

Friday 6th October 2017

Meet our new Prefects and House Captains

Each year Year 6 children get the opportunity to become prefects. Being a prefect is an excellent opportunity for children to develop their leadership skills and to act as a role model to the younger children. It is a very rigorous process for the children and involves them writing an application, providing two references (one in school and one out of school) and, finally, having an interview with members of staff. Congratulations to the following children who have become prefects:

Emma	Salma
Mili M	Laila F
Lola	Nell
Leila F-G	Eesa
Cosmin	Sophie
Rhiaana	Elsie
Mimi	Tsehai
Nawal	Lila W

Houses:

In our school, we have four houses: Rowling, Donaldson, Dahl and Walliams. The children earn house points for good behaviour. The house points are then added up each half term and the winners receive a house reward. The following children have been chosen as the house captains for this year.

Rowling: Sharmarke and Mona

Donaldson: Kane and Flora

Dahl: Younis and Leen

Walliams: Ella and Dominic



Value of the month: Independence

This month we will be focussing on the value of independence. Assistant Heads will be doing assemblies and we will be looking for children who are displaying great examples of independence.



Maths update

Maths homework books have arrived and will be handed out to students on Friday 6th October. Students need to return homework every Wednesday and will be assigned homework on the Friday.

This year, Derwentwater is focusing on improving students mental maths skills. One of the ways we are doing this is giving students weekly arithmetic tests. The tests will be sent home and need to be signed and returned. We are also giving students monthly times table tests. These will also be sent home to be signed and returned.



Black History Month

We will be celebrating Black History Month through assemblies, lessons and a home project. The project will vary dependent on phase. It will be introduced in assemblies next week and more details will be sent home afterwards.

Years 1- 4 will be learning about black inventors in school and we would like them to create their own invention at home.

Years 5 and 6 will be looking at Martin Luther King quotes and we would like them to choose a quote and produce a piece of artwork to represent the quote.

We will be holding a celebration event on Friday 3rd November to which parents and carers will be invited.



Parents' Evening

There will be parents' evenings on 7th November from 3.40pm to 5.30pm and on 8th November from 3.40pm to 5.20pm and from 6.00 to 6.50pm. Sign up sheets will be available in the playground before and after school from Wednesday 11th October to Friday 20th October. If your child is in Year 4, 5 or 6, you may need to book an appointment with their class teacher AND their maths teacher. If you are unable to come to school to sign up, please contact us BEFORE Wednesday 11th October.

Tel: 020 8992 9296

Email: parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk



Harvest Festival

We are still collecting donations for Acton Homeless Centre. The deadline for collection is **Friday 19th October**.



Lost property

Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled. As the weather is currently changing throughout the day, we are ending up with a lot of jumpers and coats in lost property.



School uniform

Please can you make sure that children are coming to school in full school uniform including a tie. Shoes should also be black. If your daughter wears a head scarf, please make sure that it is blue.

PE Kit

Children should wear a blue Derwentwater t-shirt and blue shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Children will now be coming to school in their PE kits on the day that they have PE with the coach. As it is coming up to winter, please make sure that children are in tracksuit bottoms as they will be in their PE kit all day, including lunchtimes.



Medicines

If your child has been prescribed medication that they need to take in school, you must fill in a form before we can administer it. Please speak to the office in the morning to fill out a form. Please note, we cannot administer Calpol unless it has been prescribed by a doctor.

New office staff



Mr Farquharson - attendance and data officer. He deals with attendance, admissions and anything to do with pupil data.



Mr Drury - administrator. He deals with meeting and greeting visitors, parent payment, texts and emails and First Aid if Ms Robinson is unavailable.



Ms Kay - administrator. She updates the website and school calendar, letters, trips and any general administration.



Nursery 30 hour provision

As you may know, we are now providing 30 hours of nursery provision. We are also able to offer 15 hours and on-site wrap around care in breakfast and after school club. If you have a child who is turning three, please contact the school office to enquire about a place for them.



Jeans for Genes day

Thank you for your generosity. We raised £384 on Jeans for Genes day.

Year 1 reading



Year 1 brought their teddies to school today and read to them. Both the children and the teddies really enjoyed the experience! Hopefully, it's something that they can do at home as well.



Dates for your diary

10th October - Prospective
(2018/2019) Reception Open

Evening 6pm

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

13th October - Year 1 parents phonics
workshop 2.45pm

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

19th October - Year 1 Diwali assembly 9.15am

20th October - Year 2 Recycling Assembly
9.30am

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