



Davington Primary School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

6th September 2023

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school year. For our new pupils and parents, welcome to our school family. The summer holiday has been a hive of action with work on the new block and decoration and maintenance around the school. It is lovely to have the normality of the pupils back and I wish everybody a happy and successful year. Last year's Year 6 are in our thoughts as they start their new schools this week.

New Year R Classrooms

We are pleased to see the completion of the new Year R classrooms which opened for use on Monday. This has been many years in the making but I am very pleased with the end result. We still have work happening in the car park area beyond the classroom which is fenced off so please take care when walking around.

Swimming

The pool is looking fabulous so Year 1 and Year 2 will start swimming this week. **Year 1 on Thursday and Year 2 on Friday.** Please remember to send your child in with their swimming costume and a towel, in a named waterproof bag.

DATA Collection Form

Years 1 to 6 will bring home a data collection form today for you to complete and return as soon as possible to ensure the details we have for you and your child are up-to-date including any medical information. Please ensure that you inform us immediately of any changes to phone numbers or contact details.

CASHLESS School – Please be aware going forward we will not be accepting cash for any items.

ParentPay **must be used** for dinner money, ASC/breakfast club, uniform or trips. Please ensure your account remains in credit at all times. In addition, we are able to take card payments at the office for uniform only.

School Dinners

If your child would like to try a school meal, please complete a menu and return to the school office as soon as possible. The cost of a school meal is £2.50 payable in advance via Parentpay.

Free School Meals

You can find out if your child is entitled to free school meals by applying via www.kent.gov.uk and complete the online facility to apply for 'Free School Meals'. The online application will inform you immediately or please contact the school office.

We are a **nut free school**. This is very important as we have children with severe nut allergies. Please check the ingredients of any packed lunch items to ensure our children are safe. Any packed lunch found to contain any known nut products, will be removed for this reason.

Uniform

REMEMBER to name ALL UNIFORM including water bottles and shoes

An early reminder that boots are not part of school uniform but instead a good pair of shoes should be worn with winter uniform. All Year R, 1 and 2 pupils must have a pair of wellies in school as they will spend their lunchtimes playing on the lower field. Please ensure your child is wearing a school cardigan or jumper.

Children in Year R, 1 & 2 will need **NAMED** wellies to use at break time and lunchtime for the Autumn/Winter months.

Collection

There may be an occasion where you are unable to collect your child and send another adult. If there is a change in your child's arrangements at the end of the school day, please ensure you contact the school office in advance so that a message can be delivered to your child's class teacher. Please remain in your dedicated zone and wait for your child to be handed over to you. Whilst crossing the playgrounds, be aware of class 'trains' making their way to their collection zones.

Absence

Any absence from school should be requested in advance by writing to me by letter or email. If your child is absent at any time please ensure you call the school office before 9.30am. If we have not received a message, a phone call will be made to all points of contact to check that your child is safe and the reason for absence.

Individual Photographs

Braiswick Photographic will be here on Monday 25th September for the children's individual photographs.

Finally, if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything, please speak to me or any of the team on the gates in the morning or after school. I wish you and your child well for a great year.

With best wishes



Mr C Saint
Headteacher



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DIARY DATES 2023-24

7th September	All day	Year 6 Kent Test
18th September	All Week	Year 6 Bikeability
25th September	All day	Braiswick Photographic – Individual and family photographs
12th October	2pm	Harvest Tea for former Davington pupils (Aged 60+) Our guests will enjoy a cup of tea and cake whilst being entertained by Mr Pendleton and his group of singers.
17th October	2-8pm	<i>Parent Consultations (further details to be issued shortly) Please collect your child/ren from the playground at 2pm on the 17th. If you wish your child to stay until 3.15pm please inform the school office via email or inform the school office. *Please note ASC (3.15-6pm) will continue as normal.</i>
Friday 20th October	3.15pm	End of Term 1
23-27th October		Half Term
Monday 30th October		School Closed – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 31st October		Children return for Term 2
Friday 17th November	All day	Childhood Flu Immunisation for the whole school Further details to follow
1st December	Am	Pantomime – Robin Hood
12th December	All day	Carol Concert at Davington Church
Friday 15th December	1.45pm	End of Term 2
18th December-1st January 2024		Christmas Break
Tuesday 2nd January		Children return for Term 2
		<i>Further term dates can be found on the attached KCC term dates. Further Staff Development dates will follow shortly</i>

Please note all staff development days, diary and term dates can be found on the schools website www.davington.kent.sch.uk and the school email address is office@davington.kent.sch.uk.

Information:

Family Learning Courses:

Visit: kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk

Email: businesssupport2@kent.gov.uk

Call: 03000 41 22 22

Screentime Advice: Please see below the following link <https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/>

Sure Start Children's Centres – To register with the Children's Centre or Youth Hub visit:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children>

Determined

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2023/24

Standard School
Year based on
6 terms with
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INSET/ Non-contact days for teachers:

Over a school year, pupils are required to attend for 190 days/380 sessions. In total, teachers may be required to be available for work on up to 195 days, with the additional days specified by individual schools as non-contact days. Schools may also require teachers to work additional hours before or after school sessions, as an alternative to full non-contact days, provided that any teacher is not required to work in aggregate more than 1,265 hours during a school year. Schools may therefore choose to require teachers to make up the full equivalent of the 5 non-contact days wholly through additional hours, or use a mixture of additional hours and non-contact days.

Term 1	36 days	01/09/23 - 20/10/23
Term 2	35 days	30/10/23 - 15/12/23
Term 3	29 days	02/01/24 - 09/02/24
Term 4	29 days	19/02/24 - 28/03/24
Term 5	29 days	15/04/24 - 24/05/24
Term 6	37 days	03/06/24 - 23/07/24

	School day
	School holiday
	Bank holiday