



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7th JULY 2023

This week

It seems the weeks are just flying in now as we move towards the end of term. As I sit and write this newsletter I am still reeling from last night's summer showcase. The children never fail to amaze me as they step onto an actual theatre stage and sing and dance for an audience of 200 people plus. I most certainly could not do that at their age or even now! I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of them and grateful to the staff for the time they put into the performances. There are photos from last night's show further down this newsletter.

This week we have also had trips out for nursery and key stage 1 to Trotters and Year 3 visited the Senhouse Roman Museum in Maryport. The children all had a great time and were, of course, beautifully behaved.

Year 5 had a taster visit to Netherhall this week. They all had a lot to talk about when they came back to school. I think the food tasting and French seemed to come out as the top parts of the visit. It's hard to believe that those children are now thinking about the next stage of their journey.

We have another full week ahead next week. Lots of work is going on to prepare the school for the first phase of being painted internally during the summer as well as getting our sensory room moved downstairs. I am grateful we have a skip on site!

The Key Stage 2 SATs results are released to schools on Tuesday (hopefully) and will be enclosed in the children's reports which are coming to you next Friday. I am busily working my way through reading and commenting on them all at the moment.

Monday 10th is class swap session. The children will go into their new classes with their staff for September and get to familiarise themselves with their surroundings.

Roof works

The roof works continue to move at a pace and I continue to be grateful for your patience with the arrangements. There has been a little confusion this week with reception and Year 1 children so just to clarify **reception children need to be dropped at and collected from the side nursery door until further notice. If you have a child you collect from within the main building i.e. from Years 1 to 6 as well as a reception child, they can be dropped at the main entrance in the morning to be taken to class and will be brought to the main entrance to be collected once you have picked up your reception child.**

I hope that clarifies any issues from this week and any misunderstandings. Thank you again for your support and patience.

Cheer and Stunt

We are always very proud of the children's achievements outside school. Today we are congratulating Xavier and Arya Myles who took part in the national Cheer and Stunt finals two weeks ago and came first! Well done both!



Problems

Can I just politely remind everyone that if you have an issue with anything to do with school please arrange a meeting with the class teacher or myself. If we can't resolve your query or concern the next point of call is Louise Maguire, who is our Chair of Governors and then, from her, is Judith Schafer our deputy Chief Executive. Hopefully we will be able to solve all worries and concerns in school, but if not then that is the line of communication.

Staff and myself will make ourselves free to talk to you as much as we can, but it is not always possible to have an immediate conversation. We will however see you as soon as we can.

In other news

I have one last piece of news for this week's newsletter for parents and that is to let you know a letter is coming out to you today advising you of my intention to retire from my post as Head of Dearham from 31st December. The letter gives you all the information and details, but it was important to me and to the Trust that you as parents were told as soon as possible. I have one more term in charge and I only hope it is as productive and enjoyable as the seven others I have had at Dearham. Thank you.

SUMMER SHOWCASE IN PICTURE



Head Teacher's Awards

Nursery <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hannah Farmer✓ Violet Morgan	Year 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Jake Askew✓ Finley Gillmore✓ Soffia Carter
Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Jaxon Long✓ Norah Pala✓ Grace Farmer✓ Noel Rooney	Year 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Ruby Pattinson✓ Eli Douglas✓ Isla Graham✓ Raife Morgan✓ Nate Young
Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Florence Smith✓ Layla Harrison✓ Elliott Tubman✓ Zachary Fidler	Year 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Noah Parker✓ Molly Cosgrove✓ Ozzy Gorst✓ Molly Gorley
Year 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Rowan Branthwaite✓ Jesse Sharp✓ Reece Cook✓ Patrick Rigby	Year 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Sam Young✓ Aidan Oultram✓ Jay Corlett

Courtesy Cups

- Layla Harrison
- William Shaw
- Alfie Anderson
- Sam Young

Attendance

Attendance figures for this week:

	Week ending 7 th
Nursery	95.26%
Reception	97.86%
Year 1	91.59%
Year 2	96.71%
Year 3	96.18%
Year 4	95.5%
Year 5	94.29%
Year 6 Mrs Smith	100%
Year 6 Mrs Ivison	98.83%

Well done Mrs Smith's Year 6!!

Whole school attendance for this week is 95.81%

Well done and thank you everyone.

Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Monday 10th July – Class Swap. Children go into new classes
- Monday 10th July – Netherhall work experience
- Wednesday 12th July – Claire the Clydesdale visit
- Wednesday 12th July – Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic
- Wednesday 12th July – Netherhall transition day and parents open evening
- Thursday 13th July – Nursery move up session with reception
- Friday 14th July – Reception Class Celebration Assembly
- Friday 14th July – School Reports
- Tuesday 18th July – Y6 Leavers assembly 9am
- Tuesday 18th July – Dearham's Got Talent 6pm school hall
- Tuesday 18th July – Nursery last day
- Wednesday 19th July – End of term 1:15 finish

I will add to this list as dates come into the diary so you can free up your calendars where possible.