



**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Welcome Back!**

It has been lovely to see all of the children back this week. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the families who have joined Drake's School.

### **Opening Morning**

We will be having an Open Morning/Tour on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September** at 9.30 or 10.45. This is for prospective and current parents of any age (pre-school through to KS2) to allow you to see the school on a normal working day. Please let admin know if you will be attending and the time slot you wish.

### **Reading Morning**

There will be a reading and phonics parent session on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 3.15 to 4.15**. All parents and prospective parents for pre-school, EYFS KS1 and 2 are welcome. We will talk about reading from pre-school to year 6 during these sessions. Please let admin know if you will be attending.

### **Volunteers**

If you wish to be added to our school volunteers list to support with trips and visits, please contact admin who will process a DBS check for you. We are looking to develop a small team of volunteers to hear readers each day between 8.45 and 9.15. Training will be given. If you would like to join this team, please let admin know.

### **School Day Reminder**

As we start a new academic year here are a few reminders to help you, your children and us get back into the daily routine of school:

**The gate opens at 8.35am** and closes at **8.45am** when teaching starts. Arrivals after **8.45am** are marked as late. Any arrivals after 9am are marked as unauthorised. The school day ends at **3.15pm**.

### **Topic Letters**

You should have received a topic letter outlining what your child will be learning this year along with what day they should wear their PE kits into school.

### **Trips**

You will receive a letter next week about Key Stage 2 Cross Country and a trip to the Eden Project. The PTFA have kindly offered to subsidise the Eden Project trip so we can offer parents and families a reduced rate for entry, a coach and workshops at the Eden Project.

### **Uniform**

A gentle reminder – Children should be wearing school uniform as per the list. If you cannot get uniform with a logo then plain colours that match the list will be okay. Thank you for your support with this.

Our uniform is:

- Grey school trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Green checked summer dress or skirt
- Green school jumper or cardigan, plain or with logo
- White collared shirt or white/ dark green polo shirt
- Grey, black or white socks or grey/black tights
- Black school shoes (no brightly coloured trainers)

## PE

Plain green or black PE shorts or plain green or black jogging bottoms, white school PE t-shirt or plain white T shirt. Suitable footwear for sports— black, grey or white socks. School jumpers can be worn if cold. No jewellery - earrings must be removed or taped. Long hair must be tied back please.

## House Teams

This year we have two House Teams – Yellow & Green. The House Captains have received their badges in assembly.

## School Dinners

Please remember to book your child/children's lunches on ParentPay **before midnight every Wednesday** for the next week. If you are in receipt of free school meals, either universal or income assessed then we would suggest booking for a half term at a time.

## Clubs

Early Morning Club - Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 8.00—8.35 am. £3.50, £3.00 sibling rate. **Breakfast available 8.00-8.20am**

After School Club - Wednesday and Thursday, 3.15 —4.45pm. £7.50, £7.00 sibling rate.

**All bookings MUST be made on ParentPay, if you have any problems, please contact the office or email [admin@thelink.academy](mailto:admin@thelink.academy)**

**If you have not booked on ParentPay or contacted the office, your child will not be able to attend.**

## Preschool and Parent and Toddler Group

Our Preschool is now open, and we will be holding a Parent and Toddler Group every Thursday morning, 9.30-11.00am, there is no charge, and everyone is welcome.

## Term Dates 2023 - 2024

The term dates for next academic year are now on the school website.

## PTFA

Love Our School Day planned for Tuesday 19th September, 3pm onwards. The wandering pig pizza van is in the village so order a pizza and come join us!

Don't forget the Budleigh Salterton Carnival is fast approaching. Our theme this year is under the sea, so let your imagination run wild and join us on Saturday 30th September at Seachange for 7pm judging and 7:30 departure. Walking route to follow.

Thank you to all those that joined us at the big quiz, we raised over £800 and learnt how not to throw a paper airplane...!

Have a great weekend,

*Peter Halford*

Executive Headteacher