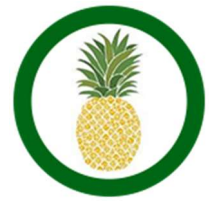


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RESPECT * COLLABORATE * GROW
Headteacher: Mrs Lee

Newsletter 9th September 2024



Dear Parents,

Respect	Collaborate	Grow
Self	Self	Self
Community	Community	Community

What an amazing start we had last week! The children all came back happy, positive and smart. There were smiles in every classroom. Our first welcome back assembly started with a song about New Beginnings and a relaunch of our school values of Respect, Collaborate Grow.

The children were reminded that respect starts with oneself. It begins with pride in one's appearance, behaviour, manner and work.

Uniform

Thank you for ensuring children are in the correct uniform. I reminded all children that shoulder length hair must be tied back with plain hair accessories. No jewellery must be worn except of religious significance. Earrings must only be simple studs, no hoop ones please for safety reasons. No smart watches please – simple keep fit trackers are fine. Plain black school shoes up to ankle length only. For more guidance, please see the school website and if in doubt, do refer to class teachers.

Attendance

The government has issued information of increased fines for persistent absences. Parents are reminded to inform the school on 01628620871 before 8.30am if their child is absent and no absences will be authorised by the school unless they are exceptional. More information can be found on the school website. I cannot stress enough how important punctuality and school attendance are. Not only is punctuality a great life skill, but teachers also tend to revise and teach important concepts in the first session of the morning. Being late for school may mean your child is unable to keep up, or catch up.

Updated information

It is **very important** that we have the most up to date and accurate information regarding your child. Please notify us of change of address, telephone numbers and other changes such as medical conditions. The school must have at least two contact details for your child in case we need to get in touch with you in an emergency.



Wrap Around provision

Do reach out to WC4U for flexible breakfast, and after school club. The club has spaces and they are an outstanding provider.

<https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/before-and-after-school/>

Parking

A reminder to be considerate whilst parking in Trumper's field or around the local area. Please do NOT park in the school car park unless this has been previously authorised and do not park in Harcourt Close or the private residential area next to the school.

Dogs

Dogs are NOT allowed on site even if they are held or on a lead. Please do not tie pets on the school gate or fence.

School lunch

This is completely free for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2, and children entitled to pupil premium. From the 16th September, the new service hopes to be able to take bookings from children in Year 3 onwards.

I would encourage all Reception, Years 1 and 2 pupils to use this service and at least try the amazing fresh sandwiches and accompaniments. Staff tried this service last week and commented on how delicious the food is. Some photos that may convince you 😊



Celebration

SATS

Our end of Year 6 attainment is again above national results! Our curriculum is not test driven, but it is rigorous, exciting and engaging. Well done to pupils, parents and staff. "It takes a village to raise a child!" I will share with you the results once the local authority permits it.



We continue to hold the **Bronze Sports Mark** awarded last week! Our aim is to go for Silver or even better, Gold this year. One of the school's priorities is to encourage more children to participate in active learning, outdoor activities, games and sports.

We are now a fully-fledged Forest School! All children will get the opportunity to participate in Forest School with Mrs Hughes and Mr Clay every week. Den building, orienteering and fire pits are only some of the exciting activities that await our pupils.



Other current awards:

- Modeshift Star – Silver (Commended)
- Healthy Schools - Silver
- Eco Award - Bronze
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

SAFEGUARDING

If you have a concern relating to a Safeguarding matter, please consider whether you need to contact Social Care /Children's Services for the appropriate Local Authority or the Police on 101/999. Further details are available on our website: <https://www.dorneyschool.co.uk/safeguarding/>



DORNEY SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION TEAM



All children have the right to grow up safe from harm. No child should suffer harm, either at home or at school. Everyone who works at Dorney School has a responsibility to make sure that all our young people are safe.

Any safeguarding concerns regarding a child at this school should be brought to the notice of the above named people.



VERY GOOD TRAVEL PLAN 2024

Modeshift Star/School Travel plan

This month is Cycle September. We would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to cycle or walk to school. Do refer to the poster at the end of this newsletter.

As an additional home project, we have uploaded a fun travel trail on Purple Mash. We will also email this to parents separately. Pupils who can show their teachers that they have completed the trail will receive a certificate and a fun safety reflector that can be attached to bags or winter coats.

We need your help in promoting our wonderful school. We have open days in the next few months (these not just for new to Reception children). A welcome poster with dates will be sent to you via email. Please feel free to share with friends, families and neighbours. Do let us know if you are able to distribute hard copies in the local shops and areas too. The wider the distribution, the more people will know of our gem of a school.



Dorney School
The little village school with a big heart

Open days

Thursday 19th September 10-11am	Thursday 10th October 1.30 - 2.30pm
Wednesday 13th November 10-11am	Wednesday 20th November 1.30 - 2.30pm

- Published results above local and national schools.
- EYFS (Reception Class), Behaviour and Attitude and Personal Development graded Good by Ofsted.
- First class curriculum taught by a dedicated, professional and committed team.
- A Forest school with beautiful grounds and excellent facilities.
- Ample parking for parents.

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The PTA is also looking for members. Do reach out to them if you are able to support. Even an occasional hour here and there would mean a lot to this fantastic group of parents.

Some dates for your calendar

- 10.09. - 11+ Practice Test
- 12.09. - 11+ Transfer Test
- 18.09. - Meet the Teacher Y2
- 19.09. - Meet the Teacher Y3 / Open Event for Reception Class 2025
- 20.09. - Meet the Teacher Y4
- 24.09. - Meet the Teacher Y5
- 25.09. - Meet the Teacher Y6

Further communication with other dates will follow accordingly, so that you can add them to your diaries.

And so, we begin another exciting new academic year. Our aim is your child's success when we work together as a team. Do see or email your class teachers (use the school office email address) if you have any questions or worries. They aim to respond within 48 hours at the latest.

Best wishes for the week ahead,

Mrs Sharifah Lee

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
@ DORNEY SCHOOL

The kids chose ...
MULTISPORTS

CLUB RUNS TUESDAYS FROM 3:15 PM-4:15 PM

SEPTEMBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH, 24TH
OCTOBER 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH
NOVEMBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH, 26TH
DECEMBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH

SCAN TO BOOK

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HOW TO BOOK

1. Visit the link above or scan the QR code
2. Click 'Parent Login' - top right corner
3. Sign up to create a parent account
4. Add your child to your account
5. Go to 'Book a course'
6. Click 'After School Club'
7. Find your school and club
8. Pick dates and times
9. Select children attending
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