



13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

ISSUE NO. 5

## Acting Head Teacher



As another half term fast approaches, I want to inform you that I will be taking maternity leave from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

I have really enjoyed this half term as your Acting Head Teacher and am proud to have that role at Durand.

I will naturally come and see the children when I have had the baby, but in the meantime carry on supporting Durand in the quality provision we give to your children.

## SATs Club

Upon the return of the children to school after the half term break, the Year 6 SATs clubs will commence. These clubs run every Monday – Wednesday 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm. SATS clubs have been a normal part of Year 6 for many years at Durand and have been found to have been an excellent addition to the learning of the children.

If your child is asked to attend a SATS club, it is vital that they attend on the specific day. If you have any questions regarding SATs clubs, please contact your child's class teacher who will be more than happy to discuss any issues that you may have.

## Mobile Phones

There are an increasing number of primary school children who are bringing mobiles into school.

Parents are reminded that children in primary school are not allowed to bring mobiles in. Children in secondary 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.

## Year 11 - Reminder

**Parent's Evening for Year 11 will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
4.15 to 6.15 pm**

## After School Club Registration

Forms to register your child to attend the After School Club in January 2018 will be going out in Mid-November.

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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 you can apply.

Forms will be available for you to collect in the offices on both sites.

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

## Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages for last week are:

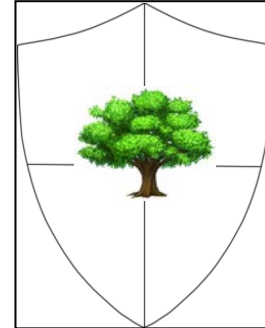
Nursery	97%	Year 6	93%
Reception	96%	Year 7	98%
Year 1	98%	Year 8	94%
Year 2	97%	Year 11	93%
Year 3	97%	School Total	97%
Year 4	97%		
Year 5	98%		

The national average is 95%

## Durand Academy House

Congratulations to the Oak House who are still in the lead with an amazing 199 points for last week.

Well done!



The till now closes at 4.15 pm on both sites. Payments can be made after this time online at [www.scopay.com/durandacademy](http://www.scopay.com/durandacademy). To request a code please email [admin@durandacademy.com](mailto:admin@durandacademy.com)

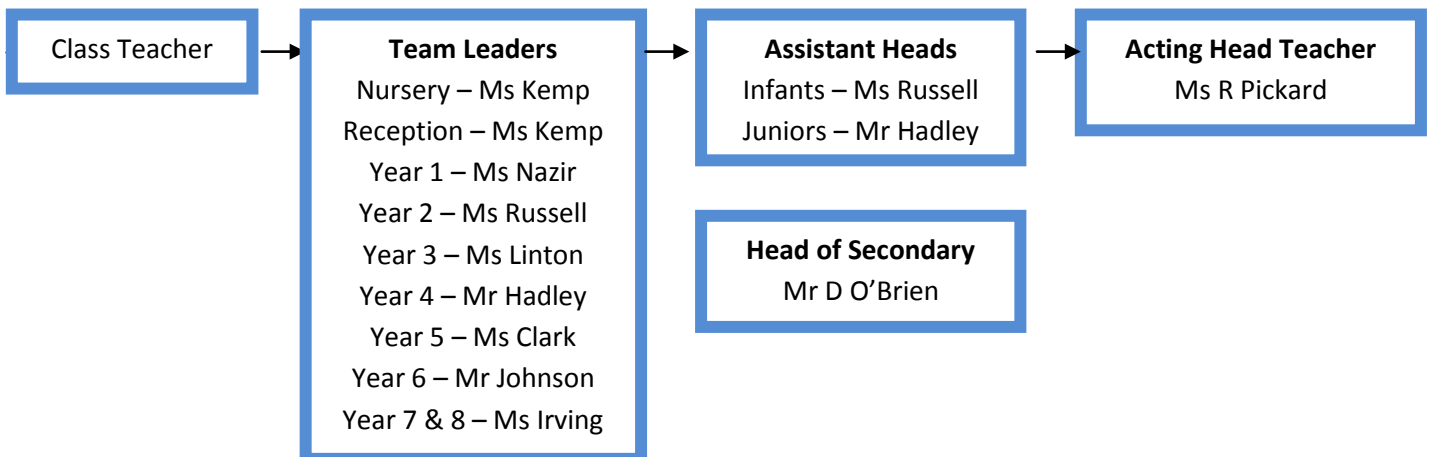
## BOOKING APPOINTMENTS

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.

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 Assistant Head Teacher.

