



# Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 23rd July 2021

## Message from Mrs Gardner

We have come such a long way this year which is testament to the children, families and staff at Derwentwater. Children made excellent progress even with the spring lockdown and periods of self-isolation and we are very proud of them for their resilience and commitment. We hope that September will bring a year of uninterrupted learning, following the well deserved summer break.

We had a wonderful final week at school and we hope our families celebrating Eid had fun. Graduation and a sleepover caused much excitement in Year 6 and we gave the children the special send off they deserved. As we say goodbye and good luck to year 6, we know that they are well prepared for secondary school. Move on with ambition, confidence and kindness.

The final newsletter of the year is a celebration of all we have achieved despite the pandemic. At school this year more than ever, the newsletters have given you an insight into school life and we hope you enjoyed them. School is looking forward to inviting parents back into school in the new academic year for events, workshops and meetings.

Please see a separate letter sharing information about this year and September. **School returns on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for Years 1 to 6.** Nursery and Reception have been sent their start dates separately.

Thank you once more for all of your support and we wish our families well who are leaving us with their year 6 children. Thank you to all of the staff for their ongoing dedication. Most of all, thank you to the children for making school the special place that it is. Enjoy the summer and stay safe and well.

### Year 1

This week, Year 1 finished learning all about London. Each week the children have been adding detail to their A3 poster. They have located London on a map, looked at the weather in different seasons and learned and described different landmarks.

They have also been busy creating their own boats. They got to choose from a variety of different materials to create a boat that would float on water!



### Year 2

On Monday, the children went on a school trip to Gunnersbury Triangle Nature reserve. They had a lot of fun experiencing pond dipping where they found a range of newts, dragonfly nymphs, tadpoles and even an unidentified larva!

Whilst one group was dipping in the pond, another was 'shaking a bush or a tree'. The children placed a white cloth under the tree, shook the branches and discovered spiders, grasshoppers, ants, ladybirds and many other insects and invertebrates. Later, they investigated the mysterious world of woodland soil creatures and completed a scavenger hunt. Finally, Year 2 teachers and teaching assistants would like to wish the children a safe, restful and happy holiday!



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### Year 3

Well done Year 3! It's been a rollercoaster year and you have all shown us how hardworking and resilient you are. This year, we have enjoyed celebrating Christmas, Diwali and Eid. We have done experiments with extreme Earth, been palaeontologists and learnt how to survive in the Stone Age! It has been an incredible year with you all and we (Ms. Klassen and Ms. Borg) have loved teaching you this year. We hope you enjoy the summer holidays and wish you all the best in Year 4 :-)

### Year 4

What a year...Year 4 has been amazing and an absolute pleasure to teach. We have shared lots of great experiences from our celebrations at Diwali, Eid and Christmas to our Shakespeare production to our amazing visit to West Wittering Beach. Not to mention the amazing commitment to their own personal learning journeys both in and out of lockdown. We wish you and all your families a happy and healthy summer.

We will be posting you all a link with all the beach photos as requested.



### Year 5

To demonstrate our learning of the human life cycle in science, the children have created posters based on our research for staying healthy in old age.

We have been looking into some local Acton history and are reproducing different sections of some iconic images of Acton.



### Year 6

The final week of Year 6's time at Derwentwater has been busy. A week that included the end-of-year production and graduation, was dominated by the first ever "sleepover" at school on Wednesday night. From a big water fight, to a huge pizza delivery, to toasting marshmallows, to an outdoor cinema, to not-very-much-sleep, children and staff made memories to savour and it was the perfect send off to the children that have been so brilliant during the time at our school. Congratulations Year 6. We are so proud of you, enjoy your Summer break and we wish you the very best of luck at your high schools.



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## Reading

A reminder about this year's summer reading challenge. The challenge is to read 6 or more library books over the summer holidays. Sign up in Acton Library, collect a poster of Wilderville, borrow books to read from the library and collect stickers for every book that you read. Children get a bookmark and pencil as they progress through the challenge. When a child completes the challenge by reading at least 6 books, they'll receive a certificate and a medal. It's all free, fun and a great way to keep children reading over the summer holidays. Children who take part are:



- more enthusiastic about reading
- maintain their reading standard over the holidays
- return to school keen and ready to learn
- more confident and raise their self-esteem

## Maths

White Rose Maths is proud to team up with leading supermarket, **Morrisons**, to give primary pupils a series of exciting and **FREE workbooks** to use at home. These colourful and engaging workbooks are perfect for revisiting and practising work that children have covered earlier in the year, or to prepare them for the new school year ahead.

Parents and carers can collect the books from 26 July onwards at any of Morrisons' network of stores nationwide. All they need to do is to call in at the 'Children's Little Library' in their local Morrisons store during their regular shop, and collect their free copies!

Families are welcome to take one free copy per pupil from Y1 to Y6. The workbooks contain a link to the answers, too.



Just a reminder that students will have access to both Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars over the summer holidays if they would like to review and practise their fluency skills.



## Counselling support The Space



Sometimes we could all do with someone to talk to. If you would like to meet with Helen for a confidential and non-judgemental chat about you, your child, or any other worries, she is available on Tuesdays 9 - 10am.

All meetings with adults will currently take place online or over the phone due to COVID19. Call, text or email Helen on 07429 654584 or email [hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org.uk](mailto:hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org.uk)

## INCLUSION

WE ARE HERE AND HAPPY TO HELP!

NHS  
Ealing Community  
Partners



PARENTS: Ealing Speech and Language Therapy's advice line is available throughout the summer. Please ring them for advice on 07512716478 or email them at [ealing.sltadvice@nhs.net](mailto:ealing.sltadvice@nhs.net)

## Childline

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Childline are there for you all day and all night. You can talk to them about anything. No problem is too big or too small.



## Covid Test Site

Michael Flanders  
Church Lane  
Acton, W3 8PP  
7 days a week  
8am-8pm  
Call 119 to book a test if you have symptoms.

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**Dates for your diary**  
Summer Term Finishes on  
Friday 23rd July at 2pm

2021 to 2022

**AUTUMN 1**

Monday 6th September to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

**HALF TERM**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

**AUTUMN 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December (school closes at 2pm)

**SPRING 1**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
February

**HALF TERM**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**SPRING 2**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April  
(school closes at 2pm)

**SUMMER 1**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> MAY

**HALF TERM**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**SUMMER 2**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
(school closes at 2pm)

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