

THE DEVONSHIRE HILL TIMES

Welcome back to all our children and families, we hope that you had a wonderful break. There is lots going on this term and we would like our families to get involved in as many events and activities as possible!

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COFFEE MORNINGS

Coffee Mornings are a great opportunity to meet other parents and to get involved with events and activities at school and in the local community.

All parents and carers are welcome to come along on a Friday morning to have a coffee with us. We will also be holding knitting sessions during Coffee Mornings for those of you who are interested in learning how to knit!



Every Friday morning 8.45am – 9.45am.

Over the term we will also be holding information sessions and workshops for parents on a range of topics so look out for more details on these.



SUMMER FETE

A BIG thank you to all of our families who helped out and contributed to our Summer Fete. The Fete was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without the support of our parents, carers, children and Governors.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

We are always looking for better ways to support our children and families at Devonshire Hill Primary and Nursery School. As part of our school's ongoing development a new Pastoral Care Team has been created. Sarah Stubbs our Learning Mentor (now Pastoral Care Coordinator for Children) and Megan McGowan our Family Support Worker (now Pastoral Care Coordinator for Families and Community) will be working alongside Ruth James-Souch our Assistant Head for Inclusion in the new team.

The team has been created in order to offer all round support to our children and families. The team are able to offer support on a range of issues. If you have any questions or would like to meet with a member of the team please leave a message with the school office and someone will get back to you.

LATENESS AND AFTER SCHOOL COLLECTION

Parents are reminded that children need to be in school before 8.55am. Children arriving after this time will be marked in as late and persistent lateness will be followed up by the Education Welfare Officer.

Be on time



at five to nine

Parents are also reminded that children must be collected promptly at 3.15pm. If you are going to be late to collect your child please ensure that you inform the school office.



LOST PROPERTY

We have already had lots of lost jumpers this term. Please ensure that your child's clothing and belongings are clearly labelled using permanent ink.

All of the lost property will be displayed outside on Friday mornings.

Lost property for Nursery children is kept in the Nursery.



UNIFORM

Parents are reminded that school uniform is sold at the main school office every Wednesday afternoon.

BUDGETING COURSE FOR PARENTS

We will be starting a Budgeting course for parents on Wednesday 1st October at 1pm. The course will be delivered by a tutor from the Haringey Adult Learning Service and will cover a number of topics including managing a family budget and teaching your children about money. The course will be running every Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm until the end of term and is a great opportunity to acquire new skills, improve your English and meet other parents. We have had great feedback from parents that took part in the last course. Places will be given on a first come, first served basis. If you would like to find out more or to sign up please speak to Megan McGowan.



Huān yíng - Welcome

A big welcome to our new Mandarin teacher Ms Juan Zhang. Ms Zhang has travelled all the way from China to join us and will be teaching all of the children in years 1 – 6 Mandarin during weekly lessons. This is a very exciting opportunity for the children to learn a new language and we hope that you are all as excited as we are!

FREE LUNCHES FOR RECEPTION AND YEARS 1 and 2

All children in KS1 are now entitled to a free school lunch. Please speak to the school office if you would like your child to change from packed lunch to school dinner.

LUNCHBOXES

Parents are reminded that lunchboxes should contain a healthy balanced lunch. Please do not send your child to school with sweets, crisps, chocolate or fizzy drinks.



OUTDOOR COATS

The weather is changing and parents are reminded that children will need a waterproof coat for school. Children will have outdoor play whatever the weather so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN TO KNIT?

Due to the popularity of our knitting classes last term we will continue to hold knitting sessions on Friday mornings as part of Coffee Morning.

Last term eight of our parents learnt to knit; some started making blankets and one mum even made a jumper! If you would like to learn to knit come along to Coffee Morning and give it a go!



Here are what some of our parents had to say:

'I enjoyed knitting. I've found it relaxing and I've made lots of new friends.'

'I feel happy and I have made new friends.'

'Knitting is keeping me busy and I find it relaxing.'

'This is my second time and I am happy to have learnt some new patterns.'

'I really enjoyed learning a new hobby and I enjoyed meeting other mums and helping each other along the way.'

'It is nice to do something for myself every Thursday and during the week at home.'