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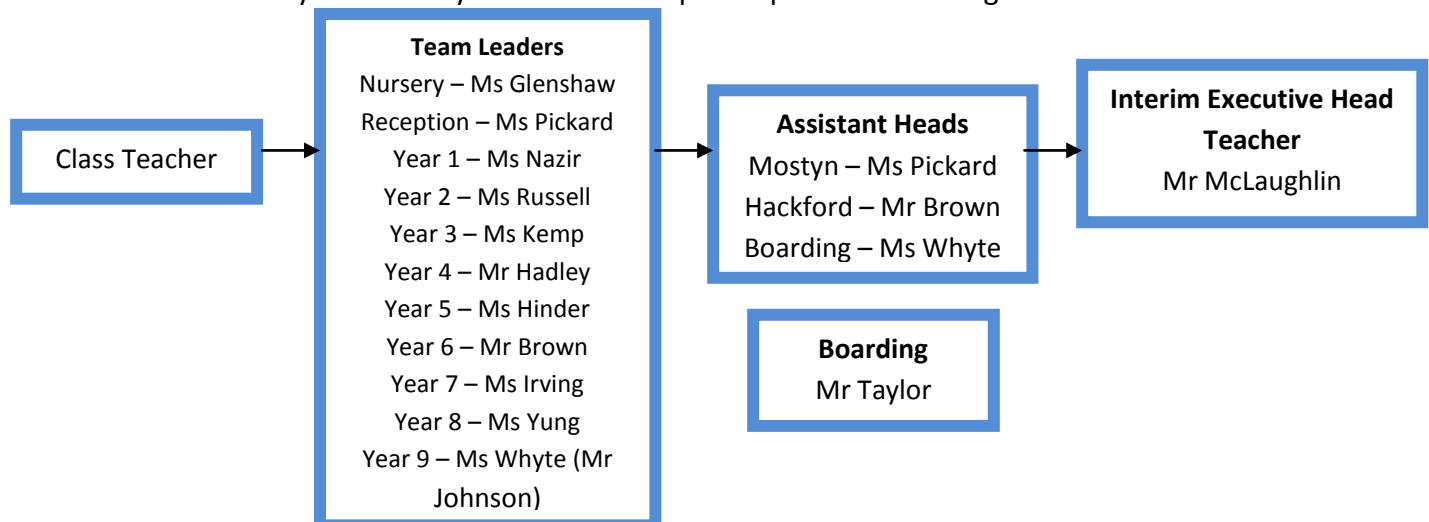
Executive Head Teacher

If you have a concern about your child you should speak to their class teacher. We expect that nearly all parents' concerns will be resolved in this way. **Under no circumstances should parents approach children to confront them.**

Should you feel the matter has not been resolved you should speak to the Team Leader of the relevant year group. After meeting the class teacher and team leaders, if you feel that the matter is still unresolved you should ask to speak to the Head of Key Stage.

Mr McLaughlin is available to meet with parents. However, please be aware that if you have not followed the steps set out above they are likely to refer you back to the appropriate person.

If you have any other concerns please put this in writing to the school.



Open Evening – Nursery to Year 8

Open Evening for Nursery to Year 8 will be held at school on Wednesday 29th March 2017 between 3.45 and 6.20 p.m. with the last appointment at 6.20 p.m.

The open evening for Year 9 will be scheduled for after the Easter break.

Please complete the slip sent out this week if you wish to make an appointment and we will try very hard to give you the time you ask for. We will make these appointments on a first come first serve basis, if it is not possible to give you the time you request we will make other arrangements with you.

Parents are asked not to turn up without an appointment, it may well be that you will have to wait a very long time.



**Friday
24 March**

Red Nose Day is in exactly a week's time and we can finally reveal the day's events!

Break time:

Years 1- 9 will be holding a silent break. Will your class be the winner of your year group?

Afternoon:

Years 2-6 will hold a 'Durand's Got Talent' show.

Nursery, Reception, year 1, 7, 8 and 9 will have a newspaper outfit challenge.

Winners of the silent break, talent show and newspaper outfit challenge will appear in a special Red Nose Day newsletter edition.

Thank you to the children who submitted their jokes and posters. Posters will be on display next week and the funniest jokes will appear in next week's newsletter.

More information about this charity and how you can help support it will be sent out next week.

Thank you in advance

Mrs Yung, Mr Hadley and Ms Kemp



Pictures taken during the last Red Nose day.



Packed Lunch

There has been an increasing amount of parents who are still not following the school procedures of giving the school half a term's notice when changing from packed lunch to school meals and vice versa.

This is causing significant problems with our catering and administration departments. **I would like to reiterate you need to give us a half term's notice if you wish your child to start packed lunch or if your child is changing from packed lunch to school dinners.**

Parents wishing to change their child's meal type must inform the office on the first Monday back after each half term.

If your child is having a packed lunch, they must stay on packed lunches for that term. Parents are not permitted to change their mind on a daily basis. This is the same for school meals.

I would also like to remind parents if you are sending your child to school with Packed Lunch, can I ask you not to put in crisps, sweets or fizzy drinks.

Mobile Phones



This is a reminder that children up to Year 6 are not allowed to bring mobiles in to school. Children in Year 7 8 and 9 may do so and must hand this in first thing in the morning to the designated person. Any mobile phone found not to be handed in will be confiscated and will need to be collected from the school by the parent.

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week are:

Nursery	98%	Year 6	97%
Reception	94%	Year 7	96%
Year 1	96%	Year 8	90%
Year 2	96%	Year 9	96%
Year 3	95%	Year 10	96%
Year 4	97%	Year 11	97%
Year 5	96%	School Total	96%

The national average is 95%

Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to our stars of the week:



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.

