



Weekly Newsletter – Summer Term 2023

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Dear Families,

The end of term is fast approaching and the buzz around school is lovely! I was able to spend some time yesterday in our Foundation Stage children which was amongst the highlights of my week for sure. What a bright, enthusiastic and welcoming bunch they are. It's fantastic to see them learning through their exploration of the world – you can see their knowledge growing by the second!

This week, Mr Kaufman, Mrs Cuthbert and I were fortunate enough to attend an event hosted by the Jerry Clay English Hub, who specialise in supporting schools with their provision of Phonics and Early Reading. I am pleased to say that we will be supported by the hub next year. This is a great opportunity for us as a school to ensure that our youngest pupils have the best possible start to their 'reading lives', and we can't wait to get cracking!

Thank you to staff for organising our Sports Days this week. This was, of course, my first Sports Day at Dodworth and it was lovely to watch. We were very fortunate with the weather, which is always a bonus!

Another thank you must go to our parents and children who have been affected by the two strike days we have had this week. Your support and understanding in this matter is very much appreciated and I'm looking forward to seeing everybody reunited on Monday.

We have another busy week next week. We have a transition morning on the 10th July which I'm really looking forward to - it's always a fun morning and, more importantly, a great opportunity for staff and pupils to get to know each other. On Tuesday afternoon we will be in church for our Year 6 leaver's service. It is always an emotional time for parents, children and staff, and this is sure to be a highlight of the week. Despite having only been in school consistently for three weeks, I know what superstars our Year 6s are and how much they will be missed.

Finally, it is with some sadness that I have to pass on the news that our lovely Mrs Wright will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mrs Wright is loved by the children and will be missed by staff a great deal. We wish her all the best for the future.

Finally, at the risk of sounding like a broken record, I want to say thank you again for your support. It is always a whirlwind starting at a new school - and this time of year is particularly busy anyway - but I have been made to feel so welcome by this community, and for that I am so grateful.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week.

Jon Smith
Incoming Head of School

Y6 Leavers service

Our leavers service will take place at church starting at 1.45pm – parents are welcomed to meet us there. You may take the children home after the service.

Twitter

Due to decisions made by management at Twitter, the Twitter feeds on our website are not working currently. We are waiting for a resolution to this. Twitter feeds are still available and viewable on the Twitter website itself and the app.



Thank you for your understanding.



Pre-loved Uniform Rail

As it is nearing the end of the year, we wanted to remind families about our pre-loved uniform rail in school.

Please bring any unwanted/outgrown uniform garments into the school office to be redistributed to other families.

Let's help each other and help the planet too.

Please feel free to pop into school at any time if you wish to grab some pre-loved uniform for your child next year.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 10th

Tuesday 11th

Wednesday 12th

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Thursday 13th

Friday 14th

Transition Morning

Y6 Leavers Service

Y6 Dress Rehearsal during school time

12pm – Junior Warden Presentation

1.30pm & 6.30pm – Y6 Production

Y5 Trip to Nell Bank

Tuesday 18th

Friday 21st

1.30pm - Rock Steady Performance

School breaks up for Summer holidays