

Newsletter

Dear parents,

The end of term is fast approaching and, as ever, this is an incredibly busy time! I sent a letter out earlier this week with dates and timings of all the school events and so hopefully everyone knows what is going on and when!

On Friday, not only will we be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, but we will also be saying goodbye to some teachers. Mrs Maposa has decided to relocate and teach in Oman from September. Mrs Maposa has been at Downside for a number of years, she has been a key team member and has always been a fantastic teacher. Miss Avery-Clarke will also be relocating – she has been with us for two years and has been a key member of the Year 5 team; always doing her best to ensure the children are prepared for Year 6 learning. Mr Burroughs will be moving to start a new chapter in another Luton school – he has always given our children the best opportunities in PE and we look forward to competing against him in Luton events! Mr Sciocchetti will also be moving to teach in Kuwait and Miss Taylor-Green will be adventuring around the world. Both teachers, although only being at the school a year, have worked incredibly hard to ensure our children get the best possible education. I am sure you will join me in thanking all teachers for their hard work and wishing them good luck in their new ventures.

We have received our Year 6 SATs results and are pleased that we have, once again, improved in all areas. Our results in Reading are still below National results and this will be a key focus again next year. We have made a couple of appeals on the marking of the reading papers – once I have the outcome to these decisions, I will write to parents with the figures.

I hope everyone has lovely summer break!

K.Hooker

Important dates:

17th July – School fete

17th / 18th July – Values trips

19th July – Sports Day

19th July – Yr 6 Leavers' party

20th July – Whole-school BBQ

21st July – LAST DAY OF TERM

4th September – First day of Autumn term

A message from Luton Foodbank

During the summer holidays there can be a greater strain on funds for families. We would like to make everyone aware that Luton Foodbank will be open all summer. If you are in crisis and need to get food please visit www.lutonfoodbank.org.uk or call us on 01582 725838 and we will help you. There is no need to go hungry this summer.

Transition meetings:

Current Year 1 parents – meeting Mrs Ali – Year 2 Leader – Wednesday 6th September @ 9am

Current Year 5 parents – meeting Mrs Bell – Year 6 Leader – Wednesday 6th September @ 3pm

Year 5 & 6 Town Athletics Finals

On Wednesday 5th July, we took seven Year 5/6 children to Stockwood Park Athletics Track for the Town Athletics Finals. The representatives were Alina (600m), Laura, Innaya, Sachin and Yunis (Cricket ball throw), Ayaan (Long Jump) and Paula (80m Sprint). The children had already done extremely well to qualify for this competition after coming through an extremely tough and competitive zone qualifying competition. They were now competing against athletes from each of the other three zones for the title of the best athlete in Luton for their event. Every child performed remarkably and should be extremely proud of their efforts. However, an extra special congratulations needs to go to Paula who for the third year running is the Town champion in the 80m sprint. Well done Paula, we wish you the best of luck at High School and hope to one day see you running in the Olympic Games!



Food Counts and Downside takes a Silver!



On Wednesday 5th July, Mark Passarelli (Catering Manager of Food Counts) attended the LACA Annual Event with Amanda Wharton-Smith who is a Cook at Downside. Amanda had got through to the final judging of the Novelty Cake competition and was up against 30 finalists from all over the UK.

The quality of the entries was exceptional and, with the temperature on the day, it made the conditions challenging. However, Amanda was awarded a Silver which was a fantastic result and, for a first attempt in a competition of this standard, is a truly great achievement.

We are all really proud of Amanda and her amazing achievement!

