

Friday 29th September 2017



Welcome to our new Reception and Nursery children!

Our new reception and nursery children

have just completed their first full week with us. It is lovely to see how well the children have settled in and are enjoying life in school. Looking at how confident, happy and settled the Year 1 children are now, it is hard to believe that it was this time last year when they were joining us for the first time.



Harvest Festival

Throughout October, we are collecting for the Homeless Centre in Acton. They have especially asked for donations of the following items: Milk (UHT or powdered), cereal, tinned soup, fruit juice (carton), pasta sauces, baked beans, rice/sponge pudding (tinned) tomatoes (tinned), tinned meat/fish, tinned fruit, sugar, biscuits or snack bars, tea bags/coffee, instant mashed potato, tinned vegetables, pasta/rice. All children in Year 1 to 6 will be having an assembly with a representative from Acton Homeless Centre to explain more about their donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



School Meals

As you may be aware, rules regarding the payment of school dinners have changed. Any outstanding school meal debt now has to be paid for by the school. The outstanding balance is currently **£1,126.25**. As you will have heard on the news, school budgets are currently stretched. Derwentwater is no exception. This is money that should be spent on children's learning. If we have to pay this bill, children will miss out on vital resources. Please make sure that you have paid your balance in full.

If you are finding it difficult to pay, or you think that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please come and talk to us in confidence.



Prefects

Year 6 children have had their interviews for prefect this week. Look out next week to find out who has been successful.



Nut free school

At Derwentwater we are a nut-free school as we have several children who have severe allergies. Please help support us by not including nuts in your child's lunches. This includes peanut butter in sandwiches. Thank you!



Mathletics

As a school, we have taken the decision that we will no longer be using Mathletics for maths homework. When we analysed the data, we found that children were not using it as effectively as we had hoped. We are therefore using the money that we would have spent on it on resources.



Year 3 rocks!

Year 3 had a visit from Paul Grant who showed them a variety of rocks and fossils. The children got the opportunity to handle lots of different rocks and learn about how they are formed to help them with their rocks and soils topic this half term.



Parking

Please help us keep the children safe by not driving or turning on to Shakespeare Road at pick up or drop off time. No matter how good a driver you are, a child can easily run out into the road and get hurt. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

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The Derwentwater School Association

Help needed!

The DSA work tirelessly to help raise money for the school. They are currently looking for help for the following events:

School Disco

Christmas Fair

Year 2 Class Reps

These are fantastic events for the school that raise a lot of money. If you can help with anything, please see Ruth Roff (Mum of Lucy in Year 4 and Chloe in Year 1), Emily Orley (Mum of Frances in Year 1 and Marla in Nursery) or Lizzie Prior (Mum of Zach in Year 5 and Lucy in Year 1).



Year 5 and 6 cross-country

Next Thursday, we will be sending a team of Year 5 and 6 boys and girls to the Ealing Borough cross-country championships. We are defending champions for the girls' team – let's hope we make it the double this year!

Dates for your diary

2nd October – Prospective (2018/2019) Reception Open Day 9.30am and 2pm

3rd October – Parent Drop-In 9am Junior Canteen

6th October – Year 1 DSA Bake Sale

10th October – Prospective (2018/2019) Reception Open Evening 6pm

12th October – New (2017/2018) Reception parents information session

16th October – DSA General Meeting 8pm

17th October – New (2017/2018) Reception parents information session

18th October - Somali Parent's Coffee Morning
Amended date

19th October – Harvest Collection deadline

23rd October – 30th October - School closed:
Half Term

30th October – **SCHOOL CLOSED** Staff training day

31st October – Children back to school

31st October – High School admissions deadline

6th November – Parent Gym starts

7th November – Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen

7th November – Parents' Evening

8th November – Parents' Evening

9th November – Arabic speaking parents coffee morning

10th November – Provisional DSA Disco date

16th November – Governor's Parent Forum

20th November – Prospective (2018/2019) Reception Open Day 9.30am and 2pm

24th November – Year 5 DSA Bake Sale

30th November - 2018/2019 Reception Open Evening 6pm

1st December – DSA coffee morning

5th December – Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen

8th December – DSA Christmas Fair

12th December – Somali Parent's Coffee Morning

12th December – ½ Reception Christmas Play 2pm

13th December – ½ Reception Christmas Play 2pm

14th December – Year 2 Christmas Play 9.30am

15th December – Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30am

18th December – Year 3 Christmas Play 9.30am

19th December – Year 4 Christmas Play 9.30am

20th December – Last Day of term. School closes at 2pm