	Inset training day school closed
27 th September	Class organisation letters sent home
9 th October	Parent consultation evening
11 th October	Parent consultation evening
15 th October	Black History Focus Week
16 th October	Y1-3 Halloween disco (Highfields hall)
19 th October	Last day of half term
20 th October	Half term (school closed)

DATE	EVENT/ACTIVITY
5 th November	School re-opens
12 th November	Anti-bullying week
3 rd December	R.E. focus annual 'Christmas in a Week'
5 th December	Christmas fair (Abbey hall)
11 th December	Highfields Christmas performances
12 th December	Nursery Christmas performance
13 th December	Abbey Christmas performances
18 th December	Highfields Y1-2 party day
18 th December	Abbey Y1-3 party day
19 th December	Abbey YR-1 party day
19 th December	Highfields YR & YN party day
20 th December	Highfields Y3-6 party day
20 th December	Abbey Y4-6 party day
21 st December	Toy day PRIDE assembly-Highfields 9:15am PRIDE Assembly-Abbey 10:30am
21 st December	Autumn term ends
7 th January	Spring term starts