

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Half Term

It's hard to believe we are already half way through the Autumn term. School will be closed next week and on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October for pupils. The first day back for pupils will be Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. We wish you all a relaxing half term!



### Eco Committee

Miss Porter and Miss Ashton are introducing an eco committee to the school. The committee will meet at least once a half term to investigate how we can become more environmentally friendly as a school. Children had to nominate their peers for the committee. Congratulations to the following children who will be their year group's representative on the committee:

Year 1 - Frances and Sylvester

Year 2- Tilly and Harry

Year 3 - Penelope and Joshan

Year 4 - Niamh and Esther

Year 5 - Zac and Lema

Year 6- Daisy and Ahmad

### Year 5 journalists

On Monday Mr Clayton's Year 5 class learned about current affairs and journalism with BBC reporter and producer Marilyn Rust (Mum of Alfred in Year 1). She taught them what kind of questions to ask to get to the bottom of a story and how to report what they find out. Raheem says, "I now want to be a journalist when I grow up." Sarah says, "I learnt that being a journalist is hard work!"

Marilyn Rust has worked as a reporter and producer for The World at One and PM on BBC Radio 4. She wrote the tweets for the BBC's main Twitter accounts and worked as a producer in the BBC's Jerusalem and Brussels Bureaus. She has produced top correspondents on the main TV news bulletins and produced the arts programme Front Row for Radio 4. She has interviewed prime ministers, film stars and even the owner of Norfolk cat slimmer of the year!

A huge thank you to Marilyn for giving up her time!



### Calling all parents!

Do you have an interesting job, hobby or interest that might inspire our children? We are always looking for parents to come in to talk to our children about the world outside Derwentwater and the many opportunities that are open to them. If you would like to come and speak to the children or do a workshop, please let Miss Mulvany know via Parentcomms.



### Happy Diwali

Happy Diwali to all our families who are celebrating at this time!



### Defibrillator

We have now got a defibrillator in the medical room for use in emergencies. Hopefully, we will never have to use it but it is good to know that it is there.



### School disco

The school disco is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets go on sale on 1<sup>st</sup> November in the school playground and cost £2. If you are unable to purchase them from school, they can be bought via email [atinfo@thedsa.org](mailto:atinfo@thedsa.org). There will be two discos - one from 4.30pm to 5.45pm for Reception to Year 3 and one from 6.15pm to 7.30pm for years 4 to 6. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult. There will be refreshments available for adults in the Junior Canteen. The DSA are also looking for volunteers to help on the night as well. Please contact [info@thedsa.org](mailto:info@thedsa.org) if you are happy to help.



### Christmas Fair

Save the date December 8<sup>th</sup> for our legendary Christmas Fair! We'd love people to help with games and decorating and donations for the tombola, raffle and bric-à-brac. Please contact [info@thedsa.org](mailto:info@thedsa.org) if you can lend a hand on the day or before.

Tel: 020 8992 9296

Email: [parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk)



### Halal meals

After half term, we will be offering a halal option alongside the non-halal meat every day of the week.

### Year 1 assembly

Year 1 performed an excellent assembly yesterday for their parents, carers and siblings about Diwali. The children and teachers worked very hard to prepare it and the children did themselves proud. It is amazing to see how confident the children already are about performing in public.

### Year 2 assembly

Year 2 also worked hard on their assembly about recycling. They told us all about different ways to recycle and why it is important to do so. Well done Year 2!



### Year 3 volcanoes

Year 3 made volcanoes using paper and plastic bottles. They used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to simulate a volcanic eruption. This is an experiment that you could also do at

home.



### Year 5/6 cross-country

Recently, we took part in the Ealing Schools cross country. We took 21 pupils from Y5 and Y6 (and one from Y4) and were one of 34 schools in the competition. The teams performed to a high standard and showed plenty of determination. The girls finished 8<sup>th</sup> and the boys finished 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our combined boys and girls scores meant we finished approximately 9<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done everyone!



### Parent/governor election update

We will be sending home the ballot papers for the election on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. Each parent has one vote, no matter how many children they have in the school. As before, you will be given two envelopes: one in which to place your ballot paper and the second to place the first envelope and your declaration of eligibility to vote. If you would like any further clarification on this, please ask us.

### Netball team

Our netball team have their first match on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October against Berrymede juniors. Thank you to Flo Crawford's parents for kindly buying the team their bibs. Good luck girls!



### High school applications

Year 6 parents, please be aware that the deadline for High School applications is Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you do not apply by then, your child will not get your first choice of school and could be allocated a place the other side of the borough.



### Opening the main gate

To open the school gate, please use the arrow keys (pictured) to select either Breakfast Club/Aktiva or the main office. Then press the circular bell button (also pictured) to call your selection. When the bell is answered, please state your name and your reason for being in school. Please repeat the same process at the second gate. Please be aware that, during school hours, the gates cannot be open at the same time.



### Pumpkin Party

We are having a 'Pumpkin Party' for all local children who are eligible for Reception in 2018. There will be a range of free and fun activities. The party will be in the nursery from 4pm to 6pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### House Points Update

We will now be collecting the house points on a half termly basis. The totals for this term are:



Rowling: 998



Dahl: 856



Donaldson: 901



Walliams: 851



### Dates for your diary

**23<sup>rd</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> October -  
SCHOOL CLOSED: Half Term**

- 30<sup>th</sup> October -SCHOOL CLOSED** Staff training day
- 31<sup>st</sup> October** - Children back to school
- 31<sup>st</sup> October** - High School admissions deadline
- 6<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Gym starts
- 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen
- 7<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evening
- 8<sup>th</sup> November** - Parents' Evening
- 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Arabic speaking parents coffee morning
- 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Provisional DSA Disco date
- 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Governor's Parent Forum
- 20<sup>th</sup> November** - Prospective (2018/2019) Reception Open Day 9.30am and 2pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 5 DSA Bake Sale
- 30<sup>th</sup> November** - 2018/2019 Reception Open Evening 6pm
- 1<sup>st</sup> December** - DSA coffee morning
- 5<sup>th</sup> December** - Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen
- 8<sup>th</sup> December** - DSA Christmas Fair
- 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Somali Parent's Coffee Morning
- 12<sup>th</sup> December**- ½ Reception Christmas Play 2pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> December** - ½ Reception Christmas Play 2pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 2 Christmas Play 9.30am
- 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 Christmas Play 9.30am
- 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 4 Christmas Play 9.30am
- 20<sup>th</sup> December** - Last Day of term. School closes at 2pm