



## Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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### Spring 2 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we're two thirds of the way through the year and summer will soon be upon us! The summer term is something to really look forward to with trips and visitors in every year group; family cafés; sports day and the family picnic; residential and the usual end of year fun. Please refer to our dates list for some of our key dates and keep checking up with this list on our website as sometimes extras are added in.

Just to round off things for the Spring term, below are a few things to bring to your attention:

As a church school and as part of DNEAT, RE plays a large part of our curriculum. At our school, we have whole RE weeks that are positioned throughout the academic year which means we can really explore an area in depth. In fact, we have just finished an RE week which, as usual, has been really good fun and very interesting. As well as studying Christianity, we also explore other faiths as it is incredibly



important to explore many religions and cultures in order to understand what different people believe. This week, our year 4s and 5s loved their visit to a mosque and a synagogue and their behaviour was wonderfully respectful!



We would like to remind you about our school website which holds a lot of school information. We are constantly looking to improve it and add things that we hope will be of interest to you. There is also quite a lot of curriculum information on there too, so you can find out even more about what's happening in school! We also have lots and lots of photographs on there of the school in action...check it out!

Pupil Voice is really important in school. We regularly discuss lots of different topics with the children in order to make sure that we always get their opinion on what really matters. Every week, the school council meets to debate the latest topics and feed these back to their classes. At the moment they are looking at appropriate snacks for playtime and all the children will soon be giving their views on the curriculum and how we can make it even better.





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At the moment, we are having some problems with vehicles and driving on the school grounds at the end of the day. We completely understand that everyone wants to get home as soon as possible, but we must ask that everyone respects the fact that hundreds of children leave via the main school gate and that you drive safely. Please:

- Drive the correct way round the roundabout
- Park on the path side (left hand side facing the building) while you are waiting
- Leave enough space so that cars can get out of the gates
- Drive very slowly so that children aren't in danger.



Can all parents and children that are walking out of school please use the path and not walk out on the road. Thank you.



As the Summer Term approaches, we would like to take the opportunity to remind you that no holidays during term time will be agreed. Attendance is required by law, so any term time holidays will be unauthorised and may result in a fine.

Please take the time to read your child's year group newsletter which will be a special RE edition on this occasion. Just a reminder that all of our key dates for the summer term are on the website and will be added to as the term progresses. All that's left is to wish you a very happy and safe Easter holiday!

From all of the staff at Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

# Happy Easter!

