

Monday 15th May 2017

Summer Term 2017 – Newsletter 3

Dear Parents

GCSE and A level written exams start this week. Arrangements for study leave and pupil expectations were sent out in a letter to parents of Year 11, 12 and 13 pupils last week. Please contact Reception if you did not receive this. We wish all the pupils sitting public exams every success.

In KS2 assembly on Friday I congratulated the Year 6 pupils on the excellent way in which they approached the SATs test during the week. They set a fine example to the rest of the school by how they approached a challenging week. Thank you Mrs Kesseru for supporting the pupils through the process.

Parent and Pupil Surveys

Thank you again to all who took the time to complete and return the recent parent survey. Bar charts representing the responses for both the pupil and parent surveys are included as attachments in this mailing.

Whilst the responses to both surveys were overwhelmingly positive the key points that I have been discussing with the Trustees come from the comments about what would need to improve to increase the recommendation score by one point and any negative response patterns that emerged.

By far the most common response to the first part of this by parents and pupils was “improve facilities”. A number of pupils felt that their views were not always listen to and a significant number of pupils in Years 7 and 8 felt they did not have good access to IT. A number of parents said that they did not know if the school helped their children develop One School Skills. These are a few examples of issues that the school and the Trustees will be looking to address. This will be done through a combination of immediate actions and future planning.

Focus Homework Survey

Focus Learning Trust are carrying out a survey about homework. Please could parents take a few minutes to complete this survey using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YNJKWNF>

Changes to the Calendar

Transition Day for new Year 3 pupils and Year 6 pupils moving into Year 7 will now take place on **Thursday 6th July** (including the New Parent events) to avoid a clash with a Community wedding.

Dunstable KS2 (Years 3 to 6) will be holding a **Charity Day on Friday 7th July** to raise funds for the CLIC Sargent charity which supports children with cancer and their families. The day will culminate in a ticketed concert in which the KS2 children will perform music for family and friends.

Information about the charity can be found via the following link:

<http://www.clicsargent.org.uk>

One School Skills Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who have accumulated enough commendations in each One School Skills category to qualify for a Bronze or Silver Award:

Bronze: Nikita Newton Y8, Harley Holding Y10, Esther Jay Y11, Natasha Jackson Y11, Zara Hutchins Y11.

Silver: Jenson Tuffin Y8, Mia Chattell Y8, Gina Barber Y8, Emmeline Stedman Y11

These will be awarded in an assembly later in the term.



Key Stage 2 Stars for this week

Cherrie Smith: For making huge improvements towards her attitude to work.
Whole of year 5: For the support they have given year 6 during SATs week.
Whole of year 6: For all their hard work during SATs week.

Calendar for the Week

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	15 th May	16 th May	17 th May	18 th May	19 th May
May 2017	GCSE and A level Exams start Year 11 and Year 12 Exam Leave starts		Staff Meeting/INSET 3.15pm		

Best wishes

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