



Summer Term 1 Newsletter

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all keeping well and enjoyed the recent bank holiday. Please have a read of our summer term 1 newsletter with information about school, particular requests and future dates that I want to be able to share with you all.

Names in Clothing

The weather is quite mixed at the moment but hopefully as it gets warmer please make sure your child has a sun hat and water bottle for school (remember names). A coat is still important with these rain showers though. During the summer months, many children take their jumpers off at playtime and we have a lot of lost property. This is such a waste of parent/carers money. PLEASE put their **name** in your child's uniform, including their:

- Jumpers/cardigans
- Coats
- Shoes
- Bags

SATS

I wanted to send a huge thanks to our Y2 and Y6 children who took or are still are taking their SAT tests. Year 2 is very low key, as we work alongside the children so that they feel relaxed and comfortable and the booklets are spread out over a month so we can take our time.

Year 6 have had their SATs tests this week over 4 days. I am so proud of all the staff and children. The work that the children have put in this year, their drive and focus has been AMAZING!! I know they will have done their very best and show what progress they have made at Dunkirk. Some children have been with us 7+ years and some only 7+ weeks but all of them are focused on being proud of themselves and proud of their class effort. The staff teams have put so much of their time and energy to ensure the children all feel comfortable and confident to try their best. My daughter also took her SAT tests this year as well so I am understanding more about what it feels like from a parent's perspective.

Leadership Team Availability

Just a reminder that we have a shared leadership team that works at both campuses. I know that I am not always at each campus each day if you want to see me and it is always better to book a time for a Head Teacher meeting so we have a dedicated time. However, Mr Parry leads Highfields campus and Mrs Beeley leads Abbey campus and they are usually available in person, telephone (0115 9153273) and email (admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk). We also have a middle leadership team and if they are not teaching, are also available to answer any queries you may have or just have a chat about school. Please have a look at the table below so you are aware of the leadership team on each campus.

Highfields Campus	Abbey Campus
Mrs Hollis	
Mr Parry	Mrs Beeley
Mrs Elliott	Miss Stray
Mrs Jurkiw	Miss Butler
	Miss Barrett
EYFS -Mrs Turner	
SEN -Mrs Mitchell	
Office -Mr Whitehead	

Dunkirk Curriculum

We have had our teacher planning meetings for the summer term and we have some really exciting themes. We have sent home our year group curriculum overview booklets, which also contain fun ideas for our family homework challenges. We had some great responses last term to family homework challenges, including a great viking boat model at Highfields and a fabulous model of Wollaton Hall at Abbey.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Term 3	Taking Care of People NHS, Florence Nightingale, Acts of Kindness	Gold, Greed and Power Christopher Columbus Countries, maps, trade etc...	Where We're From Links with Finland and Pakistan	Pyroclastic Pompeii Volcanoes and Earthquakes	Green and Gold Environmental Change – Land use vs Environment	Comparing early civilisations

Pupil Voice

We have run our pupil survey at school and the focus has been to gather the children's views on what makes effective learning. The outcomes of the survey showed us that children knew what they had to learn and how to learn but that we needed to do more work on the 'why' aspect. This will be supported by our cross-curricular learning afternoons and we will be exploring the 'why' teaching aspect as a staff.

Parking Problems and Solutions



School Council has asked that parent/carers remember to **turn off their vehicle engines** at the start and end of the school day. They say the fumes are not very nice to walk through and also have a smell/taste for the children.

Please DO NOT park/reverse in front of the school gates/yellow zigzags-it is too dangerous!



School Uniform

I love to see all the children in their Dunkirk red uniform. They look so smart and our Dunkirk 'red' is a strong and bold colour that reflects our pride in our school. Well done to the new ambassadors in their summer term unique black ambassador polo shirts.



Staffing update

We welcomed Mrs Pam Mahjouri as our new attendance officer and learning mentor. She has settled in so well it feels like she has always been at Dunkirk.

Mr Steve Brown will be retiring at the end of this academic year but he will actually continue to support Y6 for two days a week so he' is but isn't' leaving, which is great news! Mr Brown has been at Dunkirk for **MANY** years so we will still have a fun 'sort of leaving assembly' so we can look at lots of funny pictures of him over the years!

Miss Katie Perkins is departing Dunkirk at the end of the school year to work at another city school and we wish her the best of luck in her new school. We will miss Mrs Julie Clay, who left at half term, who has given so much of her time to teaching , book club and Latin club to name just a few of her many contributions!

Mrs Curtis will be returning from maternity leave at the very end of the summer term. Mrs Curtis is our 'Financial Learning' advocate in school so I am sure we will be engaging with lot of money awareness experiences upon her return for 2019-2020.

We are pleased that we have appointed three new teachers for Key Stage Two, Mr Alex Hall, Mr Jason Lees and Mr Josh Cook and we look forward to meeting them as part of our transition process into next school year. We also have several trainee teaching assistants across both campuses and we will be supporting their training.

We don't need a royal baby...as we have a new Dunkirk staff baby...I'm sure you will all join me in saying congratulations to Ms Gemma Latham, who had a beautiful baby girl recently. Ms Latham is now on maternity leave and will return to Dunkirk next year.

Lunchboxes

Huge thanks to all the parents/carers who have sent their child's packed lunch in a named lunchbox. It is making a huge difference! There is more room on the trolley and food is kept cooler. There are just a few parents/carers still sending food in a plastic carrier bag or in very large rucksacks. Please could these few children be sent with a proper lunchbox? **Please make sure your child's name is on their lunchboxes.**

WinMax



Clubs and Experiences

Last term we ran a range of clubs and arranged enrichment experiences for the children. We try to offer a broad range of lunchtime and after school experiences:

- Aikido – after-school activity over two evenings for both KS1 and KS2
- Homework club – weekly lunchtime club
- Y4-6 disco-great fun evening!
- Sewing Club – weekly sessions run by volunteers
- Y1 pop up art gallery



- Family Cooking – an opportunity for families to cook together
- Y3/4 Kingswood residential camp
- Teachers visiting from our link schools in Finland
- Y3 Viking workshop
- Basketball training sessions with Nottingham coaches
- Y6 visit to NUASt science labs
- Lunchtime sports activities
- Y6 tag rugby
- Local library visits
- Holiday football club
- Scrap band after school club

Diary Dates

- **24th-28th May Half term holiday**
- **3rd June school closed for inset day**
- 10th to 13th June- Y1 phonics tests
- 17th to 21st June- Y5/6 Lockerbrook camp
- 27th June- Full Governing Body meeting
- 1st July- Highfields PRIDE family picnic
- 2nd July- Abbey PRIDE family picnic
- 8th to 9th July- Y1 and 2 Wollaton camp
- 8th July- Y5 and Y6 sports afternoon
- 9th July- Y3 and Y4 sports afternoon
- 10th July- YR and N sports afternoon
- 11th July- Y1 and 2 sports afternoon
- 22nd July- HFC PRIDE assembly

- 23rd July- ABC PRIDE assembly
- 25th July- Toy day/ non-uniform optional (£1 donation towards new wet play classroom games)
- 26th July- Leavers assembly/last day of term

We have a busy summer term, planned with lots of exciting teaching and activities for children and families. I hope that you will be able to join us and share some of the many 'learning, sporting, creating and PRIDE' moments that happen at Dunkirk every day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Heidi Hollis

Head Teacher