



Summer 2 Newsletter

17th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are on the eve of our **Transition Week**, today is the last day at Dereham Junior Academy for our Y6 pupils, and the last day for your children with their current teacher.

As usual with this time of year, it is time for **a few goodbyes**. Our Year 6s have had a fantastic year, working hard and having fun at the same time. We are confident that they will have a great time at high school and all of Dereham Junior Academy wish them well for all of their futures...GO FOR IT!

At the end of term we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs McCarney our Executive Head Teacher. Mrs McCarney has been with us for two years and will be returning to her two other schools as well as taking on some new adventures! We would all like to say a huge thank you for everything she has done for us at Dereham. THANK YOU!

Miss Wright, one of our TAs in Year 5 is also leaving us. Although she's only been with us for 1 year, we will miss her. We can't have scared her off as she is going on to train to be a teacher. Good luck, Miss Wright and maybe we'll see you soon!



We are really pleased to announce that no other staff are leaving. Also, all teachers and teaching assistants are staying in the same year groups and the class names are staying the same! Tomorrow, your children will find out **which class they are moving to** as they begin Transition Week. The current year 3 and 4 are being mixed into four new classes. We're sure they'll all come home with beaming faces tomorrow, whichever class they're in!

Just a reminder that the **new school term starts on Wednesday 4th September**. We look forward to seeing everyone back and ready for another excellent year!





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Just a few results to catch you up on...

Today we announced the winners of our annual Sports Day. It was a smashing day once again with the children giving their all...and getting very hot! Everyone competed really well and sportsman/womanship was the order of the day, but there was one house that were the runaway winners...EARTH! The final placings were:

1. EARTH
2. Fire
3. Air
4. Water



The House Competition has also concluded. This is something that is run all year with attendance, House points for work, competitions for art and sport all contributing to the overall points total. This was the closest competition in many years with the results as follows:

1. FIRE (22 points)
2. Earth (21 points)
3. Water (20 points)
4. Air (19 points)

As you can see, it was a very close run thing. Will anyone replace Fire at the top?

Attendance really matters! We have weekly certificates that recognise great attendance by classes and award the class with the best attendance over the year end of year prizes. This year's top attenders were **Einstein Class**. Curie and Wilberforce came 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done, Einstein!





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We are really pleased to announce that earlier this term we achieved the **GOLD RE Quality Mark**. This recognises the excellent work in RE that happens in our school. As a church school and member of the DNEAT trust we are very proud of our achievement. A huge thank you goes out to all the staff and children that helped earn this award, especially Miss McKay our RE lead. Below is a photograph of some of pupils that helped us earn the award.



All that is left for us to say, is we hope you have a lovely, restful and rejuvenating summer break and we'll see you in September. From all the staff at Dereham Junior Academy, have a cracking summer!





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A message from our Governors...

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself to you all.

My name is Malcolm Gray and for the past two years, I have been a regular visitor to the school, working on behalf of DNEAT, as a School Improvement Associate. During this time, in the absence of a Governing Body, I have also been a member of the school's Transition Board that has been there to support the Executive Headteacher, Mrs McCarney in the leadership and management of the academy.

More recently, as the academy moves to re-establish a Governing Body, I have been asked by DNEAT to take on the role of Chair of Governors to oversee this transition. Over the next academic year, we hope to appoint new Governors to the school, two of which will be parent governors. Next term, the school will share more information with you about these parent governor appointments.

With the end of term next Wednesday, which I am sure all your children are looking forward to, I would like you to join me in thanking all of the staff at the school for their hard work, dedication and commitment over the past school year. I would also like to take this opportunity to especially thank Mrs McCarney for the immense contribution she has made as Executive Headteacher over the past two years.

As you are aware, the school has been on a journey that has seen many changes that have contributed to the overall quality of provision for the children at the school. Many of these improvements were reported in the Ofsted Report last July, but in the last twelve months, the school has been busy in consolidating and building on key recommendations and much more too. In expressing our thanks and gratitude to Mrs McCarney, we now look forward to welcoming Mrs Scott to continue the school's journey as she takes up her role as Headteacher in September.

I would like to join all at the school in sharing every best wish to those children leaving the school at the end of this term. Have an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday and fingers crossed, the sun will shine.

Best wishes

Malcolm Gray

Chair of Governors.

