



Dog Kennel Hill School NEWSLETTER

Friday, 09th September 2016

Autumn Term 1, Issue No: 1

Dear Parents

We're Going Back To School



Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share.

On behalf of myself and the staff I would like to say a very big 'Welcome' to all our new pupils. An equally warm welcome goes to all parents and carers who are receiving this newsletter for the first time as new parents at DKH. I hope the relationship between us will be a long and productive one, and that your children will be the beneficiaries of this positive working relationship. Welcome back also to all our existing parents and families.

Welcome to new staff

Please join me in welcoming:

Ms Sarah Jowett (Deputy Headteacher),
Ms Barbara Ghezzi (Year 2 Teacher),
Miss Manika Lane (Year 1 Apprentice Teaching Assistant), Mr Luke Trembling (Year 3 Teacher),
Mr David Archer (Year 3 Teaching Assistant),
Mr James Adeyinka (Year 4 Teacher),
Mr Alex Holloway (Year 5 Teacher),
Mr Eoghan Crawford (Year 5 Teacher),
Ms Tenisha Frame (Dyslexia Teaching Assistant) and Ms Abeer (Speech and Language Therapist). I know that you will make the new staff members feel very welcome to our school!

I would also like to welcome back Mrs Lindsey Wales and Mrs Zoe Heals from maternity leave!

All weather Astroturf

A HUGE 'Thank You' to the Friends of DKH, parents, ex-parents, staff, pupils and sponsors for helping us reach the total amount needed to complete our pitch. The pitch was laid during the Summer Holiday and the children have already been enjoying playing on it this week!

MindUP

As part of our theme of '**Striving for excellence**' this year we are adopting the Mind Up curriculum in all classrooms. It is a very effective program which teaches social and emotional learning skills for learning. Our pupils will learn to self-regulate their behaviour and mindfully engage in focused concentration required for academic success. MindUP nurtures optimism and happiness in the classroom, helps eliminate bullying and aggression, increases empathy and compassion, while resolving peer conflicts in schools. We hope that this will have a positive impact on your child and our school community.

Curriculum Parent Evenings

Next week, we are holding Curriculum Meetings for each Year Group. These will take place in the classroom, after school. Teachers from the Year Group will discuss expectations for the year, demonstrate the class weekly timetable (along with days for PE kits, homework, etc.) and suggest ways you can support your child's learning. Please come along and feel free to ask any questions you may have about your child's new year group. All the meetings will take place at **3:30-4:30pm** on the following days:

Year 3 - Tuesday, 13th September
Year 4 - Tuesday, 13th September
Year 5 - Wednesday, 14th September
Year 6 - Wednesday, 14th September
Year 1 - Thursday, 15th September
Year 2 - Thursday, 15th September

It is really important that at least one parent/carer can attend as the teachers can give an overview of the year and the expectations.

Parent's Progress Meeting Update

Following the Parent's Progress Meeting at the end of last term, we have already implemented various changes, thanks to useful feedback from parents. These include:

- Opportunities for more travel, cycle and pedestrian awareness
- Support with pupil transition and applications to secondary school

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Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday, 13/09/16	Curriculum Meetings for Year 3 and Year 4
	Friends of DKH BYO Picnic for Reception Parents and Carers, Lettsom Gardens at 11:00am
Wednesday, 14/09/16	'Travel Bus' for Class 6N
	Curriculum Meetings for Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday, 15/09/16	Curriculum Meetings for Year 1 and Year 2
Friday, 16/09/16	Friends of DKH Tea at 9am in dining hall
Monday, 19/09/16	'Pedestrian Training' for Class 3G and 3H
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Tuesday, 20/09/16	'Pedestrian Training' for Class 3I
Friday, 23/09/16	'Jeans for Genes'
	Friends of DKH Cake Sale in Main Playground after school
Monday, 26/09/16	Cycle Training for Year 3 and 4 (30 pupils)
Monday, 03/10 to Friday, 21/10/16	Black History Month
Monday, 03/10 to Friday, 07/10/16	Cycle Training for Year 5 and Year 6 (30 places)
Wednesday, 12/10/16	'Travel Bus' for Class 6N
Tuesday, 18/10/16	Secondary Transfer online application: 9-10am
Wednesday, 19/10/16	Secondary Transfer online application: 4-5pm
Friday, 21/10/16	Secondary Transfer online application: 9-10am

Attendance and Punctuality:

This week's School Attendance:

96.9%

(96% is the expected minimum standard of attendance)

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
RA		
RB		
1C	100%	99.1%
1D	98.6%	98.6%
2E	96.6%	95.3%
2F	99.1%	98.2%
3G	96.8%	95.8%
3H	92.9%	90.6%
3I	99.0%	97.1%
4J	94.9%	94.4%
4K	100%	99.6%
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5M	94.9%	94.4%
6N	98.1%	98.1%
6O	92.4%	92.4%

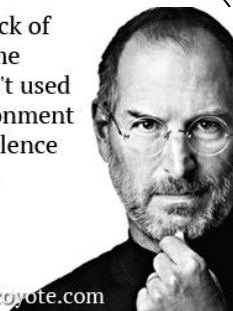
Well done and keep up the good work everyone!



Be a yardstick of quality. Some people aren't used to an environment where excellence is expected.

Steve Jobs

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Thought for the Week:

'We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence is not an act but is a habit.' Aristotle

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+++Friends of DKH+++

And so a new school year begins, and with it a packed diary of events for your calendars. Some of these are all about having a bit of fun and bringing the children, parents and staff together while others are an important way of raising money for the Friends account, so please support them in any way you can. Last year the Friends funded workshops and theatre productions coming in to the school, class trips for every year group, new equipment for the school garden, wet weather kit for Forest School, incubators so Nursery and Reception classes could watch eggs hatch into chickens, plus of course the new astroturf pitch - and isn't that looking lovely.

This term, we've got the following dates already confirmed:

Tuesday, 13th September: Welcome picnic for Reception children, parents and carers, 11:00am Lettsom Gardens, BYO supplies

Friday, 16th September: tea and coffee for parents and carers, 9:00am school dining room - everyone welcome

Monday, 19th September: tea and coffee for parents and carers, 9:00am school dining room - everyone welcome

Friday, 23rd September: Cake Sale, 3:15pm, main playground

Wednesday, 12th October: Friends AGM, school dining room, 7:00pm

Friday, 21st October: Apple Day, after school in main playground

Friday, 11th November: Disco, Nursery to Year 2, 6:00-8:00pm

Friday, 18th November: Disco, Year 3 to Year 6, 6:30-8:30pm

The first of those that you can really get behind is the cake sale on **Friday, 23rd September**. Please bring along cakes and biscuits for the event - they don't have to be home-made, shop bought is just fine too... **No nuts though please!**



Reminder:
School Starts at 8:55am and
Closes at 3:15pm daily

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