



Autumn Term- Newsletter 2

19th October 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

Following an unexpected disruption to the start of term, with the hall being out of action, we have been very lucky that the continuation of summer weather enabled us to run a full timetable of PE out in the fresh air. With the new flooring now fitted we hope to be fully operational once we return after the half term break.

We added a new event to our sporting calendar during this half time when we entered the ISA Junior triathlon for the first time ever. We took a boys team of 6 to the event at Woodlands School Hutton Manor and Mr Mansell and I were extremely impressed with the determination and effort that the boys put in and they were rewarded with an excellent result, completing the course in 9th place overall out of the 22 teams competing. This was a great achievement, particularly as this is primarily an event for year 5 & 6 pupils and 4 of our team were from year 4! Congratulations to Sam, Leo, Felix, Nathan, Zac & George, next year we hope to be able to enter two teams, get practising girls!



Last week, Mrs Lamont and I attended the ISA regional art competition and we were delighted that one of our entries, our KS1 2D piece came 1st place and will be entered into the national finals. Well done children!



I hope that you enjoy the half term break.

Mrs Dear

Clubs 2018-19

The clubs are now at full capacity (including Early Risers and After School Club) and there are no available places at the moment. A full audit of club attendance has been completed this week and unfortunately there are many places booked out but not being used. This is particularly frustrating for those parents that we know are waiting on spaces. In light of this, any child who has not attended a club for 3 or more sessions in a row will be removed. This does not apply in circumstances where parents have advised us of appointments or exceptional circumstances. Hopefully this will help to ease pressure once new bookings open for the Spring term. The portal will open again during the Christmas break when you will be able to check for availability. A notification will be sent of exact date that the portal will open. **All current bookings will remain in place, you do not need to re-book into a club that your child already attends, but we would ask that you remove your child should they no longer wish to attend.** If you are waiting for a club place please make a diary note to check the portal again when it opens. The office staff will not be able to make bookings on your behalf. Please email clubs@daiglenschool.co.uk only with any club queries

Attendance at clubs: All children booked in to clubs are expected to attend on a regular basis and should your child miss three sessions in a row (except in the case of illness) the teacher in charge of that club will notify you and they will be removed from the register. All requests for wait list places are forwarded to the relevant teacher and if a place does become available the teacher in charge will offer it to the next child on the list.

Early Risers: Children should be brought to Early Risers (ER) between 8.00am and 8.10am via the back gate. Registers will close at 8.10am and after that time children will not be admitted until 8.30am.

Pick up from all after school activity and After School Club: All activity clubs and first session After School Club finish at 4.30pm and pick up is via the back gate. In the interests of safeguarding children cannot be collected early so if your child has an appointment that involves a pick up before 4.30pm then you will need to collect at normal dismissal time. Children in second session ASC should be collected from the School Hall, via the front of the building, at any time from 4.30pm – 5.30pm.

Snacks: Snacks are not served in any of the first session clubs, including After School Club (ASC) – Sandwiches and fruit are available in second session ASC only. **N.B.** Snacks sent in from home are not permitted

Cancellation of Clubs: Regrettably it may be necessary on occasion to cancel a club due to unforeseen circumstances. We will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible. Notification will be via the notice board on the portal so please ensure that you have access to SchoolBase and the schoolbase APP.

Uncollected Children: If your child is not collected at the end of the school day (3.40pm) and if they are not booked in to a club the office will, in the first instance, ring your nominated contacts. If we are unable to contact anyone we will ensure that your child is cared for in ASC. Due to increased staffing for this a charge will be made for each session.

Staff News

Unfortunately Mr Power has not been well enough to return to us this term. I spoke with his wife earlier this week and his condition is very serious and he is now receiving palliative care in a hospice. This is very sad news and we will need to speak with the older children, those that know Mr Power well, after half term to prepare them for the fact that it is unlikely Mr Power will be back with us. We have taken the decision to inform you before talking to the children as it may be something you would like to speak with them about over the holiday at home. We keep him in our thoughts and prayers. Mr Mansell continues to cover Mr Power's timetable. Mrs Lamont will be with us briefly after the half term break before commencing her maternity leave in November. We wish her the very best for the safe arrival of baby. Mrs Donovan will be working additional days after half term to cover Mrs Lamont's duties in her absence. We are pleased to be able to announce that we have appointed a new specialist music teacher, Mr Milligan, who will take up his post in January.

Absence Reporting

Please report all absences directly to your child's form tutor before 8.30am using their individual school emails as follows and copying in admin@daiglenschool.co.uk to all absence correspondence.

Nursery: jdavis@daiglenschool.co.uk

Reception: idoig@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 1: shamid@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 2: ldemetriou@daiglenschool.co.uk & sstanley@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 3: lfox@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 4: sdaltrey@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 5: jjurkiw@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 6: rsutcliffe@daiglenschool.co.uk

REMINDERS

Uniform

All children should return to school after the break in full winter uniform as specified on the JLP website. This includes the plaid tunic which replaced the previous plain grey. Please note, winter uniform includes a school tie for all children and these should be worn with shirt top buttons fastened. **Children arriving in school without ties will be supplied with one and the cost will be added to your next invoice.** We have checked stock levels with John Lewis and all items except swimming bags (which are due in next week) are currently available, including track suits. With regard to the tracksuits please note that if your child is currently wearing black tracksuit bottoms these should be returned to John Lewis for a full refund. We are advised that the matching purple bottoms are now in stock and children should return after the break wearing the purple tracksuit.

Parking & Neighbour Relations

We continue to receive numerous complaints from our neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking in Westbury Road including vehicles blocking access to driveways. We have advised residents to take down number plates, send us photographic evidence and/or contact local traffic enforcement officers to issue fines. Please support us in improving this situation as it is not only frustrating for neighbours but also can create dangerous situations for the children. Our School Council will be working on a project to raise awareness of the need for safe parking outside the school and improving relations with neighbours over the coming weeks.

Communication and School Base App

If you haven't done so already, downloading the SchoolBase APP to your mobile devices will give you more instant access to an information notice board where we will post alerts about important news. In order to install the APP, simply search SchoolBase in the APP store and use the following login details for our school

School ID Code - 7381

Domain name - Daiglen

Username and password - as for online log in

After School Club Contact Number – If you need to contact the after school club staff after office hours (4pm) the number to call is 07944 498401

Diary Dates



CHRISTMAS 2018

THE INFANT CHRISTMAS PLAY for Years 2, 1, Reception and Nursery will be held on Thursday 6th December 2018 at St James' United Reformed Church. All children will be involved in the performance, there are not separate performances for each year group.

Please note that there is no parking at St James' Church

- Doors will open at **9.15am** (no parents before please)
- Concert starts at **9.30am**
- Children will return to school after the concert

THE CAROL SERVICE (Reception – Y6 children) will be held on Monday, 10th December 2018 at St James' United Reform Church. The Service will start at 9.30am and lasts about an hour. This will be followed by the Year 6 Parents' Bazaar and Coffee Morning in the school hall.

All parents are invited to attend the Carol Service, Bazaar and Coffee Morning.

PANTOMIME, CHRISTMAS LUNCH AND CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

On Thursday December 13th we will be celebrating Christmas in style. The children will be invited to come in wearing their best Christmas jumpers and we will all sit down to our traditional Christmas lunch served in the school hall. After this the whole school will walk to St James to be treated to a performance of Beauty and the Beast.

Please note that all clubs are cancelled for December 14th including ASC.

REMINDERS

**SCHOOL ENDS ON FRIDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 1pm (after lunch)
(NO SWIMMING on the last day)**

TERM OPENS FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY, 7TH JANUARY 2019