



SUMMER TERM



HEAD TEACHER NEWSLETTER

Happy

Safe

Aspirations

I can't believe that we are now half way through the last term of this academic year. Hopefully the beautiful weather that we have had recently will continue for you all to enjoy over the half term holiday.

Please note children break up today and as we have an INSET on Monday 4th June they are back in school on Tuesday 5th June.

Staffing Changes

The children have now all been told who their new teacher will be in September. As some teachers will be moving year group I have included a list here for your information.

During the last half term we will be arranging for children to have some transition time with their new teacher. We will also be offering parents an opportunity to come into school on one of these afternoons to briefly meet their child's new teacher to discuss the expectations for the new year group and answer any questions parents might have. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Reception:	Mrs Calvert will remain as the reception teacher
Year 1:	Miss Henshall will be moving into year 1
Year 2:	Mr Isherwood will be moving with his class into year 2
Year 3:	Miss Parkinson will be remaining as the year 3 teacher
Year 4:	Mr Seddon will be moving into year 4, supported by Mrs Roberts
Year 5:	Miss Kellet will be moving into year 5
Year 6:	Miss Spencer will be moving into year 6

Sports Day

We would like to thank all parents who joined us this week for our Sports Day, what a fabulous day the children had.

We decided to hold it slightly earlier this year so that if we were rained of we would still have plenty of time left to reschedule (I think it was 3 times we were rained off last year!!) but the sun was definitely on our side this year.

All children had a great day and displayed a fantastic sporting attitude, trying their best but also helping one another out when needed. I am sure that you are all as proud of them as we are.

I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Isherwood and Mr Booth for organising the event.



Parent Governor



Every maintained school in England has a governing body who are responsible for working with the school to ensure that it delivers a good quality education. Working with the headteacher and the senior leaders of the school, their main role is setting the school's aims and policies.

We have been trying for a while to recruit another parent governor to join the governing body but nobody has come forward to take on the role. After half term we will be holding another nomination round and we enclose the nomination form and information letter with this newsletter. Please think about whether you would like to put yourself forward for this role. It really is an important job and as a parent you really would have an important role to play in improving the educational experiences for all children at Daven. If you have any questions about the role of a governor please see me or Mr Seddon and we can explain the role more fully.

Parents' role in children's attitude towards maths

We have been working hard to develop the maths curriculum at Daven this term and we have more developments planned for next year. One of the things we will be looking at is a national research study that talks about the importance of parental attitude towards maths in helping children believe they can achieve. Researchers have found that:

'unfortunately, many pupils hold negative attitudes about mathematics, and pupils' attitudes tend to worsen as they get older... Teachers should engage parents to encourage their children to value, and develop confidence in, mathematics.'

It would really help your child if you can think about how you can encourage them to use maths more at home in a positive and fun way (e.g. playing counting games, going shopping with real money instead of using debit cards, playing bingo etc.). So often adults say things like 'I was never any good at maths' or 'I don't like maths' and this is having a really negative impact nationally on general attitudes towards the subject.

We have a few ideas ourselves but if any of you have any good ideas how school can work together with parents to help improve children's attitudes toward maths we would be really interested to hear them.



Parent Questionnaire

You should have received a Parent Questionnaire alongside this newsletter. At Daven Primary School we recognise the value of a successful partnership between home and school that helps to develop the full potential of every child. We felt that it is important to get your views on our school so that we can be continually developing and improving the links between home and school.

Please complete the questionnaire and return it to the school office by the morning of Friday 8th June 2018. We will use the information collected to help plan future school developments.

As we always stress to all parents and carers please come into school and talk to us if you have anything that you would like to discuss.

You can always call the office to make an appointment to see me or email admin@daven.cheshire.sch.uk.

I hope that you all have a fantastic half term holiday.

Mrs Whitehead ☺

Dates for your diary:

Monday 4 th June	INSET day
Tuesday 5 th June	Back to school
Tuesday 12 th June	Reception Parent Lunch
Thursday 14 th June	Dress like an animal or Wear animal print (School Council fundraising event)
Monday 18 th June	PTA Wear Own Clothes for £1
Tuesday 19 th June	Year 1 Parent Lunch
Tuesday 19 th June	Reception Zoo Lab visit
Tuesday 19 th June	Reception September 2018 New Starter Parent Evening
Friday 22 nd June	Transition afternoon
Friday 22 nd June	PTA School Disco
Monday 25 th June	PTA Wear Own Clothes and bring chocolate
Tuesday 26 th June	Year 2 Parent Lunch
Thursday 28 th June	Salvation Army Bad Hair Day (School Council fundraising event)
Thursday 28 th June	Transition afternoon
Monday 2 nd July	PTA Wear Own Clothes and bring a bottle
Tuesday 3 rd July	Year 3 Parent Lunch
Wednesday 4 th July	Transition afternoon
Monday 9 th July	PTA Wear Own Clothes for £1
Tuesday 10 th July	Year 4 Residential to Delamere (1 nights)
Wednesday 11 th July	Reception Sharing Assembly
Wednesday 11 th July	Year 6 Performance (2pm and 6pm)
Friday 13 th July	PTA Summer BBQ
Monday 16 th July	Year 6 Residential (2 nights)
Tuesday 17 th July	Year 4 Parent Lunch
Friday 20 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Friday 20 th July	Last day of summer