

F DUNCOMBE'S FOOTPRINTS



Whole School Attendance

We have been striving all year to improve our attendance. The target set has been to reach 96% and above, we failed last year by 0.2%. We announce our accumulative attendance figure each Friday in assembly, with the promise of the ice cream van visiting if we break 96%. Our end of year figure was 96.1%, so the ice cream van did come! This was a great improvement on last year. Please ensure that your child comes into school everyday unless they are really unwell. We will try to reach 96.5% next year.

Assemblies & Concerts

Unfortunately due to the late arrival of some of our parents/carers to our assemblies and concerts we have implemented a 'cut off' time for parents being allowed in. For example, if we have an assembly or concert starting at 2:00pm, parents/carers will be admitted from 1:50pm up to

and including 2:05pm Parents arriving after 2:05pm will not be allowed in. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Hair and Uniforms

May we take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who have made a huge effort all year to ensure their children have the correct uniform and sensible hair styles. When the children return on 6th September 2017, we will be checking that their uniform and hair styles follow the school guidelines (which can be found on the website

here: www.duncombeprimary.co.uk/parents/uniform).

Anyone found to be wearing incorrect uniform, shoes or hair styles (including hair dye, shaved designs or mohawks) will be sent home. Our Duncombe Promise, which all parents agree to on entry to the school, clearly states that this is a requirement, so please help us to maintain our high standards for your children.

Leavers Celebration *

Last week Year 6 gave a wonderful final concert for

the school. The production was called 'Robin Hood', the Year 6 team have worked extremely hard with the children. Lorraine's input from the perspective of costume and scenery was again very professional. Jeremy Corbyn, Leader of the Labour Party and our very supportive local MP, presented the children with their leaving certificates and gifts. He was once again highly complementary about our school and about how the children have been prepared for ambitious futures. We wish all our leavers the very best and look forward to celebrating their future achievements with them.

Sports Day *

It was lovely to see all our children at our sports day in our school PE Kit, blue shorts and white t-shirts, all available in a carry bag for £7.00 from the uniform shop. Please ensure you have the correct PE Kit for all children

– Year 1 to Year 6 – when we return in September.



Lacey McClean was awarded the Godfrey Honnywill Sports Pupil of the Year. She was given the award for always attending her training sessions, always giving her best, for always being positive and supportive and for her fabulous athletic ability. She was presented with the award by Godfrey Honnywill. Congratulations to Lacey, well done!

Whole School Trip to Golders Hill Park

A great day was had by all at Golders Hill Park. The weather was superb and the company even better. It is quite an organisational feat to get over 450 children and staff across North London to the park. All went very well. Back to Frinton-on-Sea next year!

Governor's Award *

Today our Chair of Governors, Douglas Cowie, will present the Governor awards to the students nominated by our children as the significant achiever in each class. We thank our Governors as this is a very special event each year. Congratulations go to the following nominees:

Lily-Rose Brigden (EC)
Eliza Tarafdar(JD)
Kyah Jones (JK)
Zayd Hussein (TR)
Deliah Gray (ES)
Kadija Islam (FD)
Yusuf Abdi (FN)
Arian Anwari (MC)
Martim Valente (IN)
Raihana Chowdhury(MF)
Rijwan Hussain(CB)
Iram Guzel (WS)
Baran Kayadelen (EP)
Aisha Adan (MLK)
Naz Sufi (NM)
Jazmaine Molyneux (WC)

Attendance & Punctuality Awards *

At the same event as above, we celebrated all those children with excellent attendance. A certificate and book token was given to each of the twenty children with 100% attendance and punctuality, an X Box 360 Games Console will be awarded by a raffle amongst any children who have taken part in attendance celebrations this year. Only those children present today were eligible. The winner of the console will be announced by text. This year we also presented a certificate to all the 230 children with perfect punctuality.

Attendance Targets

Every child has been set a personal target for attendance. You will get updates on their progress towards their target at Parents Evenings in the Autumn and Spring terms. Please check to see if you are on track, if you are not, please do something

about it! A reminder that no holidays during school time are authorised and we insist Islington Council issue Penalty Charges. Please do not take your child out of school during school terms.

Graduations

We have celebrated two graduation ceremonies this week. Reception to KS1 and Year 2 to KS2. Many congratulations to all our graduates. There are very important and exciting times of transitions.

Two Year Olds

Our first two year olds will arrive in September. We have eight places in the first terms, sixteen in the Spring and twenty four in the Summer. We are full for September. Please contact the office if you wish to apply for a place. We hope to have a wonderful new provision in place ready for September . Watch this space!

Leavers

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to three of our wonderful teachers, Tilly MacGregor, Will Kirk and Caitlyn Burt. Tilly is moving to Sweden to teach, Will is moving to another Islington school and Caitlyn is returning home to Australia. They have all been a wonderful addition to our school and given of their time willingly to bring out the very best in our children – many, many thanks to you all. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Dale

Innes, Sonal Patel, Jadwiga Wyskiel, Jessica Jackson-Virk, Emma Williamson Susannah Horowitz, Silvia Hunter and Semra Sahinoglu , some of our non-teaching staff , who are also leaving us, several to train as teachers. We would also like to wish them all the very best and to thank them for all their support.

Holiday Reading

Please encourage your child to read every day of the holiday and keep a record of their reading in their reading diary. Once again, all consistent readers will be rewarded with a special Duncombe prize on our return from the holiday. Reading is both the easiest and most effective support that you can give your child. Please read with your child every day.

Children Prepared for School

Please ensure that your child has the items that they need for lessons during the school day with them when they arrive for school i.e. PE Kits, water bottles etc. It is not the responsibility of the school office to deliver such items to your child.

Reading Diaries & Homework Books

Our children will be bringing home both their homework books and their reading diaries for the summer. Please ensure your child returns with them to school in September otherwise parents will have to pay for replacements.

Term Dates

We have attached our term dates for the next academic year (September 2017 – July 2018). Please keep them in a safe place to enable you to refer to them during the school year.

Changes to our Reception/Office Area

Hopefully when you come back to Duncombe in September you will find a wonderful new extremely secure Reception area. Access to the school will be even more closely monitored.

Uniform shop

The next uniform shop will be held on **Tuesday 5th September 2017** from 9.00 a.m. until 10.00 a.m.

End of the School Day

Another reminder, that the school gates will **not be open to parents until 3.25pm**. Please do not ring the intercom to be let in any earlier.

Summer Holiday

We break up today, Friday 21st July 2017 at 1.30pm for our Summer holiday.

Children who will be in Years 1 – 6 will return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2017 at the usual times of 8.55am for juniors and 9.00am for infants. Children starting in our Nursery and Reception classes have already been advised of their start date, which is slightly later than the rest of the school.

* Please refer to Duncombe Bear our school twitter feed for pictures of all our events

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff and Governors to wish you all a wonderful, safe & restful holiday.