

DKH

Summer Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful year and term! This week we've had a fantastic Year 6 performance, an amazing sports day and ended the week with a brilliant ART exhibition!!! Well done to our pupils and staff!!

We are fast approaching the end of the academic year, and I wanted to take this opportunity to update you about some important and exciting changes at Dog Kennel Hill. This is formal communication to all parents and carers about improvements and changes at DKH.

Mary Seacole Building

NEST has invested in upgrading the Mary Seacole building and this space is being used as an Education Training Centre. They have funded all repairs, decorating costs and equipment. This will enable us to market DKH as a school training facility. It will also allow the school to hire out the area, allowing us to generate additional income for the school.

Art Room

Our art room has now moved into the main school building. Ms Kelly-Roberts, our ARTS co-ordinator, has been working with year 5 children and pupils from Alleyns School to paint a new mural in the new art room.

The new ART room has already been used by all classes this term in preparation for our ART exhibition.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

From September 2025, we will move to a new provider for wrap around care. We have contracted Millwall Community to run our breakfast and after school club. They will provide sports and creative activities for pupils taking part in the provision. If you are interested in booking breakfast or after school care, please use the link:

Millwall will be in our playground this Friday from 15:20 to meet parents and children.

Please do say hello when you are collecting your children in the afternoon.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We have been looking at the range of extra-curricular clubs held after school and we will be offering a greater variety of clubs for pupils to attend. Some will be paid clubs and few will be free clubs.

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Millwall PE

Millwall Community will also be delivering our PE provision from September. They have been working closely with Ms Butler, our PE coordinator, to plan the sports provision across the school.

Dance Provision



Chantal, from Pioneer Dance, will continue to deliver dance to all the classes across the school. The children have thoroughly enjoyed her sessions this year and we are very lucky to be able to secure Chantal for another year.

A New Name for Dog Kennel Hill

As you know we have been discussing and consulting with stakeholders about a name change at DKH for a while. Following engagement with staff, pupils and families, we gathered all views on a name change for the school and after careful consideration of the feedback, the Local Committee and the Trust have agreed with changing the school name to **Grove Primary School** from September 2025.

Over the next few months we will begin a gradual process of changing our name on signage, our website and emails etc. We will keep you updated.

We will be looking at designing a new logo to match the new school name and will be working closely with a graphic designer to get creative. The school council will be actively involved in this process. We will share the results with you as soon as a design has been agreed and confirmed. We will be creating a new school jumper to replace the old one, once the logo has been finalised. We will phase this in over time.

We know that this is a welcoming change for some and that there are parents and children who will be sad about the change. However, as a school we think it will be a positive change for our school community and we will work together to ensure that the ethos and culture of DKH will remain!

First Names for Staff

Staff have decided, by majority vote, that they would like to be called by their first names. So from September 2025, pupils and parents will call staff by their first names. We shared this information and staff names with children during their 'meet your new teacher session' on the 15th July.

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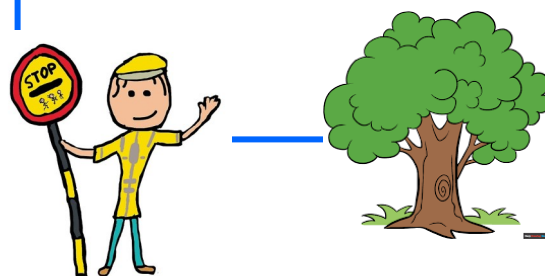
One Single School Entrance

We have been looking at creating a single entrance point for the school. This will ensure greater safety for our pupils and parents. From September, all pupils will be using the EYFS entrance gate. This is located on Grove Hill Road, This is because it is closer to the pedestrian crossing that is manned by a traffic controller, there is more pavement space for families and children to wait. Staff will only need to monitor one gate which supports safety.

The main office entrance will remain in its current position for now. The TRUST is looking into locating it nearer our new entrance sometime in the future.

The School Perimeter

NEST will be using tree surgeons to trim and maintain the trees around the school. WWe are excited about the fresh look this will create for our school.



Our weekly newsletter is the main form of communication between parents, carers and the school. You can find this on the school website and it will be emailed to parents weekly on a Friday. We wish all our families a wonderful Summer Break!

We cannot wait to welcome you all back in September!!

Warm regards and best wishes,

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