Contact Information

If you have recently changed your number, home address or email 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.

School Council

With thanks to Miranda in 6F, the school council is up and running again in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6! Two children from every class have been elected as prefects to carry out duties around the school and act as excellent role models to the rest of the school by wearing the correct school uniform, having outstanding attendance and punctuality, and setting an exceptional example in their behaviour and attitude.



As well as prefects, school councillors have also been nominated to help shape and improve our school. Well done to Sariah (4F), Ademola (4F), Aileen (5F), Sharyah (5B), Maya (6B), Aamirah (6E) and Miranda (6F) who all wrote fantastic letters of application and were chosen to represent their year groups as school councillors. As part of their role, they have listened to the ideas of other children in the school and have shared these in weekly meetings. In this week's meeting, we discussed: a summer gardening event; sports tournaments; end of your activities; school trips; and a sponsored silence for Red Nose Day.



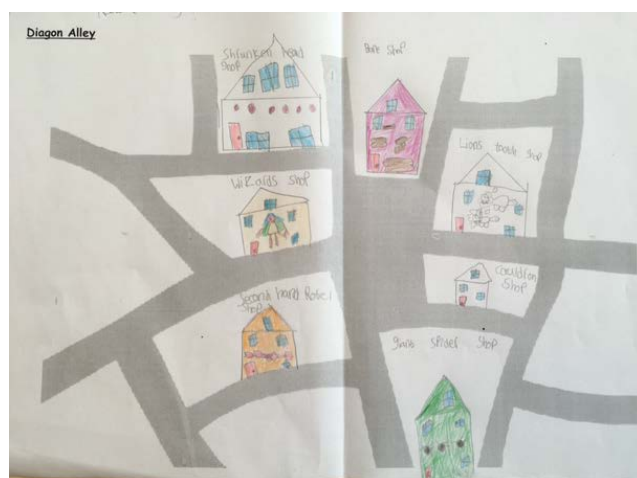
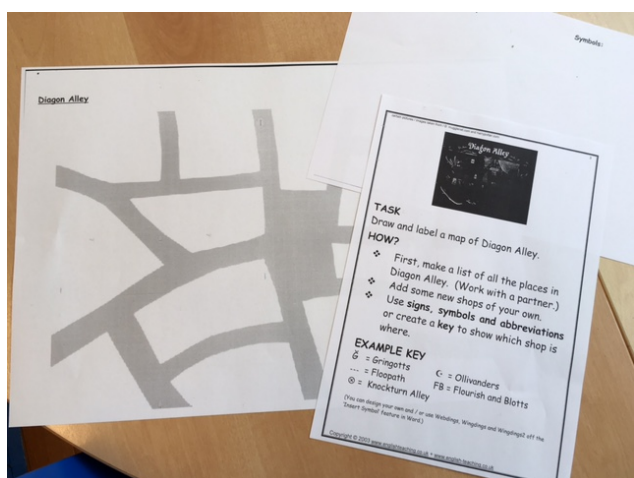
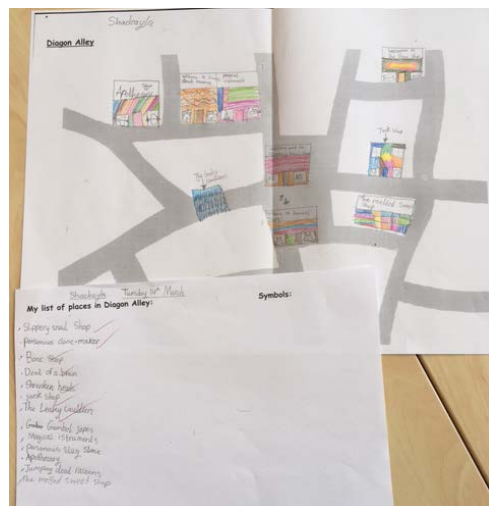
On Friday 24th March, in order to raise money for Red Nose Day, children at Durand will take part in a sponsored silence during break time good luck!

Year 3

Harry Potter

This week the children in Year 3 have been reading about 'Harry Potter' in their Literacy lessons. The children have talked about the characters and 'Hogwarts.'

Today the children in 3C had to read about and design their own version of 'Diagon Alley.' In pairs the children listed a range of shops first. Then those shops would be used in their picture/map when thinking about what ingredients they would need to buy for when they make their own potion and spells.



School Trips Dates

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

Tuesday 25th April – Year 5D and 5E Trip

Wednesday 26th April – Year 5B, 5C and 5F Trip

Deadline for payment is Friday 24th March 2017

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

After School Club Registration

Final Reminder

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.

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.

School Term Dates 2016-17

Spring Term 2017

Finish Date Friday 31st March

Summer Term

Start Date Tuesday 18th April 2017

Bank Holiday Monday 1st May 2017

Finish Date Friday 26th May 2017

Half Term **Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2017**

Start Date Monday 5th June 2017

Finish Date **Tuesday 18th July 2017**

INSET Day **Wednesday 19th July 2017**

INSET Day **Thursday 20th July 2017**

INSET Day **Friday 21st July 2017**



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.

Football/Basketballs

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

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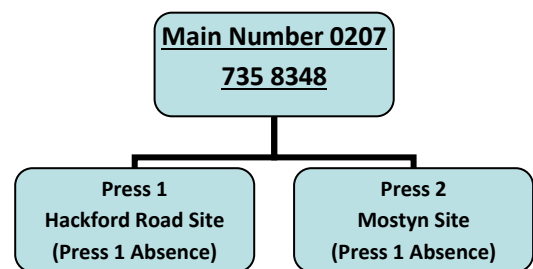
Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

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.



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