

Dear Families,

For those of you who work in education, or can remember your schooling days, you'll know that it's always a busy time in school, but term 4 has certainly been jam-packed for us at DJPA!

We've had World Book day; a week of book fun with the book fair; trips to the allotments; St Lawrence College for Science and Engineering with our Year 5s, and a trip for reading to Chartwell House.

It was just an ordinary two days for the children, but we also had a visit from Ofsted. This was a routine inspection, following Ofsted's usual timeframes and inspection framework. As always, the children were delight and we had some lovely comments from parents and carers—thank you. The staff at Dame Janet continue to go above and beyond and it's lovely to have this recognised. We are yet to receive the report but we will share this with you when it's published. Your children are a credit to you, and we're very proud to be able to educate them at DJPA. We're proud that the children at Dame Janet are achieving above national standards in phonics, reading, writing and maths. Well done team DJPA!

Mrs. Sherwin

Head of School



Term 5 and term 6 assessments

Here is an overview of the statutory tests to be completed, as determined by the Department for Education.

Year 6

Our Year 6 children will complete their end of Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessments in SPAG (spelling, punctuation & grammar); reading and maths. The dates are set by the DfE and the tests must be administered under test conditions. Our year 6 children are already used to this process and have completed a series of 'mocks' in order to prepare themselves of what to expect. We have been working on helping the children to achieve their very best so they enter secondary school with a solid foundation of knowledge to work from.

Monday 13th May: English grammar, punctuation and spelling (paper 1 and 2)

Tuesday 14th May: Reading

Wednesday 15th May: Maths paper 1 (arithmetic) and maths paper 2 (reasoning)

Thursday 16th May: Maths paper 3 (reasoning)

Year 4

From 3rd June to 21st June, our Year 4 pupils will complete the statutory multiplication check. There will be more information to follow in term 5, but in the meantime, please support your child in recalling their times tables (up to 12 x 12). 'Times tables rockstars' is perfect for this! Also, the benefits of quick fire questions over breakfast and dinner will also help your child's rapid recall of times tables facts.

Year 2

This year, the end of Key Stage 1 SATs have had their status changed to 'optional'. With this in mind, we will instead use our school assessment systems to finalise progress and attainment. We will take sample questions from the SATs papers to help make our assessment conclusions, but this will be completed in an informal and non-pressurised way.

Year 1

During the week commencing 10th June, our Year 1 children will complete the phonics screening check which is used as a tool to see how well children have secured their ability to use synthetic phonics. The screening check is carried out in a 1:1 situation. Again, the children are used to this process and simply see it as time with Mrs Bradbury to go out and read!





BULLYING DEFINITION

We continue to operate a zero tolerance policy of bullying. We encourage the children to speak out when they feel uncomfortable or spot someone else being made to feel this way. Our bullying definition helps the children to understand the difference between friendship issues that they need help with and bullying:

Repeated negative behaviours that are intended to make others feel upset, uncomfortable or unsafe.

Easter bonnets/hats

We thoroughly enjoyed the Easter bonnets and hats brought into school this week, and last. It felt like an impossible task to choose winners because all of the entries were lovely, but a big well done to those children who returned with a winning Easter Egg!

RACISM

Like all schools country-wide, we continue to find ways to tackle racism and encourage diversity. At DJPA, we plan and deliver assemblies focusing on diversity, each term. We thoughtfully consider Black History month and consider how we are all different: neurodiverse, culturally and spiritually.

In order to tackle racism further and grow children into tolerant and respectful adults, we are going to trial the use of a racism definition next term. This definition will help us to be clear and consistent about the way others should be treated.

Please join us in supporting your child with the understanding that:

"Racism is when people are treated unfairly because of their skin colour or background. It happens when people are called names or deliberately hurt or left out because of their skin colour or background."

We are hearing of children learning some awful language and racist phrases when they are playing on their electronic devices, specifically when using headsets with communities on online games. If you'd like some more support with online privacy settings for your child, please reach out.



Back to school

Just a reminder that we all return to school on Monday 15th April.

Our breakfast club will resume on Tuesday 16th April.



PE kits and school uniform

Thank you for the continued support of many parents to ensure that your child is dressed in the correct uniform and PE kit. If your child has brought home a reminder letter, please use the Easter holidays to ensure that they return with the correct items.

Book Fair

Thank you so much for your support at our recent book fair. Last year, you bought £607.58 worth of books for home, but this year you spent an incredible £807.47; this meant that we were able to choose over **£400 worth of books** to stock our two libraries!

Hopefully you'll start seeing some of these books in your child's book bag to enjoy at home too!

★ **£807.47** ★



THANK YOU!

A double thank you this term: thank you to Chartwell House Care Home for their kind donation of books to support our love of reading at Dame Janet. This year, we are enjoying lovely links with Chartwell House, with lots of visits and time spent together.

Our second thank you extends to McDonald's at Westwood Cross. One of our parents organised a delivery of new books to add to our libraries! Thank you! We're always appreciative of being considered in this way.



CONGRATULATIONS

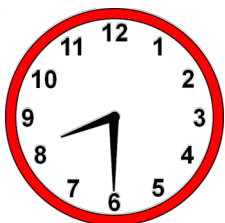
Congratulations to Mrs Crine on the safe arrival of baby Noah. We have already enjoyed a visit and a cuddle with baby Noah... obviously it was lovely to see Mrs Crine too! :)

Mrs Kenney continues to enjoy her maternity leave with baby Ezra. They've popped in to see us a couple of times and boosted our baby cuddles.

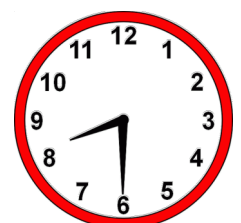


CHANGES TO THE TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

We look forward to welcoming children in at the slightly earlier times shown below from Monday 15th April. We hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday. See you in term 5.



Term 5 and 6 SUGGESTED TIMES	Lower School	Upper School
Doors open	8.30am	8.35am
Registration	8.40am	8.45am
End of day	3.10pm	3.15pm



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