

Weekly Newsletter

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School Website

www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk



Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre in front of the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 8.00-9.00am and the After School Club from 3.15-6.00pm. If you require further information, please call in to the Club or telephone either 07986673950 or 07979734312.



Special Awards



Our weekly year group, class and attendance awards will recommence next week.

Term and Holiday Dates 2009/2010

Autumn Term 2009: Tues 8 Sep – Fri 18 Dec
Half term: 26 – 30 Oct

Spring Term 2010: Mon 4 Jan – Thurs 1 Apr
Half term: 15 – 19 Feb

Summer Term 2010: Mon 19 Apr – Thurs 22 Jul
Half term: 1 – 4 Jun



School will also be closed on 3 May (May Day). An occasional day has also still to be arranged for the last half of the summer term.

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Well Done Everyone!

Welcome to the first newsletter of this academic year. We hope that our weekly correspondence will keep you informed of important school achievements, events and developments.



We are delighted with the way the children have settled back into school life and adjusted to their new year groups. Our Nursery children and two Reception classes have made a super start and have impressed us all with their enthusiasm, independence and maturity.

If anyone has any old birthday cards please send them in to Mrs Leonard or Mrs Walton. Thank you.



Buildings Update

During the summer recess further building work was completed to the external grounds around school including the construction of an outdoor classroom to be used as an additional teaching facility, venue for packed lunches, a quiet area during playtimes and lunchtimes and a shelter during inclement weather. The land behind the multi use games area has been tidied up etc and plans have been drawn up to develop an environmental outdoor learning area with a pond, boardwalk, new gazebo, vegetable and garden plots, willow tunnel, wildlife area and woodland walk. We now also have, at long last, a defined pathway for pedestrian access and egress into school from Market Lane and parents and children should no longer need to use the road.



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A Special Thank You from Mrs Chapman



"Following my retirement from Dunston Hill in July, I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to all of the pupils and parents for their kind words, good wishes, cards and generous gifts. I shall treasure these always, as a lasting reminder of very happy times spent teaching at Dunston Hill".

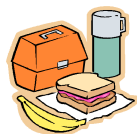
Kindest regards - Barbara Chapman

Key Stage 2 SATs

Year 6 parents are asked to note that next year's Key Stage 2 SATs take place from Monday 10 to Friday 14 May inclusive. We request that holidays are not arranged for this week.



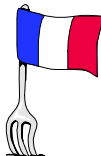
Packed Lunches



As part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches. Fresh fruit is on offer to all of our children during the morning breaktimes ... the cost being 15p for our Key Stage 2 children.

Curriculum Enrichment

Our curriculum enrichment programme continues this term and children in Years 3 to 6 will have the opportunity from next week to participate in a range of disciplines including: gymnastics, karate, multi-sports, French and music. These activities are lead by qualified coaches and teachers whom we employ to provide specialist tuition.



New Curriculum Overviews will be sent home the week after next for each respective year group to share the planned provision we will be offering the children this term.

Music Lessons



Peripatetic music lessons will begin once again next week. Keyboard lessons with Mr Goodenough have moved to Monday afternoons and guitar with Mr McDermid will continue on Friday afternoons. A letter to confirm this will be sent home today to those children concerned.

Sport

Special Request: Mrs Watkins is hoping to take part in the forthcoming Great North Run but unfortunately missed the deadline for applications. If anyone knows of someone with an entry number who is unable to run on the day could they please let her know.



Netball: Netball practice for Year 6 children has been arranged for next Thursday after school.

Fun Fitness: The first of our Fun Fitness classes for Key Stage 2 children takes place after school on Tuesday. Each session will include a range of exercises and activities to stretch and work the muscles and to promote a healthy lifestyle.



Gymnastics: Our gymnastics club starts up again next week after school on Mondays. There are spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.

Karate: Our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the hall and is open to any of our children. If you are interested in joining do go along to see the instructor, Brian Taylor-Allen.

Swimming: A reminder that Classes 6G and 6S will be attending swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoons this term.



Records Update / Dinner Money

Can you please remember to send in your emergency contact details and any consent forms sent out earlier this week so that we can update our records etc. Many thanks to those parents who have already done so.

It is very important that dinner money is paid on time to ensure that we are able to balance our weekly accounts. A reminder that the cost of a dinner is £1.80 a day or £9.00 for the week.

Please remember to label all items of school uniform to ensure that the children don't get mixed up when getting changed for PE. Thank you.