

DKH Weekly Newsletter

10th January 2020



Dear Parents & Carers

The DKH team would like to wish all our parents and carers a prosperous new year filled with exciting opportunities and experiences. May 2020 be all you hope it to be!

We have most certainly started off the year with renewed enthusiasm and energy. I am so proud of the children and how well they have settled back into school life after the Christmas break. When visiting the classes this week I have seen some fantastic writing, art, maths and music lessons.

Year 3 classes have had so much fun during their wow day this week. We are looking forward to seeing their Stone Age clothing and artefacts soon!



On a Musical Note

From January, the morning steel pan lessons will change. There will also be an additional year 4 steel pan group every Monday morning between 08:00- 09:00.

If your child is interested in enrolling in any of these groups, please email:
<mailto:info@margaretsmusicltd.com>.

New timetable:

08:15-09:00- Wednesday- Year 5

08:15-09:00- Thursday- Year 6

All additional music lessons and ensembles will commence the week starting Monday 13th January.



Hyperlinks to subject newsletters

- <http://dkh.org.uk/mathsnewsletters/>
- <http://dkh.org.uk/science-newsletters/>
- <http://dkh.org.uk/english-newsletters/>

We have created Maths, English and Science subject pages on our website. Here you will find all the exciting news, facts and information about Maths, English and Science in our school. The hyperlink will take you directly there!

Over the next few weeks we will also be creating one for Art. Watch this space!



After School Care

Following on from our correspondence before Christmas, we would like to update parents and carers about the after school club. Tree Tops has made an application to Ofsted to register our schools for their wrap around service. We are in the process of finalising arrangements to move over to this provider and the expected date for the handover is 24th February 2020.

The director will be meeting with parents and children on the 5th of February 2020 between 3.30 and 5.30 pm. Please feel free to drop in and chat to them on this day. They will be based in the Mary Seacole building. You can now start booking your child/ren's place with Tree Tops via the following link:
<http://www.treetopsclubs.co.uk/listing/dog-kennel-hill-primary-school/>

Until the official handover in February, the current provision will remain in place. If you require any further information please get in touch with the school office via e-mail on:
office@dkh.southwark.sch.uk.

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Homework

Homework at DKH has always been non-mandatory. However, more and more parents have come to realise that home learning can play an important role in children's learning. As a school, we wanted to make sure that we have a consistent approach for homework across Year 1 – 5.

From next week Friday, all homework in years 1-5 will be sent out on a Friday and is expected back on a Thursday for acknowledgement marking. All children will have a homework book to complete the homework in.

The homework will focus on what children have been learning and will contain: Reading, spelling, Maths and creative topic work. There is also a small space for parents to comment.

Please look out for your child(ren)'s homework books next week for more information.

Year 6's homework will remain the same as last term in preparation for SATS and their transition to secondary school.

Year 4 Times tables

Some parents may already be aware that children in Year 4 will complete an online Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) as part of the national curriculum statutory assessments.

The Year 4 will be holding a parent information session on Thursday 23rd January at 3:30 to explain more about the check.

We look forward to seeing many parents there.



News from The Friends

The sale of Christmas Trees raised £230 and will be divided equally between DKH Year 6 leaver's events and the Southwark Day Centre for Asylum Seekers.

Thank you so much to those of you who bought a tree. Happy 2020!

Caroline Carr



New Bike Shed!

The Friends has also organised for a brand new Bike Shed to be built in the front section of the school.

You might have seen some parents hard at work preparing and building over the Xmas break.

We would just like to say a big THANK YOU to the Friends and all volunteers involved. We appreciate all their hard work and we can't wait to see the finished product!



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Attendance (97.9%)

Total attendance this week is 97.9%. Well done to Hazel Class for achieving 100% attendance!

Registration Form	Attendance	Punctuality
Ladybird	94.53%	98.3%
Butterfly	93.21%	95.3%
Caterpillar	99.47%	98.4%
Birch	90.22%	98.5%
Oak	93.16%	94.5%
Cherry	96.14%	99.5%
Willow	99.04%	99.5%
Elder	94.84%	98.2%
Palm	91.05%	98.3%
Beech	99.18%	95.9%
Eucalyptus	97.01%	99.6%
Rowan	98.55%	99%
Sycamore	98.86%	98.9%
Elm	92.97%	95.9%
Hazel	96.44%	100%
Maple	89.74%	99%



Dates for the diary

Have your diary at the ready to make a note of some important event dates happening over the next few weeks!

Date	Event
16 th January	16 Year 3 and 4 children to take part in the Athletics Challenge
17 th January	Year 2 Reading Cafe for parents 8:55am
22 nd January	Year 5 & 6 Rugby
24 th January	Year 3 Reading Café 8:55am
31 st January	Year 4 Reading Café 8:55am
7 th February	Year 5 Reading Café 8:55am
10 th February	Internet Safety Week
14 th February	Year 6 Reading Cafe
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24 th Feb	First day back after break
2 nd March	Year 1 - 3 Parents Eve 3:30 – 6pm
5 th March	World Book day
	Year 4-6 Parents Evening
9 th March	Parents Eve 3:30- 5pm
10 th March	Parents Eve 3:30- 5pm
16 th March	Science Week
3 rd April	School closes 2pm – Last Day of term