



Duke Street Primary School

Newsletter 1

Thursday 6th September 2018



Welcome back!

We hope you all had a good break and that the children return to school eager to do well this term.

We have some new children starting with us this week and we extend a friendly Duke Street welcome to them all.

I have really enjoyed looking at some of the summer holiday work that the children have done on Pirates, the Stone Age and Volcanoes! Some of the questions that the children said they wanted to explore in the topics they are studying this term were amazing. I am excited to find out what they discover in their studies in the coming weeks.



Meet the Teacher Night Y1 to Y6 – Wednesday 26th September

This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and find out about what life will be like for your child in their class this year. Parents of children in Years 1 and 2 are invited to come into school to see teachers in their classrooms from 6.00pm till 6.25pm. There will then be a brief talk in the hall, led by me for parents of children in Years 1 to 6, followed by an opportunity for parents of children in Years 3 to 6 to meet with Key stage 2 class teachers in their classrooms.

We ask that on this occasion, children are not brought to school for this meeting. Please complete the slip being sent home today to indicate whether you will be able to attend.

Pupil Data Collection Form

Please complete the pupil data collection form sent earlier this week as soon as possible. Although form filling can be a tedious task it is very important the forms are returned to enable us to ensure our records are as accurate as possible and we need a hard copy in case we have a problem with the computer or data system.



School Admissions for September 2019

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

I know it's only our first week back, but already it's time to start applying for Reception places for September 2018, if you have a child who has a 4th birthday between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019. The deadline for applications to primary schools is **11.59 pm Tuesday 15th January 2019**. Please apply even if an older brother or sister already attends Duke Street.

For children who have just started in our Year 6 class, the deadline for a high school place application is even earlier: **31st October 2018**. Applications are made online. Visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

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PGL Friday 14th -Monday 17th September

Y5/6 Children going on this trip will be receiving a separate letter regarding this

Dinner Money

The cost of school dinners for children from Year 3 to Year 6 is £2.20 per day, therefore dinner money due tomorrow is £22.00 for this week and next week (in advance as required by Lancashire County Council). If you have not applied for free school meals and feel you may be eligible, please contact Preston Education Office on 01772 531821. We will not be able to authorize dinners beyond next Friday for those children who are not on the list for free school meals and who have not paid any dinner money. Cash or cheque made payable to L.C.C. should be sent in on **FRIDAY MORNINGS**, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class.



All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals through the Government initiative, but if your child is in of these year groups and you are on the appropriate benefits, please apply for free school meals with Lancashire County Council so school can receive extra funding.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WITH IT BEING THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR, WE ARE SENDING HOME A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER WITH EACH CHILD. TO REDUCE PAPER COSTS AND TIME, WE WILL NOT BE SENDING A HARD COPY FROM NEXT WEEK THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUT ON THE WEBSITE, AND CAN BE ACCESSED THROUGH THE NEWSLETTER LINK ON "OURSCHOOLSAPP". A HARD COPY SHOULD YOU LIKE ONE, CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE.

If you do not have the "ourschoolsapp", please visit your app store and download it for free. You will receive notifications of upcoming dates, and events, plus links to our facebook page, the newsletter etc. Please speak to Mrs Nicholls if you have any queries or problems with the app.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Kidd".

Mr A Kidd
HEADTEACHER