



Dereham Church of England Junior Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your children have enjoyed the summer break and are making the most of the final few days. We have certainly been very lucky with the weather over the past few weeks and I hope everyone has managed to keep cool and safe whilst enjoying some of the sunshine.

We are really looking forward to welcoming children back to school and have lots planned for the year ahead. You will be receiving additional diary dates for the year by the end of the first week back, to allow you to look ahead at what is happening and get key dates on your calendars. Dates are also sent home to you just before the end of each half term and year group newsletters are sent home and posted to our website (as are all letters) each fortnight.

Breakfast Club and After School Provision:

We do have our own breakfast club which runs from 8am each day. This can be booked up to the night before using our online booking system where you book lunches etc.

There are also a range of childcare providers who bring/collect children to/from our school each day. These include Dereham Church Infants who offer both before and after school childcare, Little Footsteps and Funstop at East Dereham Day Nursery as well as some local Childminders.

Term Dates 2022-2023

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September - Summer School (Year 2 – new Y3 children only). 9.15-3.15pm. See the website for additional information under Y2 transition/summer school.

TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER – ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL

Year 3 – Information Sessions For our new families (or existing families with Y3 children) we are running an information session on 3 dates to tell you a bit more about expectations and routines at our school, also giving you an opportunity to ask any questions. These sessions will run for 20-30 minutes.

Year 3 – Monday 12th September 9am, Tuesday 13th September 2.30pm, Wednesday 14th September 6pm.

Year 4, 5 and 6 information sessions

We are running a session for each year group, to give you the opportunity to find out a little more about the year group and expectations at the start of the school year. Staff will talk about the curriculum, homework and year group information, which may be useful and parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Year 4 – Tuesday 13th September 3.45pm

Year 5 – Thursday 15th September 3.45pm

Year 6 – Wednesday 14th September 3.45pm

Autumn term

- Tuesday 6 September - Friday 21 October 2022
- Half-term holiday: Monday 24 - Friday 28 October 2022
- Monday 31 October - Friday 16 December 2022
- Christmas holiday: Monday 19 December - Tuesday 3 January 2023

Spring term

- Wednesday 4 January - Friday 10 February 2023



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- Half-term holiday: Monday 13 - Friday 17 February 2023
- Monday 20 February - Friday 31 March 2023
- Easter holiday: Monday 3 - Monday 17 April 2023

Summer term

- Tuesday 18 April - Friday 26 May 2023 (Monday 1 May is a Bank Holiday)
- Half-term holiday: Monday 29 - Friday 2 June 2023
- Monday 5 June - Friday 21 July 2023
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Snacks: Children can bring a snack to school with them for break time, but only fruit or vegetables are permitted.

Water: We have water coolers, so children are able to refill their water bottles at school during the day, but please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day.

Reminders:

The gates (both) **open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am**. Children can arrive between these times and head straight round to their class. Gates close promptly at 8.55am as registers are taken between 8.55 and 9.00am and children need time to walk round and get to class. Any child arriving after this time needs to go to the office to be signed in, so we know they are in school.

End of the school day – The **Year 3 bell will ring at 3.10pm** for the first two weeks to allow us to get most of Y3 children back to their parents and carers before the rest of the school come out as it can get very busy. If you have an older child in the school, this isn't a problem as the Y3 child can wait with the teacher until you arrive.

he Year 3/4 bell will ring at 3.14pm Y3 will leave at 3.10pm for the first two weeks) and the Year 5/6 bell at 3.16pm Staff walk the children round to the front gate. Those going to the back gate walk over by themselves but there is always a member of staff on duty at the back gate. The two bells allow for a better flow of children coming out of school.

School Uniform

Our school uniform is simple and should be worn by all – please ensure everything is named, so that any item left in the hall or outside can be quickly returned – we build up so much lost property and none of this is named, meaning we can't easily find the owners!

Attached is our School Uniform information sheet.

We are really looking forward to working with you all over the year ahead.

Kind regards

Mrs Scott
Headteacher