



Acting Head Teacher

back to school



Welcome back to a new half term.

As the weather is getting colder a few points to remember - outdoor coats should be plain navy blue or black, so please remember this when purchasing your child's next school coat. All children should now come to school in a suitable coat as well as their blazer.

Children may wear a plain black or royal blue hat (no logos allowed). Beanie hats are available to purchase in the office.

Year 6 Parent Meetings

An information morning has been arranged for you to come and meet with both myself and your child's class teacher to discuss the upcoming End of Key Stage 2 SATs that your child will sit in May 2017.

The session will take place in the Staff room and will begin at 9.30am and will last for approximately 45 minutes. Please see below for the morning that your child's class has been given.

- **Monday 13th November – 6B & 6C**
- **Wednesday 15th November – 6D**
- **Thursday 16th November – 6E**
- **Friday 17th November – 6F**

If the date that has been given for your child's class does not suit, you are more than welcome to come and join another class for their meeting.

Secondary

Uniform

Thank you for your continued efforts in sending your children to school looking so smart.

As the winter is approaching, it is important parents are reminded children hoodies are not part of our uniform and should not be worn to or from school. This applies to all children.

Please ensure you remind your children not to wear these to school. Beanie hats are available to purchase from the school.

Parents are reminded detentions at the end of the school day without notice can be for 20 minutes. Any longer, parents will be given 24 hours' notice.

Homework – Year 11

The completion of this is an essential part of the GCSE preparation. Failure to complete homework consistently has been proved statistically to lower grades and failure. Please ensure you monitor your children's homework daily.

**Year 11 Parent Meeting – Tuesday
12th December 2017 – 4.15 – 6.15 pm**

Early Years



Children in Nursery and Reception have been looking at the season at the moment which is 'Autumn.'



Ms Korkmaz and RB made a lovely display for their class window!

The children have seen the leaves falling of the trees. So in our EAD (expressive arts and design) lesson, the children in RA collaged a hedgehog with the leaves they collected from outside.



Book Fair



Do you like reading? Are you looking for something new and exciting to read? Then come to the Scholastic Book Fair!

It will be located at the front of the Main Hall, near the doors on the **Hackford Road Site**. The book fair will be here from **Thursday 9th November until Wednesday 15th November 2017 from 3.30 pm to 5.00 pm.**

Children can look at and purchase books they want after school, once they have been collected by parents at 3.30 pm.

PE

Due to the cold weather, children may bring a plain black pair of tracksuit bottom to PE to keep warm. This must be worn over their PE shorts.

Absence Reporting

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

Please remember to notify the school first thing in the morning for each day your child is absent so to avoid unnecessary checks being made by the school. You can do so by leaving a message on the answer machine. There is no need to speak to the Admin staff direct as the messages are listened to and recorded on the register.

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

Failure to provide any medical information will result in your child being marked unauthorised absent.

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

Weekly Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages since the beginning of term are:

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

The national average is 95%

Congratulations to class 2D, 3F, 4E and 4F who all have 98% attendance!

Punctuality

The classes with the best punctuality so far this year are:

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| Nursery | NA |
| Reception | RB |
| Year 1 | 1C |
| Year 2 | 2A,2B &2C |
| Year 3 | 3F |
| Year 4 | 4F |
| Year 5 | 5E |
| Year 6 | 6F |
| Year 7 | 7F |
| Year 8 | 8F |
| Year 11 | 11F |

After School Club

Parents are reminded if you have given your child written permission to leave after school club alone you must ensure you give them clear instructions on what time they should leave and where they should go prior to coming to school.

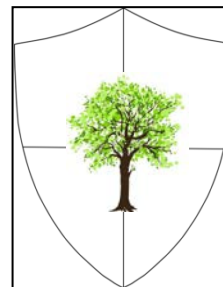
Children going home alone must go to the office to sign out before leaving the building.

The office will no longer be sending out children to meet parents following phone calls as of **Monday 30th October 2017**. Parents must return the slip given out earlier in the week to update their home time arrangements by this date as previous information submitted will be invalid.

Durand Academy House Points

Congratulations to the Beech House who are still in the lead with an amazing 328 points for last week.

Well done!



Oak followed closely with 1 point behind. Cedar has 315 and Ash 312.

Open Evening

Open Evening for Nursery to Year 8 will be held at school on Wednesday 22nd November 2017 between 3.45 and 6.20 pm with the last appointment at 6.20 pm. Children in part time Nursery will be sent a separate letter.

Letters will be sent out next week for you 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.

School Term Dates

Autumn Term 2017

Finish Date Wednesday 20th
December

Spring Term 2018

INSET Day Tuesday 2nd
January
INSET Day Wednesday 3rd
January
Start Day Thursday 4th
January
Finish Date Friday 9th February
Half Term Monday 12th to
Friday 16th
February
Start Date Monday 19th
February
Finish Date Thursday
29th March

Summer Term 2018

Start Date Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday Monday 7th May
Finish Date Friday 25th May
Half Term Monday 28th May
to Friday
Start Date Monday 4th June
Finish Date Friday 20th July

SATs Club

The Year 6 SATs clubs have commenced this week. 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.

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.

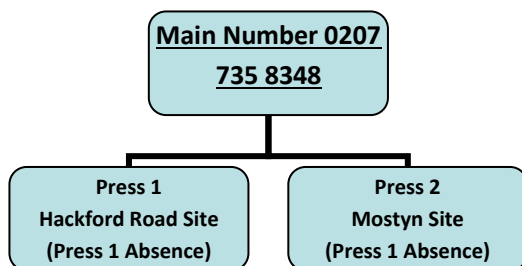
Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

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.

Medication in School

Medication for pupils cannot be administered or allowed in Durand Academy except in special circumstances.

We will support pupils who have recognised medical conditions, which last longer than 15 days and will require the pupil to have a care plan in school.

Prescribed medicines (issued by a GP or Hospital) will only be allowed at school when essential; that is where it would be detrimental to a pupil's health if the medicine were not administered during the school day.

Antibiotics or paracetamol for a cold or eye infection etc. will not be administered or allowed in school, this is the responsibility of the parent/ carer.

Any pupil who is infectious or too poorly should not attend school until they are well enough.

It is noted that medicines that need to be taken three times a day could be taken morning, after school hours and at bedtime.

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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.