



Daresbury Primary School

News

Autumn 1



Headteacher News

Welcome back to school and a really warm welcome to our new parents and carers. I hope you all had a lovely summer, although it now seems so long ago!

September saw us start the year with another new record number of pupils at Daresbury Primary School – 135 on roll. We can admit up to 140 with our admission number of 20 in each year group, but we are already full in all year groups apart from Y4, Y5 and Y6 and have already been oversubscribed in Reception and Y2 following appeals. It is really positive that the school remains a popular choice for local parents.

Staff News

As you already know Mrs Lockhart and Miss Woodward are both looking forward to the safe arrival of their babies in January and we are in the process of confirming cover for their classes. Mrs Zuger will be covering the Teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) with each class this term too. Once again we have lots of students working with us again throughout the year and I am sure your children will soon point them out to you and the ones on longer placements will become familiar faces. These students really enable us to provide greater flexibility in our teaching throughout the school and ensure we provide support where necessary to all our pupils, whilst also ensuring we support the future development of the teaching profession.

Pupil News & Results

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



Reminder

No mobile phones to be used on school premises please. Also no photographs or digital recordings to be taken by anyone other than school staff using school equipment. Many thanks.

School Council

School Council elections will be taking place shortly in school. If your child is in Y1 to Y6 they will be able to self-nominate and try to win their class election.

Results 2017

EYFS Results 2017

In 2017 each child = 5%

Children achieving a Good Level of Development	70%
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Children achieving Expected or Above National Standard	Reading	Writing	Number	Space, Shape & Measures
	75%	70%	75%	75%

Y1 Phonics Results

In 2017 each child = 5% (rounded)

Children achieving the expected standard	86%
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KS1 Results

In 2017 each child = 5%

Children achieving Expected or Above National Standard	Reading	Writing	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	Maths
	80%	70%	75%	75%

KS2 Results

In 2017 each child = 5.56%

** NB National results are provisional

Children achieving Expected or Above National Standard	Reading	Writing	Maths	Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation	Reading/ Writing/ Maths combined
	94% 71% National	83% 76% National	78% 75% National	83% 77% National	78% 61% National

Children achieving a High Level of Attainment	Reading	Writing	Maths
	39% 25% National	33% 18% National	39% 23% National

Average Progress	Reading	Writing	Maths
	2.7	1.8	-0.1

Average Scaled Score	Reading	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	Maths
	107 103 National	105 104 National	105 103 National

Curriculum News

We are pleased to say that Mrs Steph Stewart will continue to support the teaching of Spanish across the school. She is working with each class on a fortnightly basis and supporting staff with the implementation of this area of the curriculum. I am amazed by how quickly the children have picked up this language in only a year.

Team Captains

Y6 also elected their new Team Captains who will be taking on responsibility for organising our charity work this year. I am sure we will be hearing from them before too long regarding our first event. Well done to Hannah, Eden, Abigail and Lewis on their election.

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 safely stored in the first aid area by the school office .



Harvest Celebration

We are hoping to hold a Harvest Assembly, led by Class 4, in church on Monday 2nd October but this is yet to be confirmed with the church's diary due to staff holidays. I do hope you will help us celebrate by sending in your donations to Runcorn Foodbank as last year. There will be a letter confirming arrangements and details of suitable food donations coming home shortly.

E Safety / Support for parents

We have recently updated our Internet safety advice for parents on our website with lots of useful links. Please visit the Parent Information page then follow the link to Internet Safety which will lead you to a specific page with lots of advice, links and guidance for parents in keeping children safe online whether through social media, gaming sites or general searches.

ReSport Project Halton

School is collecting unwanted sportswear and equipment to donate to the above project. They are especially keen to receive football boots and trainers. All items donated will be redistributed to families in Halton. Items can be brought into school next week ready for a collection on 22nd September. If your child has any boots or trainers they have grown out of, please consider donating them to this worthwhile project.

Information for Parents

Please remember that every Wednesday you have the opportunity to come into school between 3:15 and 3:40pm 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 promptly at 3:45pm. There are a couple of weeks each term where it has been necessary to cancel these due to other commitments but I have made sure that these are on the diary list attached, ☺ Please can I ask that parents check that they have returned their emergency contact forms and checked their data sheets carefully. As you know we try to send out as much information by text or email as we can, so cutting down on photocopying, and it is vital we have your correct up-to-date information. Last year we struggled to get correct email addresses and had to abandon sending emails as so many bounced back! Also, can I remind parents about the phone system please? We have 2 lines into school, if Mrs Clarke is on one line it will still allow you to leave a message and we can then contact you back if necessary. Lines to school are very busy but she only has one pair of hands!

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. Please can I actively encourage all parents to join in the Parent Governor election process – nominations close on Thursday 21st September and if there are multiple nominations then it will go to a vote, so please do engage with this process.

The School Website – www.daresburyschool.co.uk

Staff and I have begun the process of updating the school website for the new school year 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 are keen to encourage any prospective parents of Reception 2018 children to attend our Open Afternoon / Morning for prospective parents, which are being held on Saturday 14th October from 10-11am and on Monday 16th October from 1:30-3pm.

Flu Vaccination Programme

I have been notified that this year the Flu vaccination programme for schools will focus on pupils from Reception to Y4. These will take place on Friday 13th October. As soon as I have the information packs about this they will be sent home.

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 Reception, 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! Can I particularly stress that holidays in May for pupils in Y2 and Y6 cannot be authorised, even under exceptional circumstances, as this is when the children will sit their SATs tests. Y 1 pupils also have statutory assessment in Phonics in June. Dates of these assessments are on our dates list for parents.

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 has an active Twitter account – so please follow us! Check out our latest news on @Daresburyschool.



Further Reminder

Please, please, please could all parents check that ALL of their children's clothing, water bottles and items are named. We are having an increasing number of unnamed items left in school!

School Development Plan

We are just finishing off our new School Development Plan for this year and we hope to have the Parents' version out to you before the half term break.

Pupil News

 Equestrian Life Magazine 2 hrs · 🌐
Monday Already!



Over the summer holidays I visited a famous horse show called Chatsworth. I completed many exciting things, but my favourite memory would have to be the side saddle display. Joining me in our side saddle display were some members of area 11 (Cheshire & part of Wales) and area 12 (Chatsworth area). In the picture I am riding my section C Welsh pony named Jacko, dressed as Victoria Louise, Princess of Prussia. She was Commander in Chief of the Death Head hussar. After finishing the displays we all met the Duchess of Devonshire and were invited up to the house. By JC, Class 5

And Finally.....

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

Mrs Roberts & Staff



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