

# DKH Weekly Newsletter

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## Please think of others before you park!

An increasing number of cars are parking in an unsafe manner before and after school. As we encourage children to walk to school wherever possible, irresponsible parking is putting children in danger. We politely request that parents and visitors to our school park in surrounding roads with thought and consideration for our children, other adults and the local community. Please obey the restrictions in place and do not park in an obtrusive manner.

- Do not park, or wait on the 'Keep Clear' markings, these are there to keep children safe.
- Do not park blocking driveways, or private parking bays, this is an unnecessary obstruction.
- Do not park on pavements, as children and families are using these.

We strive for the safety of our children, parents, staff and the local community and ask that when parking you do so considerately.

Thank you to everyone who already parks in a safe and considerate fashion. Your co-operation in this matter is appreciated.



## Homework at DKH

This first part of the Spring Term saw the school adopt a new homework procedure. This whole school procedure ensured consistency across the school and year groups as well as meeting the needs of children with specific needs.

Our weekly homework supports spelling and basic maths skills as well as encouraging reading and listening to stories. A half termly topic challenge grid allows children to complete various activities linked to their foundation subjects.

## What have you told us?

Children and parents alike have been very positive about the homework. Children have told us that they enjoy completing their weekly homework and parents have advised that the topic challenges are a hit. After the half term, lookout for our new topic grids, which will have exciting new challenges.

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### Sponsored Read

World Book Day is coming up on 5th March and to celebrate we have got together with Usborne Books to run a sponsored read over half term.

Children can be sponsored for the amount of minutes they read every day. Forms went out in book bags this week.

Every child who takes part will get half the amount they raise back as a voucher to spend on Usborne Books and the other half will go to the school to buy new books for the library. Plus Usborne donates a percentage of the amount we raise in extra free books for the school.

There will be an Usborne Book Fair after school on **Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March** where vouchers can be spent. Last year we raised over £800 for new books for the school. Let's see if we can make it £1000 this year!

### Donate your old books

Do you have children's books at home that your children have grown out of? Please bring them in to the school where they can have a new lease of life in the library and classrooms.

Nothing damaged or with missing pages though please!

There will be a box for donations at the front desk after half term.



## Year Six Junior Citizens Workshop

Year 6 participated in the Junior Citizenship Workshop where we learnt some important life skills in order to keep us safe. We learnt how to keep safe on London Transport, around over friendly dogs, what to do in a fire emergency, trading standards rules and about knife crime. It was a worthwhile educational learning experience on life skills.



## Governors

We currently have a vacancy on the Riverhill Federation Governing Body following the resignation of Penny Spiller as parent governor. We would like to thank Penny for all the time she dedicated and her contributions to both schools. Are you interested in joining the Riverhill Federation Governing Body? We need your skills and knowledge as a parent to help steer the federation's priorities and strategy to assure continued success. The role is an important one in supporting the federation and helping to monitor the performance of both schools. You will receive a letter today inviting any parent who is interested in making a difference, to put themselves forward to be elected as a parent governor.

Applications need to be completed and submitted to the school office by **4pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. If there is more than one person nominated, election papers will be circulated to all parents on **Thursday 5th March**. The final ballot will close on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

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The time has finally come, a sad one for us and a bittersweet one for Mrs Ainoo and Mrs Waldron who have announced that they will both be retiring at the end of this term. After 19 years of working together, they thought it fitting to take their retirement together.

Dog Kennel Hill Primary School has benefitted from 20 years of excellent service from Mrs Ainoo, who is a highly valued member of staff. Her assured style of teaching and careful nurturing has provided the perfect introduction for hundreds of children who started in our Early Years. As parents, I am sure you appreciate how important those first years at school are for our children and for you as parents too. It is true to say that watching children skip happily in and out of the nursery bears testament to Mrs Ainoo's skills, and the emphasis she places upon achievement being underpinned by happiness. She mentioned to me today that she very much appreciates the opportunity to have looked after all your children and considers it a very precious privilege.

Mrs Waldron has been at DKH for an astonishing 34 years and I am sure you will agree with me that the whole school community has come to depend upon her to ensure a start for our children that provides a great platform for their future success. Not only does she manage the herculean task of co-ordinating the dining hall and playground but she does all that she can to offer children a stimulating learning and growing space in the classroom. Her tireless hard work, dedication and commitment to the children have earned her a place in everyone's heart.

As professional colleagues, both Mrs Ainoo and Mrs Waldron are held in the highest regard and the fantastic nursery that they run provides us with a model of good practice. They are both highly respected by staff and children alike.

I am sure that parents and children - past and present - will want to show their appreciation for all Mrs Ainoo and Mrs Waldron have done in some way. During the coming weeks we will be planning an event to celebrate their magnificent commitment to DKH and will let everybody know in due course.

They have both given loyal and dedicated service for which the school is eternally grateful and, although jealous, we wish them a peaceful and happy retirement and hope they enjoy the extra time to spend with their families, both here and overseas.



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## 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
14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Reading Cafe
<b>HALF TERM</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	First day back after break Phonics meeting for Y1 parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 1 - 3 Parents' Eve 3:30 – 6pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day Year 4-6 Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6pm
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week Parents' Eve 3:30 - 5pm
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Oak Class assembly 9:05 (lower hall)
13 <sup>th</sup> March	KS1 Disco - Dining Hall 5:00 – 6:30 Parents' Eve 3:30- 5pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week Science Dome in school – workshops
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Beech Class assembly 9:05 (lower hall)
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Brass and Woodwind Orchestra day (Y5 & Y6)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir to The Lion King
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Cherry Class assembly 9:05 (lower hall) Hazel Class to the Imperial War Museum
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Elm Class to the Imperial War Museum KS2 Disco - Dining Hall 6:00 – 7:30
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Willow Class assembly 9:05 (lower hall)
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Y4 Deptford Creek Maple Class to the Imperial War Museum (this date has changed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Elder Class assembly 9:05 (lower hall) Easter Bake Sale
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School closes 2pm – Last Day of term



## Attendance (97%)

Registration Form	Attendance	Punctuality
Ladybird	87.73%	97.2%
Butterfly	93.21%	99.34%
Caterpillar	98.41%	95.7%
Birch	97.78%	96.36%
Oak	94.44%	91.4%
Cherry	98.07%	97.54%
Willow	100%	98.61%
Elder	96.03%	97.52%
Palm	98.08%	98.44%
Beech	97.12%	97.46%
Eucalyptus	93.59%	100%
Rowan	97.58%	98.02%
Sycamore	97.47%	98.45%
Elm	97.28%	98.88%
Hazel	94.02%	96.82%
Maple	93.83%	98.68%

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