



Darrington Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I would like to welcome you after the summer break. Hope you had an enjoyable holiday. A special warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. I do hope you enjoyed the summer break; the children have come back to school buzzing and ready to learn. In particular, I would like to welcome our new families and hope that your child's time at our school is happy and filled with great memories throughout their learning journey. I look forward to meeting you and working with you over the next few years. Also, a very special welcome to our three new teachers, deputy headteacher and breakfast club leader. We hope they settle in very quickly! Please say hello to them if you see them around school.

Walk and Stride ~ I appreciate that parking can be a difficulty outside of school as it is for most schools, but ask that you strive to support us. The Spread Eagle Pub are happy for our parents to use their car park whilst walking their children to school and of course this eases traffic congestion on Denby Crest and Phillips Lane. Many thanks to them for their support in helping us to provide a safer community for our children and families.

Breakfast Club ~ The Breakfast Club operates daily from 7.30 – 8.50am, for main school and also Nursery pupils, including breakfast for £4.00 per day. Breakfast is served until 8.15am. In addition to this, we also offer a 'Drop Off' facility (with no breakfast) for pupils to attend Breakfast Club from 8.20am for half an hour before registration, for a fee of £2.50. Booking Forms are available from the school office and once you have registered your details you can use this provision on an ad-hoc basis, but wherever possible we prefer for you to book sessions in advance so we know how many pupils we will have. Please ensure that payment for breakfast club and afterschool club is sent to the office or breakfast club leader, Miss Holland, Mrs Barnes or Mrs Murray (if not eligible for 30 hours free childcare) in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name. Alternatively, it can be paid on Parentmail. Any queries, please contact the school office.

Afterschool Club ~ A reminder that we offer afterschool provision on a daily basis, which is run by Mrs Durham. This provision operates from 3.30pm until 5.30pm at a cost of £7.00 or £4.00 if attending after an afterschool club. Please enquire at the school office if you would like to book a place.

Collective Worship & Assemblies ~ We have been reviewing the structure of our Collective Worship & Celebration Assemblies and have made some changes. We will still continue to celebrate pupils' successes weekly within school (staff and pupils only) but Celebration Assemblies will be called Proud Assemblies. On the last Friday of the month, parents are invited to join our Proud Assembly and celebrate the achievements made by the children. These will run on alternating morning and afternoons. The first Proud Assembly will take place on Friday 28th September, at 9:00am followed by our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning, which you are very welcome to join us with for cake and a cuppa. It is for a very worthy cause which we would like you to support.

It is very important for us to involve you in the life of the school and have been looking at more purposeful ways that we can do this. In addition to the monthly Proud Assemblies, each half term you will be invited to come into school for a '**Learning Showcase**' which will give you an opportunity to informally visit your child's classroom, meet your child's teacher and teaching assistant and see your child's work and learning



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that has taken place. We may look at other themes within these times such as teaching a phonics session or maths taster. The first opportunity for this will be on Wednesday 19th September, anytime between 3:00 – 4:00pm.

Parent Governor Elections ~ If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, we have a vacancy and if you would like to find out more about this role, please come and chat to one of us in the office. Governor Election packs will be sent out next week with more information of how to apply.

PTFA Welcome Picnic ~ This will take place on Friday 21st September 3:30 - 5pm on our school field. (weather permitting). This is an opportunity for all families of children across the school and for us to welcome and meet our new families. Refreshments and snacks will be available costing between 50p and £1.00. There will be also be a Teddy Tombola, so if you would like to donate any, please bring them to school on Wednesday 19th September. Thank you! Please bring your picnic and blanket, and we hope to see you there!

Collective Worship Led by Classes ~ Collective Worship Led by Team Eagle will take place on Friday 5th October at 9am. Everyone is welcome to join us in the school hall. Team Meerkat will be leading Collective Worship on Thursday 25th October at 9am.

Home School Agreement ~ You will be receiving Calendar Dates for this half term and a copy of the Home School Agreement later this week. Please read carefully and sign and return the back page of the booklet. You will need to keep the agreement for your own records.

We are looking forward to working together for another successful and happy year,

Kind regards,

Mrs Lyndsay Ranby
Headteacher