

The Devonshire Hill Nursery & Primary School

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4th January 2017

Happy New Year & Welcome back to school

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you all had a good holiday and on behalf of the Governors and Staff I welcome you all back to school for the spring term.

Punctuality

The School gates opens at 8:45 every day so you can bring your children into school nice and early, ready for the day's learning experience. Remember we start teaching immediately at 8.55am so if your child is late they are missing out on essential learning!

(Nursery: morning children start at 8:30 and afternoon children at 12:15)

Governing Body of The School needs more Parent Governors

We need more Parent Governors to join the Governing Body of the School. This is such an important role and I encourage as many of you as possible to consider either nominating yourself or another willing parent to join us. I know how supportive you are of the school and this is a wonderful opportunity to get really involved and to play a key role in getting our school to Outstanding. If you wish to know more about the role or to apply, please contact our Chair of Governors, Steven Lock, via: governors@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk.

After School Clubs

I'm pleased to advise that our after school club offering is continuing this term. A £10 termly charge per club is being applied to cover the cost of the provision, this equates to a weekly charge of 50p per club.

Clubs will start from Monday, 16th January – parents/carers will receive a letter this week listing the clubs on offer. We have a large selection of clubs for the children to be involved in so please take time to review the letter for anything of interest.

Parent/Carer Evening for Reception - Year 6

Parent/Carer consultation meetings will be held on **Thursday 26th January between 3:30pm and 8:20pm** in the main hall. This is an important meeting; we will be discussing your child's progress to date and targets for the year. The meeting will last for 10 minutes. Time allocations will be advised in due course.

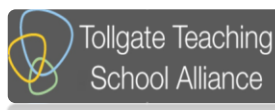
Health & Safety: end of the school day

The health and safety of our children is paramount and this school prides itself on keeping all of our pupils safe. At the end of the school day children who are picked up will only be sent home with an adult who is named on the pickup list. If you need to add or change the names of the adults on your child's pick up list please let the office know. Sadly we still have parents who are repeatedly late picking up their children - this is not acceptable. A minimum £10 late collection charge will be issued to those parents/carers who are persistently late.

School Website

Please continue to regularly check the school's website (www.devonshirehill.com) to keep up to date with events on the school calendar. This is our main source of communication with parents/carers and the wider audience and is populated with lots of essential school information.

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Curriculum Requirements

The curriculum we teach your children is a statutory requirement please see, www.dfe.gov.uk and therefore all children are required to participate fully so that they have a broad and balanced experience of learning throughout their time in school. Your child is required to take part in all lessons which includes PE and Swimming (*in Year 3*) You are required to ensure that your child has a school PE Kit in school ready to wear to take part in Physical Education. If your child does not have their school PE KIT in school we will issue them with a clean second-hand PE KIT on loan to wear for the session. Equally your Year 3 child is required to learn how to swim and therefore they must have suitable swimwear in school on swimming days.

Please see the school website www.devonshirehill.com for the Curriculum Statements for all classes telling you what your child is learning and very importantly what you can do at home to help them.

Homework Passports

Homework Passports will be sent home next week - we ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 2) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 3) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 4) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject, and
- 5) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and further their education.

Behaviour Management

We have a system of notification for parents when their child has been given a behaviour warning at school. The majority of our children are very well behaved but on occasion, when the wrong choice is made, we will work quickly with the child to support positive behaviour going forward. If we have ongoing concerns about your child's behaviour you will be asked to attend a meeting at school. Likewise, if there is anything about your child's behaviour that you wish to discuss, please contact the school office to make an appointment.

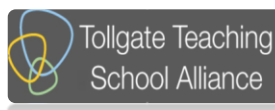
Holidays / Time off during Term Time

At this school we want to ensure that all our children receive an Outstanding Learning Experience which is why you send your children here! We only ever expect your child to miss school if they are very unwell and therefore unable to learn, common coughs and colds are not reason enough to keep your child away from school. Please send your child into school every day so they do not miss out on learning. As you are aware at this school we do not authorise any time away from learning, apart from genuine illness. Please never book to take your child on holiday, or to visit relatives during term time. I have attached a reminder of the term dates for this academic year for your reference.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

Julie D'Abreu
Headteacher



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TERM DATES: SPRING AND SUMMER 2017

SPRING TERM 2017

	STARTS	ENDS	TERM DAYS
Spring 1	Wednesday 4 January 2017 (Inset Day - Tuesday 3 January 2017)	Friday 10 February 2017	29
Holiday	Monday 13 February 2017	Friday 17 February 2017	
Spring 2	Monday 20 February 2017	Thursday 30 March 2017 (Inset Day - Friday 31 March 2017)	30
Holiday	Monday 3 April 2017	Monday 17 April 2017	

SUMMER TERM 2017

	STARTS	ENDS	TERM DAYS
Summer 1	Tuesday 18 April 2017	Friday 26 May 2017	28
Holiday	Monday 29 May 2017	Friday 2 June 2017	
Summer 2	Tuesday 6 June 2017 (Inset Day - Monday 5 June 2017)	Friday 21 July 2017	35
Holiday	Monday 24 July 2017	Monday 4 September 2017 (tbc)	
		Total	122 Days

Bank Holidays

- Monday 2 January 2017
- Friday 14 April 2017
- Monday 17 April 2017
- Monday 1 May 2017
- Monday 29 May 2017
- Monday 28 August 2017

