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Executive Head Teacher

Thank you for ensuring your child arrives to school on time.

Please remember to notify the school as soon as possible if your child is absent so to avoid unnecessary checks being made by the school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you will need to provide a written letter from your doctor to verify the absence.

If your child has to attend a medical appointment, please also provide a copy of the appointment letter or card to the office.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to our stars of the week:



Jedidiah – 3A

Olivia – 3B

Mathios – 3C

Jose – 3D

Kyron – 3E

Amiira – 3F

We are very pleased to be giving these stars of the week for a variety of accomplishments across the curriculum and more improvements in behaviour and presentation.



Friday
24 March

Dear Parents

Red Nose Day is soon approaching and to kick-start this amazing cause, we would like to ask your children to:

- create a poster informing what Red Nose Day is about
- compose their own jokes

These should be handed in to their class teacher by Friday 17th March 2017. The best posters will be displayed around the school and the funniest jokes will appear in the following newsletter!

More information on the day's events will be revealed next week.

Mrs Yung, Mr Hadley and Ms Kemp

(Thank you to Cheyanne, Aileen and Neveah from 5F, for giving these great competition suggestions above!)

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week are:

Nursery	95%	Year 6	96%
Reception	97%	Year 7	96%
Year 1	96%	Year 8	96%
Year 2	94%	Year 9	97%
Year 3	93%	Year 10	90%
Year 4	95%	Year 11	95%
Year 5	96%	School Total	95%

The national average is 95%

Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning about everyday materials in science. We wanted to find out what materials were waterproof so set to work making rain coats for our teddy bears at home.

The children (and parents!) made an enormous effort and the coats looked wonderful. We had great fun experimenting and testing the coats with the watering cans in the classroom. Luckily all the children did a good job and managed to keep their teddies dry!



After School Club Registration

Forms to register your child to attend the After School Club in April 2017 are available in the offices on both sites.

Please look out for the emails and posters which will be displayed around the reception area to remind parents to do so.

If your child is in Reception and is born between the 1st September 2011 and 31st March 2012 you can apply.

Please ensure you apply by the deadline as we are unable to accept forms after this date.

School Trips Dates

Wednesday 15th March – Year 5B, 5C and 5F Trip

Thursday 16th March – Year 5D and 5E Trip

Tuesday 21st March – Year 3B, 3D and 3E Trip

Friday 24th March – Year 3A, 3C and 3F Trip

Wednesday 29th March – Year 4C, 4E and 4F Trip

Thursday 30th March – Year 4A, 4B and 4D Trip

Thursday 30th March - RA, RC and RE Trip

Friday 31st March – RB and RD Trip

Deadline for payment is Friday 17th March 2017

Year 6 School Journey – Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June 2017

"You are capable of more than you know. Choose a goal that seems right for you and strive to be the best, however hard the path. Aim high. Behave honorably. Prepare to be alone at times, and to endure failure. Persist! The world needs all you can give."

~E.O. Wilson

Notices

Medicine

If your child needs to take medicine at school parents must send a signed and dated letter confirming this. Please ensure the letter includes the child's full name and the date. The school is unable to administer medicine to your child.

Footballs/Basketballs

Please do not bring footballs or basketballs into the school. The school will provide balls for children to play with.

Contact Information

If you have recently changed your number or address please let the school reception know. It is important to have up to date contact details for all the children in case of emergency.

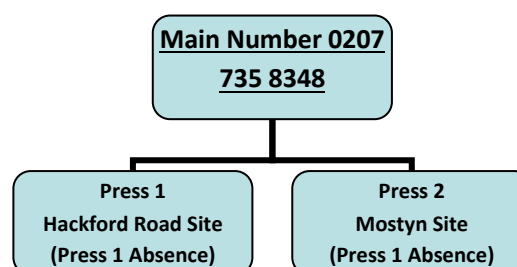
Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

Please ensure you label your child's clothes. This helps parents identify items of clothing kept in the lost and found.

If your child mistakenly brings home an item of clothing which does not belong to them, we ask parents to ensure this is returned to school the next day.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly request parents to leave a clear message on the school voicemail and not call to speak to the administrators directly.



Parents must leave a message on the voicemail for each day your child is absent from school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you must provide a letter from your doctor confirming this. Without this, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.

If the school does not have your email address please give it in to reception or email admin@durandprimary.com.