



Weekly update

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful, safe return for our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6 children. All of our children have returned in a super way and have enjoyed being back.

MyOn is having a great impact, with many children reading lots of different books. Keep reading! Remember 'Readers make great leaders'.

For our children working at home, thank you. You continue to try hard with your learning. Keep up the good work.

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your patience in helping us to return to school in a safe and positive way. We have made changes to return back to school and I appreciate your continued support.

I look forward to seeing more of you return in the coming weeks.

Regards,
Miss Roberts
Principal



Important Messages

Phonics

Our Early Years and Keys Stage One teams have been working hard from their homes to produce phonics videos to keep your child learning. These can be found on our [Dartford Primary YouTube page](#). They've proven incredibly popular and have received hundreds (and sometimes thousands) of views!

THANK YOU to everyone who has worked on these!

Kent Test for 2021 - Year 5 parents

Registration for the Kent Test is now open and closes at midnight on 1st July 2020 for children due to start secondary school in September 2021. The links to register have now been sent out to parents. If you have any further inquiries please email your class teacher through the school office.



There is no breakfast club running at the academy and West Hill Life are not running an after school club for the time being.



What's Happening at DPA?



We were thrilled to see a number of year groups return to DPA this term. Despite new routines, everyone has had a fantastic week and are glad to be back. Year 6 have been looking at transition to secondary school, Year 1 have been investigating animals, Reception have been reading stories about looking after themselves and Nursery have been investigating the lifecycles of frogs and butterflies.

A small group of pupils continue to attend school each day because their parents are critical workers. Each day, a selection of teachers and teaching assistants take it in turns to provide care for these children so that their parents can continue to work on the front line. This week has involved Joe Wicks, PE in the sunshine and Arts and Crafts.

HOME LEARNING

DPA's Term 6 Home Learning has continued from the 1.6.20, with exciting new projects for each year group to complete. As well as this, children can continue to work towards their new term 6 AR target which will be set by their class teacher.

As ever, your child's mental health and happiness is the most important part of our consideration when planning our curriculum. We are well aware that learning at home is very different for pupils and it is not always an easy task for parents (teachers with children often have the same problems, believe it or not!)



Year 5 Go Live!

These are exciting times at DPA. We took another step forward in our home learning experience this week. On Thursday, Year 5 had their first weekly live question and answer session about their home learning via Google Meets. The children were able to ask questions about the work they have been doing and the bits that they have found tricky. Mr. Kenny and Mrs. Casey could then answer those questions live, with explanations to help clear up any confusion. Questions this week were mainly concerned with fractions... but the children are able to ask questions about any aspect of their learning that they have found challenging.

Further live 'Q & A' sessions will be offered every Thursday at 2 o'clock to answer any questions about the week's work. It would be fantastic to have even more of our lovely year 5s involved next week.

Send your questions into us on your Google Classroom page throughout the week so that we are able to make the session work as well as it can for you.

Take care and stay safe,

The Year Five Team.

Reading Rocks!



We have received lots of positive comments about our new online reading scheme MyOn and lots of reading has been completed. We are so proud of all your hard efforts. From next week we will be selecting a MyOn Reader of the Week for each class who will receive a certificate and Dojo points. Keep reading!



I was super impressed by the pupils who met their reading target in Term 5. It is not always easy for children to maintain commitment to reading at home, especially during these times, so everyone is extra- proud of these pupils. Your teachers have set your AR targets for this term and those who reach their target will be entered into a draw at the end of the term. Good luck!

Are you a JK Rowling fan?

Mr Mitchell would like to let you know that J K Rowling is publishing her new book, *The Ickabog*, for free on the website below, in instalments, over the next seven weeks, a chapter (or two, or three), at a time. It isn't Harry Potter and it doesn't include magic. This is an entirely different story.

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

The most exciting part is that she'd like you to illustrate *The Ickabog* for her. Every day, she'll be making suggestions for what you might like to draw. You can enter the official competition being run by her publishers, for the chance to have your artwork included in a printed version of the book due out later this year.

When the book is published in November, all royalties will be donated to help people who have been affected by the coronavirus.



here to listen
here to talk
here to Help

Inclusion Team

Throughout this closure our inclusion team – Mrs Casey, Mrs Haywood, Mrs Mayes, Mrs Mealin, Mrs Reid and Mrs Rose – have worked on keeping in touch with you and staying connected to all resources and services available to ensure the families at Dartford Primary Academy have access to anything they need.

If there is anything at all they can help you with please contact them in the following ways:

Our academy email address office@dartfordprimary.org.uk
Anna Reid 07710859353 or Marion Mealin 07483168314

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