



## Weekly Newsletter – Summer Term 2023, Week 6 (26.5.23)



Dear parents and carers,

Following on from the letter that went out last night regarding the class structure of September 23 at the school, we would like to offer an invite to any parents/carers, which this affects, to attend an information session in school on Wednesday 14th June between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. Mr Jon Smith, Mrs Rebecca Nettleship (Head of Darton) and myself will be at the meeting and we are hoping to be joined by the CEO and the Executive Head. We will hopefully be able to answer any questions you may have and provide you with additional information to take away.

Thank you,  
Mrs Gulliver

Here are some important dates for you to be putting in your diary.

- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to the Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Y4 multiplication check
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June Y1 phonics screening
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June school summer
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July AM foundation stage sports day
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July AM KS1 sports day
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July PM KS2 sports day
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July reports going out to parents
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July AM children's transitions into their new classroom
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July Y6 leavers service PM
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Y6 production PM
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July Y5 visit to Nell Bank
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July last day of term. Break up for summer holidays
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September pupils return to school

### Phonics Screening Assessments

Y1 have Phonic Screening Assessments all next week. Please ensure that pupils attend school on time.

### Y5 – Nell Bank Trip

The Year 5 school trip to Nell Bank is on Friday 14th July 2023. Children will be doing different activities to help develop essential life skills and knowledge needed to work effectively as part of a team.

### Athlete Event

Yesterday's Athlete event was incredible! The children really enjoyed the different circuits. Here are some feedback from a few children. Harry Hunt in Butterflies said, "He really liked the exercises, they were really good." and Nancy Dowle also in Butterflies said "It made her happy". It was a real success and a massive congratulations to all the children on raising their sponsor money.

### The PTA Tuck Shop

The PTA tuck shop was a success. The cones of mixed sweeties were a favourite! Look out for more Tuck Shops in the coming weeks.

Dear Families,

It's a pleasure to write to you through the Dodworth St John's Newsletter for the first time. As the incoming Head of School in September, I'm thrilled to be joining this community. I've had the pleasure of spending a couple of days in the wonderful company of the staff and children at Dodworth this week, and what a great couple of days it's been. We have had the pleasure of having Invictus and Commonwealth Games competitor Sean Gaffney in school to run fitness sessions with the children on Thursday - an event which they absolutely loved. Sean spoke very highly of the children and commended their behaviour and attitudes. The children here really are a credit to you and to Dodworth St John's, and it's a privilege to have the opportunity to work with them. The warm welcomes, cheerful smiles and excellent manners I encounter whenever I'm in school demonstrate what a marvellous community it is I am joining.

Throughout this academic year, I've worked as a Lead Practitioner for St Mary's Academy Trust, a role which involves supporting teachers and enhancing our educational curriculum. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and commitment shown by staff at Dodworth around this work, and I'm excited to continue this work as part of the school.

I've also had the chance to speak with several parents and carers, and I look forward to engaging with many more of you. Developing our children both socially and academically is indeed a team effort, and your involvement is invaluable. I will be working closely with Mrs Gulliver and the rest of the team throughout the remainder of the academic year, so if you see me on the playground, please do come and say hello.

Please take a look at some of the wonderful things that have been happening at school this week below, and remember to stay connected with us on our Twitter accounts and our website - [dodworthstjohns.org.uk](http://dodworthstjohns.org.uk) - to keep up-to-date with all of our recent events. And do mark your calendars for our upcoming coffee afternoon next Friday 16th June — we would love to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend  
Jon Smith



## *F&S*

- Ronni Absolutely amazing week of learning. Well done Ronni!
- Chester For showing great sporting skills in the sports circuit event.
- Emma Some fabulous music playing and singing.

## *Year 1*

- Emily Some super writing retelling Egg Drop this week
- Alfie Super phonics work this week

## *Year 2*

- Jackson Deeper thinking during our class RE discussion
- Ilia Sharing personal knowledge and experiences with his peers during RE discussions
- Marylou Participation in the class input for maths - asking and answering lots of questions

## *Year 3*

- Alfie For always being full of interesting information and facts.
- Adriana For not only being kind and respectful in the classroom but showing this behaviour in everything she does.
- Leo For showing resilience in PE this week.

## *Year 4*

- Carson For fantastic handwriting
- Betsy For fabulous guided reading.

## *Year 5*

- Aurora For joining in on all the extracurricular sporting activities, despite being the only girl
- Amelie For being fully engaged in all her lessons and achieving really well in a range of different activities.

## *Year 6*

- Dylan His resilience when working out a maths problem.

