



19<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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## Executive Head Teacher

This week saw the start of our Year11 students begin their GCSE examinations. We wish them all the best during the exam season which ends next month.

### Uniform

Parents are reminded to ensure all children come to school in the appropriate footwear. Trainers not permitted to be worn during the school day.

## Email

Our main form of communication with parents will be through email. This includes letters, reminders and newsletters that have previously been given out in paper form. If the school does not have your email address please ensure that you give it in at reception.

This will allow you to stay updated with what is happening in the school. If you do not have an email account we would advise you to create one and let us know your email address as soon as possible.

## Swimming



Parents are reminded to ensure you send children in with their swimming kit each week, preferably in a plastic bag. Girls need a one-piece swimming costume. Boys need swimming trunks (Bermuda-style shorts may not be worn). Trunks and costumes may be purchased from the school office.

Please also ensure you pack the necessary undergarments as children are often forgetting these at home.

## After School Club



Parents are reminded that only the names you have listed on the ASC registration form are able to collect your child/children from ASC.

If there is anyone new, their names need to be added to the ASC registration form prior to them collecting your child. If this is just a one-off, parents must notify the school in writing on the day so we are aware of who will be collecting the child.

**Parents are reminded if you wish for your children to have their photographs taken together you must return the slip given out earlier this week. If you have children on both sites you are responsible for taking them to your preferred site for photographs and returning them back to school after registration.**

## Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week are:

Nursery	93%	Year 6	98%
Reception	93%	Year 7	98%
Year 1	95%	Year 8	97%
Year 2	97%	Year 9	99%
Year 3	97%	Year 10	97%
Year 4	96%	Year 11	93%
Year 5	98%	School Total	96%

The national average is 95%

## Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to our stars of the week:

Courtney - 3A  
 Dilan - 3B  
 Anthony - 3C  
 Amberleigh - 3D  
 Amir - 3E  
 Chenai - 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.

## School Journey – Year 6

The school journey trip will take place from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017.

Parents will receive a list of items children need to bring with them and further information about the trip shortly.

Below are some pictures from last year.



## Important Dates

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – RA, RC & RE Teddy Bears' Picnic

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – RB and RD Teddy Bears' Picnic

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 – Year 2 Trip  
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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – School Photographs  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 – School Photographs

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 – Half Term**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Year 3B, 3D and 3E Trip

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Farm visiting Nursery and Reception Children

**Deadline for payment is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017 – Polling Day – Hackford Road site closed

Year 6 School Journey – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017 - Last Day of Term**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 – First Day of Term**

## 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.**

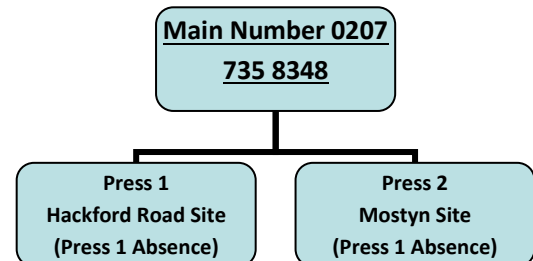
## Notices

### 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.

### Football/Basketballs

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



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](mailto:admin@durandprimary.com).