House Points

	7/7/17	14/7/17
Donaldson	794	401
Rowling	707	446
Dahl	868	481
Morpurgo	779	339

**Value of the Month
for July is
Fairness**

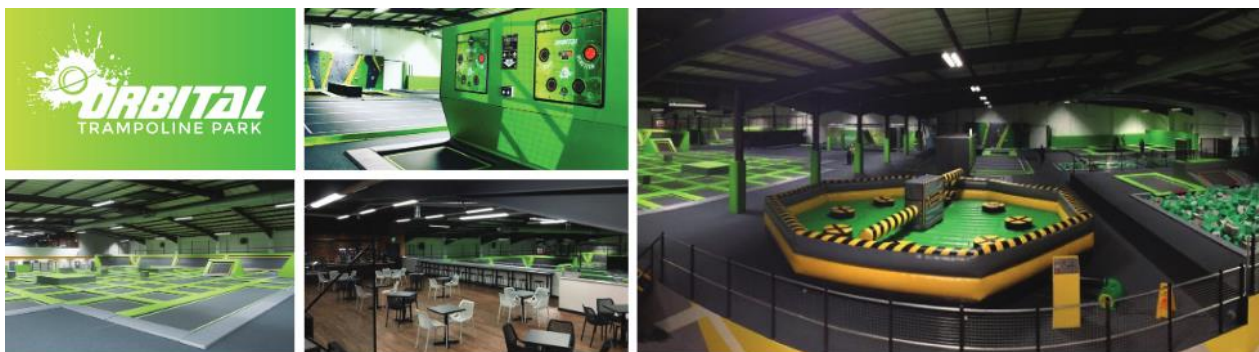
Don't forget...

The school Office will close at 3:45pm on Friday 21st July and will reopen at 8:30am on Monday 4th September.

If you are away from Luton during the summer holidays and emergency circumstances arise which mean your child will **not** be at school for registration at 8:55am on 4th September, you must notify us immediately via email: attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk Please state your child's full name, new class, the reason for their absence and when you expect them to return.

Headteacher and Teacher Commendations

Ramzi ABDALLA	Aafiyah IHAB	Ishaal RASHID
Mashal AHMADZAI	Abdullah KHAN	Zidhan RIASAT
Ibrahim AHMED	Amirah Khan	Uzair ROSHAN
Kashan AHMED	Ayesha KHAN	Danyal SAGIR
Muhsin AHMED	Haroon KHAN	Eshal SHAHID
Ume-Tayba AHMED	Eisa KHAN	Ismaeel SHEIKH
Hassan BENCHERIF	Aadam KIYANI	Zara SIDDIQHA
Jeva BINDERYTE	Sara LALA	Aleesha SUBHAN
Petru BUCUROSU	Zaim MAHMOOD	Taibah SULTANA
Umayr Ibn Fiaz	Zainab MAHMOOD	Anabia Umar
Muhammed HAROON	Noor MIRZA	Priyatharsy VIMALENDRAN
Mueez HASEEB	Abubakar MOHAMED	Angelika WAGNER
Ambreen HASSAN	Maryam NARINE	Aadam ZAMAN
Halima HUSSAIN	Ishaq QAMAR	Daiyaan ZIA
Muhammed Eisa HUSSAIN		Amelia ZIELINSKA



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Agreed Academic Calendar for Luton's Community Schools and Maintained Nursery Schools 2017/2018

SEPTEMBER 2017					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

OCTOBER 2017					
Monday	30	2	9	16	23
Tuesday	31	3	10	17	24
Wednesday		4	11	18	25
Thursday		5	12	19	26
Friday		6	13	20	27
Saturday		7	14	21	28
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29

NOVEMBER 2017					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

DECEMBER 2017					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	31

JANUARY 2018					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

FEBRUARY 2018					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	
Friday	2	9	16	23	
Saturday	3	10	17	24	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

MARCH 2018					
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30
Saturday	3	10	17	24	31
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

APRIL 2018					
Monday	30	2	9	16	23
Tuesday		3	10	17	24
Wednesday		4	11	18	25
Thursday		5	12	19	26
Friday		6	13	20	27
Saturday		7	14	21	28
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29

MAY 2018					
Monday		7	14	21	28
Tuesday	1	8	15	22	29
Wednesday	2	9	16	23	30
Thursday	3	10	17	24	31
Friday	4	11	18	25	
Saturday	5	12	19	26	
Sunday	6	13	20	27	

JUNE 2018					
Monday		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		5	12	19	26
Wednesday		6	13	20	27
Thursday		7	14	21	28
Friday	1	8	15	22	29
Saturday	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

JULY 2018					
Monday	30	2	9	16	23
Tuesday	31	3	10	17	24
Wednesday		4	11	18	25
Thursday		5	12	19	26
Friday		6	13	20	27
Saturday		7	14	21	28
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29

AUGUST 2018					
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	

 School Holidays

 Bank Holidays

 Training Day

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