



## DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### **Newsletter 15, 10.01.2020**

#### **Headteacher's Letter**

Dear all,

Welcome back to school and a Happy New Year to all of our school community. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school and see all of their smiling faces as they come to school eager and ready to learn. This week has seen lots of our classes get their teeth into a wide range of new books. It has been a pleasure to walk around the school and see the high quality learning that the children are doing and the enjoyment they take from texts such as *The Indian in the Cupboard*, *Kensuke's Kingdom*, *The Selfish Giant* and *The Fox and the Star* to name just a few.

It has also been a pleasure to welcome Miss Cushen back to teach in Year 1. We have been pleased to see how well the children in Peake class are working with Miss Cushen and Miss Francis. We would like to extend an opportunity to come and meet with Miss Cushen and Miss Francis on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 9:10. This will be an informal opportunity to meet the team in Year 1 and have a cup of tea together. We also look forward to Mr Porter being back at Darell next week after spending this week at King Athelstan. Over the course of the next term, Mr Porter will split his time between King Athelstan and Darell – working alternate weeks at each school.

We hope that you share our excitement for the year ahead. As a school, we are looking forward to continuing to make a difference this year to all the pupils and families in our community.

Have a restful and relaxing weekend,

Paul Gilbert

Acting Headteacher

#### **Updates from the Office team**

##### **School Meals**

Can we kindly ask you to top up your school meal accounts so your balance remains in credit. We do ask you to pay a half term in advance where possible.

##### **Nut Free School**



Can we remind all parents and carers that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please be especially careful when using chocolate spread and chocolate filled crepes, as often it is chocolate and hazelnut. We have several children that suffer from nut allergies and sitting next to someone who has eaten nuts could be enough to cause a reaction we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### **Year 4 Swimming**

If you haven't already, please sign up on Arbor to give consent for your child to attend swimming for the spring term. Payments can be made in full or in instalments via your Arbor account.

### **Sayers Croft Residential Trip Year 4**

Polite reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 is due on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Please make payments on your Arbor account.

### **Clubs**

All clubs are now live on your Arbor account. Remember, you have to sign up for each new term.

### **Upcoming Diary Dates:**

**Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> January:**

- **Year 4 Swimming**

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January:**

- **Volunteer Safeguarding Training 9:00am**

If you would like to attend the safeguarding training, please email and register your interest to [parents@darell.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:parents@darell.richmond.sch.uk) the training will last around 45 minutes and will provide an introduction to safeguarding within a school setting.

### **Letters/Communications sent out this week:**

- **Year 4 Swimming update**
- **Year 5 Science museum trip**
- **Nursery Medical Information**
- **Being a Parent course flyer**

### **Governors:**

### **PTA News:**

### **New Events:**

### **Star of the Week:**

**Mozart: Jessica** – for a great start to the New Year!

**Newton: Alfie** – for playing well with friends in the classroom and playground

**Packham: Caitlyn** – for settling in so well and making new friends

**Peake: Louis** – for being a role model to others for behaviour in class

**Weir: William** – for being a committed and enthusiastic reader

**Simmonds: Kiyah** – for coming back to school with a positive attitude and working hard in class

**Thunberg: Harley** – for having such a good attitude and behaviour this week

**Malala: Amrit** – for a great attitude towards his learning

**Darwin: Acacia** – for improvement with her attitude for learning

**Attenborough: Lucy** – for her fantastic progress in maths

**Parks: Oscar T** – for enthusiasm and participation in class discussion

**Mandela: Millie** – for her outstanding contribution to maths lessons

### **Attendance:**

Overall, school attendance last week was 92.5% our target is 96.8%.

Well done to Packham Class for the highest attendance with 99% last week. Best for punctuality was Malala Class (with 1 late). Let's do our best for next week!

### **Maths Challenge:**

Please see the attachment with the newsletter for the Maths Challenge.