



# D.J.S Newsletter

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

As we head rapidly towards the final day of this academic year, I felt now would be a wise time to draw another great year at DJS to a close, and update you on a few things before the craziness of the last couple of days catches up with us!

## **Staff changes**

This term we have kept informing you via the school app about staff who have left or who are leaving us on Friday, but there are a couple of further changes so I felt it was prudent to notify you once again.

### **Leavers:**

Mrs Tuck	Office Manager	Left late June to work at Hull University
Mrs Rothwell	Y6 teacher	New post at Nafferton Primary School
Mrs Morrell	Teacher	Not returning from maternity leave
Mrs Denham	Teaching assistant	Training to be a teacher
Mrs Walker	Teaching assistant	Training to be a teacher
Miss Benson	Teaching assistant	End of contract
Mrs Shepardson	Teaching assistant	End of contract



It goes without saying that we will miss all of the above staff and wish them well in the future. I would also like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication to their roles here at DJS, whether it be over the last few months or over several years.

### **New staff joining us:**

Mrs Hakner	Office Manager
Mrs Scrowston	Teaching assistant
Mrs Ward	Teaching assistant
Miss Potter	Teaching assistant

## **Reading/Mathletics/TT Rockstars**

I know lots of children read regularly for pleasure but, similarly, I am aware that some children rarely read unless encouraged to do so. Six weeks of no reading really can be detrimental to children's speedy progress so please encourage your child to read at home these holidays.



Similarly, to keep their maths brains ticking over, if children could do a little bit of online maths via Mathletics or TT Rockstars, this would be a fun way of helping them as they transition to their new year group.

## First day back – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

The first few days of the last two Septembers were much calmer than in previous years so, to try and replicate this again this September, please note the following:

- For day 1 only, the new year 3 pupils will arrive at school between 8.45am and 9am and will go **straight into their classroom**
- For the first few days there will be signs to explain where parents should wait at drop-off and collection time (and staff outside to help too)
- Thinking about our new starters and their obvious anxieties, we ask politely that parents of children in years 4, 5 and 6 consider whether or not they need to stay on the playground before school and whether they can arrange a home time meeting point that is away from the playground, or even just outside the site e.g. near the police station
- There will be at least two senior staff members on the playground to help, as well as the two morning supervisors who are there every morning
- Children in year 3, as always, will not be allowed to leave the site alone at home time but will be matched up to the person collecting them



We are a large school which naturally means a lot of people on the playground, so thank you for your help and understanding with this difficult situation. Things always ease off once children are familiar with the new routines and have agreed arrangements with their parents.

## Uniform/PE kit/Jewellery/Nail polish

In preparation for September, may I remind everyone that school shoes or boots should be black, and trainers should not be worn as school shoes. Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is **named** as it is so upsetting to see the large amounts of lost property that we rapidly collect, that we are unable to return to the correct child. Thank you.

We really do want all children to come to school wearing the correct uniform, looking smart like all their peers, and showing a pride in being part of DJS. With this in mind, I have asked staff to be extra vigilant from September and to notify Mrs Riby of children who persistently breach our uniform policy (this includes wearing jewellery and nail polish), and she will speak to parents/carers as required. Please support us with this; in addition it will certainly help children be prepared for the high expectations of the secondary school.

## Thank you messages

Children: Thank you to our super children who have worked SO hard this year. You have represented the school brilliantly on visits and it has been a pleasure seeing you all growing up and making progress. Sadly, our year 6s are leaving us for secondary school. They have worked especially hard this year and we are delighted with the efforts they have put in. We wish them good luck at whichever school they will be attending and hope to hear that they are all doing well in year 7.



Staff/Governors: This has been an incredibly busy and exciting year at DJS, with a huge number of sporting events, cycling events, trips, visitors and fabulous learning opportunities.

I would like to thank all staff who have given up their time to volunteer for before, during and after school activities that give our children a richer and even more enjoyable school experience.



We have an amazing team of staff and Governors at DJS who are 100% dedicated to supporting pupil's academic and social development. They never cease to impress me with their creativity and energy. I am so fortunate to be leading such an amazing team of enthusiastic, caring professionals and I wish them all a lovely summer break.

PSA: Another HUGE thank you must go to the PSA members and those staff and parents who help at our fundraising events. Not only do our pupils have a great time at the discos and with their families at bingo nights, the money raised is invaluable and means we can treat the children or purchase things we would not ordinarily be able to. I would like to mention Miss Hyde in particular for her fabulous role as Chair of the PSA; she does an amazing job (and always with a smile!).



Parents/carers: And finally, I would like to end by saying an enormous thank you to all parents and carers for their support during the year.

### **Reminders**

Drifffield Show – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July (if you haven't already, please send in the slip to inform us whether or not your child will be attending the show)

Leavers' Assembly to parents – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

Leavers' disco – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm to 7.30pm

Final day of term – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – 3.30pm (children must wear their uniform as usual)

### **Back to school**

I hope everyone enjoys the summer break and I will keep my fingers crossed for some good weather this year! Last year will take some beating.

We will see the current years 3 to 5, and our new year 3 children, back at school on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

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