



Executive Head Teacher



Summer Uniform

As the weather gets warmer, please encourage the children to wear the summer uniform to school.

The summer uniform options at Durand are:

Girls – Yellow and white checked summer dress (available from the school)

Boys - Grey shorts. These must be tailored school shorts, not sports shorts.

Jumpers – These are optional for the summer term.

Blazers & Ties – Must be worn to and from school every day. The children may leave blazers in the classroom during play times.

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week of term are:

Nursery	97%	Year 6	92%
Reception	97%	Year 7	95%
Year 1	88%	Year 8	92%
Year 2	93%	Year 9	89%
Year 3	95%	Year 10	93%
Year 4	95%	Year 11	75%
Year 5	96%	School Total	93%

The national average is 95%

Year 2 SATs

SATS for Year 2 will begin on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 and will finish on Friday 5th May 2017.

It is vitally important that your child attends school every day during the exams and that they are in school for 8.55 am.

All children in Year 2 will complete tests.

All exams take place in the morning sessions with the first test of everyday starting at 9.15 am.

The last day of SATs club for Year 2 will be on Wednesday 26th April 2017. The children will leave school at 3.30 pm from that day onwards.

Year 6 SATs

SATS for Year 6 will begin the week of Monday 8th May 2017.

It is vitally important that your child attends school every day during the exams and that they are in school for 8.55 am.

All children in Year 6 will complete tests.

All exams take place in the morning sessions with the first test of everyday starting at 9.15 am.

The last day of SATs club for Year 6 will be on **Wednesday 3rd May 2017**. The children will leave school at 3.30 pm from that day onwards.

Attendance and Punctuality

Persistent absence is a serious problem for students. Much of the work children miss when they are off school is never made up, leaving these students at a considerable disadvantage for the remainder of their school career. There is also clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement:

Here are five startling facts:

- Of students who miss more than 50 per cent of school, only three per cent manage to achieve five A* to Cs including English and Maths.
- Of students who miss between 10 per cent and 20 per cent of school, only 35 per cent manage to achieve five A* to C GCSEs including English and Maths.
- Of students who miss less than five per cent of school, 73 per cent achieve five A* to Cs including English and Maths.
- A student with 85% attendance will miss 29 school days a year – that is HALF A TERM of learning lost.
- A student who misses 38 days each year will miss 2 ½ whole years of learning by the age of 16.

Education is important; missing school means missing out. Children should be at school, on time and ready to learn, every day the school is open, unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. Permitting absence from school without a good reason is an offence in law by the parent that may result in legal action by the Local Authority.

The Governors and staff of Durand Academy place maximum importance on attendance rates. Individual absences will therefore be carefully investigated, and unjustified absence will not be acceptable.

Important Dates

Tuesday 25th April – Year 5D and 5E Trip
Wednesday 26th April – Year 5B, 5C and 5F Trip

Tuesday 2nd May 2017 – Year 1 Trip
Deadline for Payment is Friday 21st April 2017

Tuesday 23rd May 2017 – Year 2 Trip
Wednesday 24th May 2017 – Year 2 Trip

Thursday 25th May 2017 – School Photographs
Friday 26th May 2017 – School Photographs

Monday 5th June 2017 – Year 3B, 3D and 3E Trip

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

School Term Dates 2016-17

Summer Term

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**



Football News



On the last day of term the Year 3 boys' football team played a game against Immanuel and St Andrew CE Primary School in Streatham and won 11-5!



Congratulations to our team!



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.

Year 3



Before the Easter holiday, Year 3 children were given a chance to enter two competitions.

One competition was to 'Design an Easter Egg' and the other was to 'Design a Tennis T-shirt.'

Well done to the 5 winners for the T-Shirt competition!

Well done to the 5 winners for the Easter Egg Competition!



Well done to all those children who entered the competition and thank you to Ms Pickard for being the judge!
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Year 3 Netball Girls!

Reminder for parents whose children go to the girls Year 3 netball club on Mostyn Site!

There will be no Club on Monday 24th April or Monday 1st May 2017 but it will resume as normal from Monday 8th May 2017.

Thank you.

Online Payments

Once again we would like to thank all the parents who are using our online payments system to pay for school meals, after school club and tuck shop (boarding students).

Parents please be reminded If you are making payments online and your child does not attend the after school club (ASC Main or ASC Mostyn) or attend the boarding school (tuck shop), please ensure you always make your payment in the school meals section and not the after school club section. This is the third option on the page.

We do encourage parents to use this facility. If you have not already signed up, please email admin@durandprimary.com to request a code.

Sweets

Please be reminded children are not permitted to bring sweets or chewing gum to school.



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.

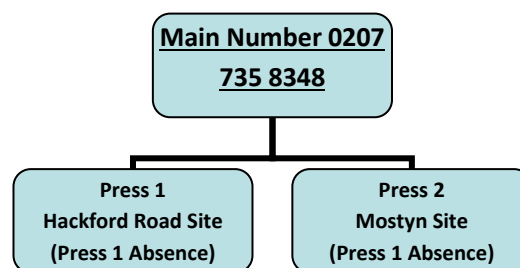
Notices

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.

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.

Footballs/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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