



Headteacher News

My sincere apologies that we have got well into October before our first newsletter has reached you – I simply cannot believe how fast this first few weeks have flown by. September saw us start the year with a new record number of pupils at Daresbury Primary School – 126 on roll. With our increased Admission number we can get up to 140, but are already full in Years R and 5 and in the majority of the other year groups we now have just one or two places free.

Staff News

The start of the new year saw us welcome other new faces too. Mrs Zuger joined us from Bexton Primary as Deputy Head and teaching Class 4 and Miss Woodward took up a post with us in Class 2. We also welcomed Mrs Dean to a Classroom Assistant role and Mrs Orme to a Midday role. We still have adverts out for a further Midday post too. Miss Jordan also became Mrs Lockhart over the summer and staff and I were proud to share in her lovely celebrations, along with some children from our choir, who were a real credit and made me cry!



Pupil News & Results

Last year's Y6 pupils moved on from us to various High Schools – Sandymoor School, Bridgewater High, The Heath & Ormiston Bollingbroke Academy. We shall miss them but know they were well prepared for the move.



We also need to say a massive 'Well Done' to them for all their hard work which was highlighted by some successful SATs results. Please see across the page for a breakdown of their results.

Y6 Results 2014

I have included comparison information for the school, the LA and National.

L4 + achievement	Daresbury	Halton	National
READING	86%	89%	89%
WRITING	86%	86%	85%
MATHS	86%	87%	86%
Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation	79%	76%	76%
4+ Reading/Writing/Maths combined	79%	77%	75%
2 levels of progress READING	93%	91%	91%
2 levels of progress WRITING	100%	93%	93%
2 levels of progress MATHS	100%	89%	89%

L4B+	Daresbury	Halton	National
READING	57%	80%	78%
MATHS	79%	78%	76%
Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation	50%	67%	68%

L5 +	Daresbury	Halton	National
READING	50%	49%	50%
WRITING	57%	30%	33%
MATHS	50%	41%	42%

Well Done Y6!



Our Y2 pupils also did really well in their KS1 SATs. Please see below for comparison Data with Local LA and National results

Level 2+	Daresbury	Halton	National
READING	94%	88%	90%
WRITING	88%	83%	86%
MATHS	94%	90%	92%

L2B+	Daresbury	Halton	National
READING	81%	76%	81%
WRITING	75%	64%	70%
MATHS	81%	74%	80%

L3 +	Daresbury	Halton	National
READING	25%	24%	31%
WRITING	19%	12%	16%
MATHS	25%	19%	24%

Curriculum News

As you are no doubt aware, schools returned in September to a new National Curriculum. Staff at Daresbury have been working very hard over quite a few months now to put together the new plans. I know individual classes have sent home details of the first half term's topic areas plus Literacy and Maths and some ways you can help at home as parents. We are hoping to have the overview of the whole of the first of our 2 year cycle of planning available for you on the website very soon.

We are also planning more special event days, along the lines of our Commonwealth Games Day last term which was a big success with both staff and children. In addition to this we will be having 'themed weeks' the first of which is our school's commemoration of WW1. All pupils will be involved in this in the week beg. 13th October.

Class 5 will also be helping the local History Society and participating in a performance at Preston Brook Village Hall on Saturday 18th October at 1pm. Some members of the Society are then due into school the following week to do an Assembly for the children in which we hope to learn some more about some of our 'old boys' whose names are up on the plaque in the school hall.



I know all the staff are really looking forward to the new work ahead and I am sure the children will really benefit from the new curriculum, backed up with visits and visitors.

Information for Parents

In response to some of your feedback from questionnaires etc, we are planning to share more information with you regarding the children's work and progress. So far already this term, Mrs Lockhart has held a VERY well attended parents' meeting about phonics (Great start Reception Parents!) and Miss Maunder has held an evening for Y6 Parents about SATs and their planned residential trip to London in June. On Tuesday this week Miss Simcock will be meeting with Y3 parents about the Y3 visit to Fox Howl in November.

Please also remember that every Wednesday you have the opportunity to come into school between 3:15 and 3:45pm to see your child's work and teachers are available for a chat then too. We just ask you to remember that they have to attend a staff meeting at 3:45pm 😊

Governing Body News

The school's Full Governing Body holds 3 meetings a year, 1 per term and in addition there are 3 active committees, Premises & Safeguarding, Teaching & Learning and Finance & Personnel who meet more regularly. The Governors have a strategic role and hold the school to account. For further information on members of the Governing Body and the work of the committees please see our website.

The School Website – www.daresburyschool.co.uk

Mrs Zuger and I have spent some time recently starting to update the website and this should all be finished within the next couple of weeks. Please add our website address to your favourites and make sure you have a look – there is a wealth of information on there about our school. We also have a new school logo and are awaiting our new school prospectus from the printers, ready for our Open Afternoon for prospective parents for September 2015, which is being held on Monday 13th October at 1:30pm.

Medicines in School

Please can I remind parents that the only medicines we can administer are those which have been specifically prescribed for your child by a doctor and need administering 4 times a day. There is a form available on the website which needs completing prior to the medicine coming into school and being stored in the office.



Attendance, Punctuality & Absence

We are really proud of our high levels of attendance and wish to maintain this, or even improve on it. We would ask parents to ensure their children are always on time for school and lead in with the rest of their class from the playground. If your child is late, please do not accompany them into class as this disturbs the rest of the class. Please bring them to the office, sign them in and leave the school staff to take them to their classrooms.

All details of Leave of Absence procedures are on the website and requests for holidays will only be granted in the exceptional cases listed in the policy. Parents should also remember that children do tend to tell their friends or teachers when they are going away too! In these circumstances the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, even if you ring to say they are ill!

Parking

As in all schools, parking at the starts and ends of the day can be a nightmare. Please be aware that our PCSOs do regularly attend and will ticket anyone parking illegally. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

I am also aware of a couple of incidents of careless driving where children have narrowly missed being hit on the pavements as cars have parked or carried out U turns. Please drive carefully and slowly around the school vicinity.



Twitter

School now has an active Twitter account – so please follow us! Check out our latest news on @Daresburyschool. (please note change from announcement in Harvest Assembly)



And Finally.....

Accompanying this should be list of dates for your diary. We will try to update this list with each newsletter we produce. We are hoping to send a newsletter out each half term.

Mrs Roberts & Staff

Pupil Page

A suggestion from previous newsletters was that we might want to engage our children more by including some activities just for them in our newsletter – so here goes!

Colouring Sheet

Playing in Leaves



www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk

Puzzles

Harvest Festival Puzzle Sheet

H	P	E	A	R	L	L	W	T
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Word Finder

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If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or other comments to make, please complete this slip and return it to school.