

Thursday 29th March 2018



Message from Mrs Nicholas

It has been another busy term at Derwentwater. I am very proud of the progress that our children are making. It's wonderful to see how confident they are.

Our pupils have taken part in a range of trips and activities which they have thoroughly enjoyed. The highlight of these, for me, was the trip to the Houses of Parliament. Our pupils were beautifully behaved and asked Rupa Huq some very intelligent questions.

We are looking forward to the Summer Term. Our Year 6s and 2s have been working very hard in preparing for their Sats tests and we are confident that they will do their best.

I would like to thank my wonderful staff team for their continued commitment, hard work and dedication to our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely holiday and I would like to wish those of you who are celebrating a Happy Easter. I look forward to seeing you all on the 26th April.

Farewell Miss Hudson

Miss Hudson leaves us after many years of dedicated service. She is moving to live by the sea. She has been an invaluable member of staff and will be much missed. We wish her all the best in her new life.

Miss Foley is going to be getting married over the holidays. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her and hearing all about it after the holidays.

Miss Alwan is leaving us to get married. Her class will be taken by Miss Drew after the holidays. We send our congratulations to her in her new life.

Open playground event



We are holding an open playground event on Saturday 28th April. There will be a petting zoo, fire engine, face painting, slime making, representatives from the Elizabeth Line, an Animal Foo demonstration and much more. We hope to see you all there. Please tell your friends and neighbours about the event.



Science Week

We have had lots of fun this week celebrating science week. The children have all attempted to build a bridge out of Lego, made slime, built towers with spaghetti and marshmallows, milk colour mixing and many more experiments. Year 3 even weighed how much food waste they had created over the week!



There were class swaps where the older children and younger children carried out experiments together.



STEM challenge

Can you design and make the best 'second use' for a piece of rubbish? Could you design a kite from a plastic bag or a plant container out of a plastic bag? There are lots of interesting ideas on Pinterest. Please submit your photo and a description of your item to parentcomms.



Easter bonnet and egg decorating competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the Easter bonnet and egg decorating competition. There were many fantastic entries across the school. Congratulations to all the winners.



Parent volunteers

Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer to help in school. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 18th April at 9 am or 2pm for more details. If you are unable to attend either of these, please contact Miss Mulvany via Parentcomms.

Year 2 assembly

Year 2 did a fantastic assembly today about Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. Thanks to all the parents who came to watch.

Tel: 020 8992 9296

Email: parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk



Conversation Club

We have recently been awarded a Big Lottery grant for Conversation Classes for parents who have English as an additional language. These classes will be starting after the holidays. Thank you to Mrs Hingley for her hard work in securing the grant. There will be more details of the classes after the holiday.

Parent Drop In

There will be a parent drop in on Tuesday 17th April 2018 from 3.30pm in the Infant Canteen. Our speech and language therapist, Kelly Ellis, and our SENCO, Mrs Gardner, will be giving information and advice on all your questions and concerns about children's speech and language development. All parents are warmly welcomed.



Arabic speaking parents' coffee morning

Thank you to all the parents who came to the Arabic speaking parents' coffee morning. There was a great turn out and it is fantastic to see how many parents turned up to support their child.



Sports Relief

Thank you for your donations for Sports Relief. We raised £349.30.



Shoebboxes needed!

Year 6 need shoeboxes for science next term. If you have any spare, please could you bring them in to the school office?



Global Garden Day

Thank you to everyone who came to the Global Garden day last Saturday.

The garden looks great!



Easter activities

Year 6 House Captains came and did some Easter activities with Year 1 today. It was lovely to see the older children being so kind and patient towards the younger children.



Dates for your diary

16th April - Back to school

17th April - Year 2 parent open classroom 9.00-9.30

17th April - Parent drop in 3.30pm Junior Canteen

18th April - Year 3 parent open classroom 9.00-9.30am

18th April - Parent volunteer meeting 9am and 2pm in the Junior Canteen

19th April - Year 5 parent open classroom 9.00 - 9.30am

20th April - Year 4 parent open classroom 9.00-9.30am

23rd April - Year 1 parents open classroom 9.00-9.30am

23rd April - Year 6 Mock Sats week

24th April - Year 6 parent open classroom 9.00 - 9.30am

26th April - 1 Diamond and 1 Ruby to Gunnersbury

27th April - Year 2 DSA Cake Sale

27th April - Quiz Night (re-arranged date)

28th April - Open Playground event

30th April - Year 4 trip to Queen's Gallery

30th April - 1 Sapphire to Gunnersbury

1st May - Parent drop in 3.30pm Junior Canteen

3rd May - Year 4 trip to Queen's Gallery

3rd May - Polling Day - Nursery Closed

3rd May - Somali Parents' Coffee Morning

4th May - Year 3 to Gunnersbury Museum

7th May - Bank Holiday

9th May - DSA Community Coffee morning

14th May - Year 6 Sats Week

24th May - Year 4 DSA Cake Sale

25th May - End of half term. School closes at 3.15