

Thursday 19th July 2018

It is hard to believe that another academic year has just about come to an end. What a busy time we have had!

Staff leaving

This term we have kept informing you via the school app about staff who are leaving us on Friday, but I felt it was wise to clarify it once again.

Mrs Peacher – lunchtime supervisor	Well-earned retirement. After 26 years of working at DJS we wish Mrs Peacher a long and happy retirement.
Mrs Foxton - SENCo	A promotion to Deputy Head – congratulations and good luck.
Mr Horsley – year 3 leader	A promotion to Assistant Head – best wishes for the future.
Mr Hopper – PE support	A promotion to science lead at a school in West Yorkshire – we wish you well.
Mrs Potter – TA and ELSA lead	Promotion to work in a pastoral role at an East Riding secondary school. Good luck in your new role.
Mrs Robinson - TA	New role supporting a pupil with a disability in an East Riding primary school. Best wishes in your new school.
Miss Gaskin - TA	New role as cover supervisor at an East Riding secondary school. Good luck in your new post.
Mr Sheader - cleaner	Leaving to start university studies. We hope you have a fantastic time.
Mrs Morrell – year 3 teacher	Temporarily leaving us to have her baby. We hope all goes well and we are really looking forward to meeting the new arrival.



It goes without saying that we will miss all of the above staff and wish them well in the future. I would also like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to their roles here at DJS, whether it be over the last few months or over several years.

New staff - September

Mrs Holgate will be joining us as our new SENCo and year 6 teacher and Mr Welbourn is a new teacher in year 3. In addition we have two teaching assistants joining our team, Mrs Bell and Miss Benson. In place of Mrs Peacher, we have appointed Mrs Leighton as a new lunchtime supervisor. We welcome them all and hope they enjoy working at DJS.

Mathletics Summer Challenge



Following its success for the last two summers, Mr Addy has set the summer 'Mathletics' challenge for the number of points accumulated from the last day of this term to the first day of the new term in September. The top 10 winners will be awarded a prize in assembly. Good luck everyone!

This is a great way of consolidating children's learning and keeping their brains active; they will certainly be more able to 'hit the ground running' in September if they have done some maths over the holidays.

Reading



I know lots of children read regularly for pleasure but, similarly, I am aware that some children rarely read unless encouraged to do so. Six weeks of no reading really can be detrimental to children's speedy progress so please encourage your child to read at home these holidays. All children are now members of the library, so a visit there would be great! Thank you.



First day back in September

The first few days of last September were much calmer than in previous years so, to try and replicate this again in September, please note the following:

- For day 1 only, the new year 3 pupils will arrive at school between 8.45am and 9am and will go ***straight into their classroom***
- For the first few days there will be signs to explain where parents should wait at drop-off and collection time (and staff outside to help too)
- Thinking about our new starters and their obvious anxieties, we ask politely that parents of children in years 4, 5 and 6 consider whether or not they need to stay on the playground before school and whether they can arrange a home time meeting point that is away from the playground, or even just outside the site e.g. near the police station
- There will be at least two senior staff members on the playground to help, as well as the two morning supervisors who are there every morning
- Children in year 3, as always, will not be allowed to leave the site alone at home time but will be matched up to the person collecting them

We are a large school which naturally means a lot of people on the playground, so thank you for your help and understanding with this difficult situation. Things always ease off once children are familiar with the new routines and have agreed arrangements with their parents.

Uniform/PE kit

In preparation for September, may I remind everyone that school shoes or boots should be black, and trainers should not be worn as school shoes. Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is named as it is so upsetting to see the large amounts of lost property that we rapidly collect, that we are unable to return to the correct child. Thank you.

Thank you messages

This has been an incredibly busy and exciting year at DJS, with a huge number of sporting events,

trips, visitors and fabulous learning opportunities. In addition we had a stressful but successful Ofsted inspection in February!

I would like to thank all staff who have given up their time, often over and above their paid role, to give the children such a great all round experience.

We have an amazing staff at DJS who are 100% dedicated to supporting pupil's academic and social development. I am so fortunate to be leading such an incredible team of caring professionals and I wish them a relaxing, well-earned summer holiday.

Another thank you must go to the PSA members and those staff who help at our fundraising events. Not only do our pupils have a great time at the discos and with their families at bingo nights, the money raised is invaluable.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support during the year.

Happy holidays

I would like to wish all children, parents, staff and Governors a very happy and well deserved summer break. Let's hope we get some lovely weather so we can enjoy being outdoors!



Summer holiday activity week

We are looking forward to seeing around 60 of our pupils during our summer holiday activity week, starting Monday 20th August. If you haven't returned the consents form, please do so tomorrow. Thanks.

Back to school

We will see the current years 3 to 5, and our new year 3 children, back at school on Tuesday 4th September.

Sadly our year 6s are leaving us for pastures new. They have worked really hard this year and we are delighted with the efforts they have put in. We wish them good luck at whichever secondary school they will be attending and hope to hear that they are all doing well in year 7.

L J Laird - Headteacher