

# Newsletter

Dear parents,

Thank you to all those parents who supported our school fete on Wednesday, we raised £1287.42! The end of term is fast approaching and, as ever, this is an incredibly busy time! I am sending this letter out early, to ensure parents do not miss any important dates (noted below).

On Friday, not only will we be saying goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, but we will also be saying goodbye to some teachers. Miss Joyce will be relocating and moving to a new school - Miss Joyce has worked incredibly hard since joining our school, both as a teacher and with our Special Needs pupils across the school. In addition, Miss McCarthy will be leaving us to take up a position in a Special Needs school, closer to her home. Miss McCarthy came to our school as a student and has always been hard working and committed to our children. Finally, Mr Wasim Khan, Family Worker, will be leaving us to take up a promotion in another school. Mr Khan has worked with and supported many families across the school. In addition, he has developed some great new initiatives across the school including the Kit Car Club and Forest Schools. I am sure you will join me in thanking all these staff for their hard work and wishing them good luck in their new ventures.

As with the end of every year, we have been submitting our children's assessments and we are really proud of our children's attainment and progress.

- Year R children continue to do well in their assessments, 70% achieved the Good Level of Development, which we hope will continue to be in line with the National average.
- Year 1 children did incredibly well in their phonics screening with 87% achieving the pass mark - again we hope to continue to be above the National average in this area.
- Year 2 children's end of Key Stage assessments went well and we are hoping we will continue to be in line with the National averages (these have not yet been released).
- Year 6 children's end of year SATs results were fantastic - with a 13% improvement in reading - taking us to just 1% below the National Average. In Maths, the school continues to do incredibly well - 12% above the National Average, in Grammar we are 10% above the National average and in writing we are 1% above the national average.

The whole team have worked tirelessly this year and their commitment to our children has been fantastic: resulting in our school achieving these results. All children's results will be shared with parents this week, with their reports.

I hope everyone has lovely summer break!

K.Hooker

**Important dates:**

- 16<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' assembly at 2:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 9:15 – 10:45ish - Sports Day for Year R & Year 1
- 17<sup>th</sup> July 11:00 – 12:30ish - Sports Day for Years 2 & 3
- 18<sup>th</sup> July 9:15 – 12:00 - Sports Day for Years 4, 5 & 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 leavers' celebration
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1 trip to Woburn Safari Park
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - Whole-school BBQ
- 20<sup>th</sup> July - **LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM**
- 4<sup>th</sup> September - First day of Autumn Term**

**House Points**

	6/7/18	13/7/18
Donaldson	<b>600</b>	<b>535</b>
Rowling	595	517
Dahl	581	534
Morpurgo	566	440

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

**Headteacher and Teacher Commendations**

Aaima ABBAS  
Zubayr ABDUL-QADEER  
Adil AHMED  
Hafsah AHMED  
Mahrosh AHMED  
Zain AHMED  
Anaya AKHTAR  
Raza ALI  
Isam ALI KHAN  
Aayan ATIF  
Haleema CHOUDHUREY  
Khadija CHOUDHURY  
Liyana CHOUDHURY  
Ayaan CHOWDHURY  
Nabhan Karim CHOWDHURY  
Karina DIMSAITE  
Muqadus FATIMA  
Daria-Aliseia GAIDOS  
Ramiz GILANI  
Saranja GOWRISANKAR  
Ambreen HASSAN

Hashim HUSSAIN  
Maira HUSSAIN  
Hashim HUSSAIN  
Ibrahim HUSSAIN  
Aafiyah IHAB  
Hajrah IQBAL  
Safwan JILANY  
Zayan JILANY  
Amelia KAISER  
Gurtej KALSI  
Amna KHALIFA  
Aaminah KHAN  
Ayaan KHAN  
Farhaan KHAN  
Amirah Khan  
Ibrahim KHAN  
Malikah KHAN  
Saad KHAN  
Abdul Hakeem KHAN  
Zain KHAN  
Zanab KHAN

Ruqayya KIYANI  
Hiba LATIF  
Hawa MEHMOOD  
Isah MIAH  
Umar NAWAZ  
Aafiah RAZA  
Hadia Raza  
Yahya RIZWAN  
Hunais ROSHAN  
Zaynah SHAFIQ  
Zoya SHAH  
Aisha SHAHID  
Manvir SINGH  
Janusiga SOORIYAKUMAR  
Adhiy SUBHAN  
Aminah Noor SUBHANI  
Zahra TALLAT  
Muhammed Musa UMAIR  
Priyatharsy VIMALENDRAN  
Stella VOLGYESI  
Barraq ZAHEER

**Don't forget...**

The school Office will close at 3:45pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July and will reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September, you must notify us immediately via email: [attendance@downside.primaryluton.co.uk](mailto: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.

### **Advance warning - attendance**

From 4<sup>th</sup> September, there will be changes to our Term Time Leave policy.

Please be aware that there will also be an important change in terms of punctuality. Currently the registers close at 9:25am; **from 4<sup>th</sup> September, registers will close at 9:10am**, meaning that any late marks before this time will be authorised but late marks after this time will be unauthorised (unless proof of a medical appointment is shown).

Further details regarding these changes will follow in September.

### **School dinners for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

The cost of school dinners will rise from £1.95 to £2.00 from 4<sup>th</sup> September; this is due to the increased cost of the raw ingredients.

The costs next school year for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will therefore be:

Daily	Weekly	Half Termly		Termly
£2.00	£10.00	4/9/18 - 19/10/18	£66.00	£146.00
		29/10/18 - 21/12/18	£80.00	
		8/1/19 - 15/2/19	£48.00	£108.00
		25/2/19 - 5/4/19	£60.00	
		23/4/19 - 24/5/19	£46.00	£116.00
		3/6/19 - 19/7/19	£70.00	

### **Changes to break and lunch times**

Break and lunch times will change slightly next school year. From 4<sup>th</sup> September, the timings will be as follows:

	Break time	Lunch time	Break time
<b>Year R</b>	9:45 - 10:00am	12:00 - 1:00pm	1:45pm - 2:00pm
<b>Year 1</b>	10:05 - 10:20am	12:15 - 1:15pm	2:20pm - 2:30pm
<b>Year 2</b>	10:30 - 10:45am	12:30 - 1:30pm	
<b>Year 3</b>	10:30 - 10:45am	12:00 - 1:00pm	
<b>Year 4</b>	10:30 - 10:45am	12:15 - 1:15pm	
<b>Year 5</b>	11:00 - 11:15am	12:30 - 1:30pm	
<b>Year 6</b>	11:00 - 11:15am	12:45 - 1:45pm	

As a reminder, children cannot be collected during their break or lunch time. If your child has an **urgent** appointment which will occur during one of these periods, please collect your child prior to the break or lunch time starting.

## Academic Calendar for Community Schools 2018/2019

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

OCTOBER 2018					
Monday	1	8	<del>15</del>	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	

NOVEMBER 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	
Sunday	4	11	18	25	

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

JANUARY 2019					
Monday		<del>7</del>	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	

FEBRUARY 2019					
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	
Saturday	2	9	16	23	
Sunday	3	10	17	24	

MARCH 2019					
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


APRIL 2019					
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	7	14	21	28	

MAY 2019					
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	

JUNE 2019					
Monday		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		5	12	19	26
Thursday		6	13	20	27
Friday		7	14	21	28
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30

JULY 2019					
Monday	1	8	15	<del>22</del>	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	<del>23</del>	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	

AUGUST 2019					
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	

 School Holidays

 Bank Holidays

 Training Day

People Directorate

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