



Darell News

Headteacher: Karen Bos

Friday, 8th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the autumn term and a new school year. There has been a great buzz around this school as our children settle in to their new year groups and get to know their new teachers. It has been great to see the children and teaching staff back in school after the summer break, all eager to learn.

Pupils have started to engage with their new topics and have been eager to share new interesting facts. Next week, in the newsletter and through our curriculum newsletters, we shall be outlining to you some of the changes that we are making to our curriculum this year.

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents/carers for the patience and support you are offering us with the changes that we are making to the pick-up arrangements in the junior playground. We are hoping that by the end of next week the children will be well established in the routine of lining up to be dismissed.

As you will have realised, we have had a change in office staff and have Christiana Ning working as our receptionist. Once more I would like to thank you for your patience and support as Christiana settles in to the role.

Looking forward to next week, I would like to remind all parents about the PSA meeting next Friday, 15th September at 9.00am; we hope that many of you will be able to attend and offer support.

We hope that you find our attached diary dates for the autumn term helpful in organising your family calendar. Also, I would like to sign-post year 4, 5 and 6 parents to the letters attached for their children. I hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend after a busy and buzzy first week back at school.



Coming Up

- **Monday, 11th September - Reception phased entry**
- **Friday, 15th September PSA AGM, 9.00am**
- **Monday, 18th September - Year 4 Swimming**
- **Tuesday, 19th September - Volunteer training, 9.00am**
- **Tuesday, 19th September—Year 5 Tower of London trip**
- **Monday, 25th September - Volunteer training, 9.00am**
- **Tuesday, 26th September - School development meeting, 7.00pm**

End of Day Dismissal

As you are aware, we have started a new system for dismissal in the KS2 junior playground. We would like to thank you for your continued support in the smooth running of this. We shall continue to open the gates at 3.20pm for the coming week to try and establish this routine with the children and ensure that they are dismissed safely at the end of the day.

Pupil Premium Pledge

If your family is eligible for the Pupil Premium Grant, you will have received a letter about our new pledge. The aim is to make the spend clear and equitable. As part of this pledge, you are entitled to a school sweatshirt each term; if you have not sent back the form I sent out in July, please get it back to me by the end of next week so I can place the order. A copy of the form is attached with the newsletter, along with a copy of the pledge. Your child can also access a club each term so please make sure you check the club list.

Any questions about this, please come and see me or email me.

Message from our SENCO - Amanda Blunden

Welcome back everybody!

Please note that there has been a change to my working days and I will now be in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

I can be contacted at school or by email: senco@darell.richmond.sch.uk

Letters Sent Out

- **NSPCC Assembly Letter**
- **HMS Belfast (Year 6)**
- **Year 6 Secondary Transfer information Flyer for parents**
- **Tower of London (Year 5)**
- **Year 4 swimming letter**
- **Diary Dates**

PSA

Important Parent and Staff Association (PSA) Announcement: Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, 15th September, after drop off, in reception. Please stop by to have a look at what we achieved last year, and to elect this year's officers. If you are interested in the position of Chairperson, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact darellprima-rpsa@outlook.com to get your name added to the ballot. No experience is required, and it's a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference at Darell. We hope to see you there!



Meet the Teacher Dates

Monday, 18th September 3.30 - 4.00pm Years 5 & 6
Tuesday, 19th September 2.45 - 3.15pm Year 2
Wednesday, 20th September 2.45 - 3.15 pm Year 1
Thursday, 21st September 3.30 - 4.00pm Year 4
Friday, 22nd September 3.30 - 4.00pm Year 3

Free gym training in the Rec

A personal trainer will be giving free training this weekend on how to get the most from the new outdoor gym at the Rec. Just put your name down in advance at the Pavilion Cafe.

Numbers limited so please book soon.

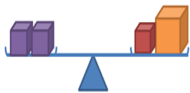
Saturday 10.30am
Sunday 11.00am

Clubs

Clubs start the week of the 18th Sept. We have a wide range of clubs running this term, so if you would like to book your child into a club, please remember to email clubs@darell.richmond.sch.uk We will be arranging club spaces early next week and we will confirm if your child has a space on Wednesday, 13th September. Any questions or queries please email the above address.

Maths Challenge 08/09/17

The scales are balanced



The mass of each purple block is 42g

The orange block is 20g heavier than the red block.

Find the mass of the red block.

Request for wool and needles

This term we are holding a lunchtime knitting club for Year 4 children. If you have any spare wool or knitting needles that you could donate to the school they would be very much appreciated. Please leave any donations at the school office. Thank you



Attendance

Overall school attendance last year was 94%; our target this year is 96%.

Uniform

Please can we remind you that, when buying new school uniform, our list can be found on the website.



Stars are for children who have shown responsibility, resilience, reciprocity, resourcefulness or reflectiveness!

Bumblebee

Sophie - for being brand new to school and settling in so well

Ladybird

Murbarak - for his role-model behaviour and great attitude to learning

Grasshopper

Lola - for working co-operatively with different children and being a very supportive partner

Dragonfly

Cameron - for working so hard in English, using statement sentences

Toucan

Isla - for demonstrating a very responsible attitude in settling in to her new class

Parrot

Maisie Mai - for being helpful and hardworking

Robin

Oscar B - for concentrating in art and great team work in PSHE

Kookaburra

Rufus - for demonstrating a real enthusiasm for learning

Eagle

Mohamed - for putting in lots of effort into every subject

Raven

Jayden - for such a positive attitude to Year 5 learning

Kingfisher

Maisie - For being a responsible and supportive learner

Butterfly

Nadia - for using lots of Makaton signing when talking about Goldilocks and the Three Bears

