



Headteacher News

Hello and welcome back after the half term holidays – I hope you all had a lovely week, whatever you did. It has certainly been nice to see some sunshine over these last few weeks and let’s hope it continues ☺
This final half term is really going to fly by as we have lots of activities planned. As I write this, the staff are busy organising a whole range of things for their classes and their new planning and information should be either already updated on the school website class pages or on the site very soon. Please do check these out as they are a valuable source of information.

Staff News

Miss Rowland (class 2) has now qualified as a teacher, as have Miss Roberts (Class 1) and Miss Henry (Class 5). Miss Rowland will stay with us until the end of the summer term, with Miss Roberts and Miss Henry leaving us on 22nd June. We wish them all the very best for their future teaching careers. Miss Rowland will be returning to Daresbury to teach for the whole of next academic year. As mentioned in our letter about new classes emailed home last week, Miss Simcock and Miss Maunder will both be leaving Daresbury in the summer. Miss Simcock is having a 12 month sabbatical and going to teach at a school in Dubai and Miss Maunder has obtained an Assistant Head position at Fairfield Primary School in Widnes. We wish them both all the best and will miss them. We have to make some changes to our organisation for next year simply due to increased numbers and our mixed age classes will remain for the majority of classes. Parents please note that where children are split across classes this **IS NOT** a case of ‘keeping children back’ and pupils in all classes will access the curriculum for their year group as per the new National Curriculum requirements.

Pupil News

Well done to Ewan Thow who won the Reading Raffle at the end of last half term.

DT Day at The Heath

Four children from Class 4 represented our school at a recent Design Technology Day at The Heath School. They worked on models using pneumatics and made bridges which open. They hope to teach the rest of the class how to make these at some point in the coming weeks!



Louisa, Isabella, Bobby and Alex and their bridges.

Reports

Our end of year reports are in the process of being completed. Reports should be coming home with the children on Friday 13th July, 2018.

Medicines in School

Please can I remind parents that we should only be asked to administer medicines which 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. There are a number of forms which need completing by school staff and so it can take some time to do this, even when you have already completed the original form at home. I apologise but this is a Halton requirement.



Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle filled with water (no juice) in school daily.

Volunteers

If you can spare any time and don’t mind going through the DBS (CRB) process, we are also still looking for volunteers to do additional activities with children in school. Ideally we would like some volunteers to help to run our school library and also to help Mr Bellfield with the massive task of keeping our grounds and gardens looking attractive and tidy. He’s doing a fantastic job but it is a lot for one person. We also want to thank all those volunteers who have already come forward, you are making a difference!



Sun Awareness

At this time of year we usually get some lovely days (we hope!) with sunshine. Can I ask that parents please put suncream on pupils before school and make sure they have a cap or hat to wear outdoors. As lunchtime is now staggered the children are not outside for longer than 30 minutes but the sun's rays can be strong at midday and we do not want children to be at risk of burning. Unfortunately we are not allowed to apply suncream to children ourselves or indeed have children applying suncream themselves in school as this gets terribly messy and they often end up with it in eyes, hair and all over clothes and each other! Please make sure you apply it at home before school. Also please can you ensure that children wear socks, even if they are wearing sandals for school. This is part of our uniform. Thank you.

Information for Parents

Can I remind parents that we have a parents' suggestion box on the little table in the entrance area? Please fill in any ideas you may have and add them to the box – it is checked regularly.

Please also remember that every Wednesday you have the opportunity to come into school between 3:15pm 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 ☺



The School Website – www.daresburyschool.co.uk

Remember to check our website regularly – it contains lots of valuable information about the school!

Reading Records / Home School Diaries

Huge thanks to the PTA who are supporting school once again in purchasing new Home School Diaries/Reading Records for both KS1 and KS2 ready for use in the new academic year.

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. 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. The Police have asked me to let parents know that they have issued some tickets now and will continue to do so. I have also contacted Daresbury Estates to see whether the hedges can be trimmed once again. Unfortunately the hedge directly opposite the school is no longer the responsibility of Daresbury Estates as the land has been sold on. I am trying to see if I can find a contact to arrange for this one to be trimmed too.



Attendance, Punctuality & Absence

Well done to all those parents who have improved on their punctuality. Our late marks have dropped considerably and I hope this pattern continues now. I am also hoping that our overall attendance figures improve as a consequence of our recent focus on parental awareness. Thank you for your help with this matter.

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!

Twitter

As you know School now has an active Twitter account – so please follow us! Check out our latest news on @Daresburyschool. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have already tweeted!



Summer Music Evening

On Wednesday 20th June from 6:30pm – 7:30pm we will be holding our annual Summer Music Evening in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to attend and spare copies of the letter and ticket request slip are available on the website or from the main office in school. All the children in Y3&4 will be performing on recorders, the choir will be singing and there will be soloists and duets from other children currently learning musical instruments in school. It promises to be a lovely evening and we hope to see many of you there!



New starters September 2018

We have started our usual induction programme for our new Reception children for September 2018. We currently have a full allocation of 30 new starters and I know that there are some parents who have gone to the appeal process for additional places. I am pleased that our school remains a very popular choice in the local area and look forward to welcoming a new group of parents and children to the Daresbury family.

Party In the Playground

Saturday 30th June 5:00-9:30pm. Tickets still available. Order through the school office. We look forward to another great evening!

Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £15

Adult ticket £5

Child ticket £3.50 (pre-school children free)

E-Safety Information for parents

We hope you found the recent information we circulated by email regarding E safety and apps and games the children may use at home useful. Where we receive information into school which we think parents might find valuable we always try to pass it on either by posting it on Twitter, emailing it out or adding it to the E safety pages of our website.

Team Points

Congratulations to Mad Hatters for another win last half term. The children were rewarded with a non-uniform day!

Sports Day

Huge thanks to everyone who came along last week and supported our annual Sports Day event. Well done to White Rabbits for winning overall. Big thanks also to our PTA for the raffle and refreshments they provided on the day!

And Finally.....

We have updated our dates list for the last few weeks of term and a copy of this is available on the website on our home page. We will be issuing a new full year list to accompany our next newsletter which will be issued after the summer holidays

On behalf of all the staff can I wish all of our Y6 Leavers all the very best for their future – we are certainly going to miss you all but know you will all go on to do great things at your new schools. Do pop back and see us from time to time ☺

Can I also wish all our families a really lovely summer!

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.