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

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

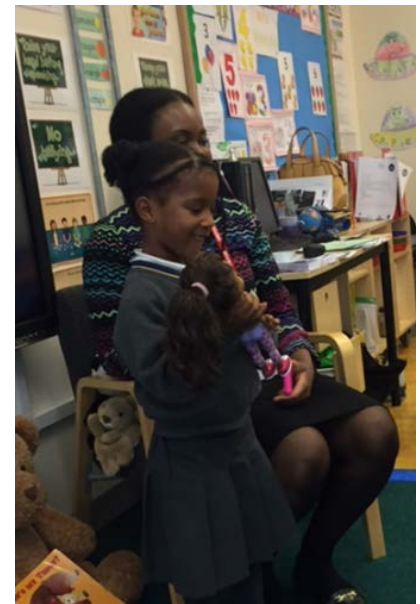
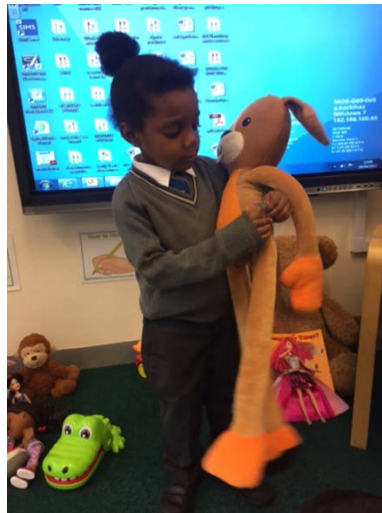
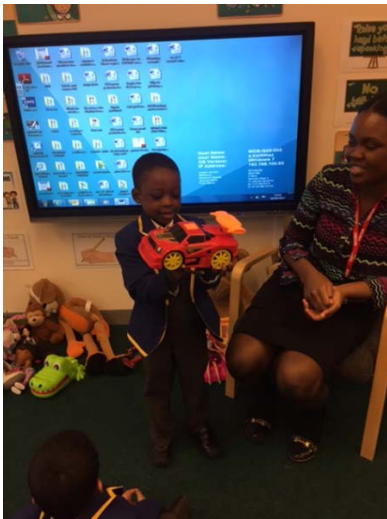


# Early Years



This term topic in Early Years is “Toys”.  
Every Friday in RB we have ‘**Show and tell**’ time in class.

Children are bringing their favourite toys and they are talking about that toy:  
Why this toy is so special for them?  
Who bought it for them? Is it a birthday or a Christmas present, or is just a present because they have been very good.



Children are excited and very happy about this activity. They are learning to make simple conversations and to present in front of their friends!



## Year 3 Drama Club

In year 3 drama club we have been thinking about how we show emotion using our face and our body language. We have created freeze frames for the story of Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on the bus. They wrote thought bubbles for each image. To show how Rosa Parks may have felt.



## Notices

### 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.

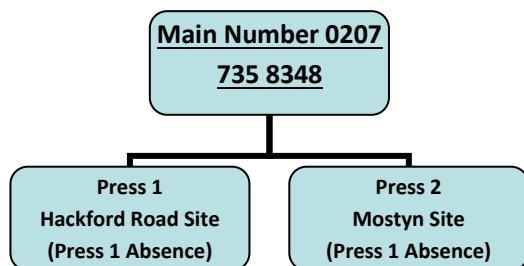
### Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

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.

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## School Term Dates 2017/18

### Autumn Term 2017

Finish Date Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

**Half Term Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

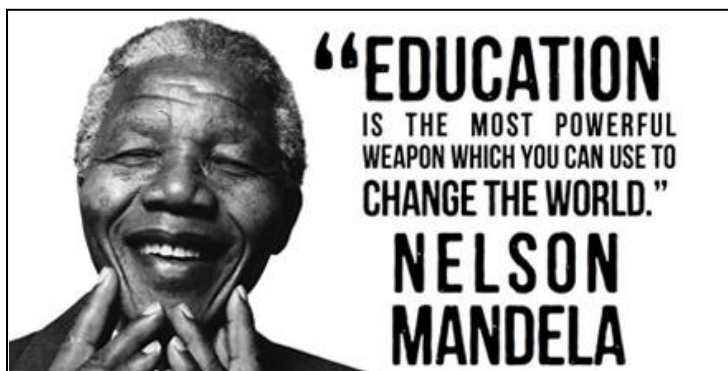
First Day of Term Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October  
Finish Date Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### Spring Term 2018

INSET Day Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
INSET Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January  
Start Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Finish Date Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Half Term Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

Start Date Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February  
Finish Date Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March



**Half Term - Monday 23 to Friday 27 October 2017**

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