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Staff News

We would like to wish Mrs Julia Down all the best for her forthcoming wedding and retirement. She has been a wonderful team member and will be sorely missed by us all!



We would like wish Miss Lisa Bunker all the best for her wedding. Miss Bunker will be known as Mrs Triscott after the half term break.

Best Wishes

Hand foot and mouth

We currently have some cases of hand foot and mouth in school.

This is a common childhood illness which usually clears up by itself in 7-10 days.

The signs of it are: sore throat, high temperature (above 38C), not wanting to eat. After a few days mouth ulcers and a rash may appear.

Unfortunately there are no antibiotics or medicines to cure this, but to help with symptoms, drink plenty of fluids, eat soft foods, take paracetamol to ease a sore throat.

To reduce the risk of spreading, we are encouraging hand washing with warm soapy water, using tissues and not sharing towels or cups.

Guidelines suggest that children are kept off school while they feel unwell, but when they feel better they can come back to school.

If you wish to have further details, please visit the nhs website below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/hand-foot-mouth-disease/>

Safeguarding



Please could you all ensure that if your contact details have changed, including your address, that you inform the office as soon as possible, so that we have the correct information for you. If you wish your child to be collected by someone different to normal, please again ensure that this contact and information is passed to a team member. This could be in the office or one of the team members on the doors in the morning.

We just want to thank you again for your continued support and understanding with all the building work going on. To ensure the safety of all, we again ask parents, should they need to speak to the class teacher, to wait until the teacher has dismissed all children from their class, before speaking to them

Many thanks
Mrs Dinnis

School Crossing Patrol



It has been brought to our attention that people are not using the school crossing to cross safely when leaving the Oak Villa car park.

There have also been a couple of incidents where drivers are not stopping for the school crossing patrol lady. Registration numbers have been noted and have been passed onto the relevant authority.

For safety reasons please do not park on the pavement or on corners and use the car park kindly provided by Oak Villa.

Thank you. Mrs Dinnis

Important Dates



18/10/19 - Beatrix Potter Class Assembly

21/10 - 25/10/19 Half Term

28/11/19 Non Pupil Day

29/11/19 Non Pupil Day

20/12/19 Last day of term

23/12/19 - 05/01/20 Christmas Holiday

06/01/20 Return to school 8.45am

17/02/20 - 21/02/19 Half Term

24/02/20 - Return to school 8.45am

30/03/20 - 13/04/19 Easter Holidays

14/04/20 - Return to school 8.45am

4/05/20 - Non-Pupil Day

8/05/20 - May Bank Holiday

25/05/20 - 29/05/19 Half Term

Year 6 Children & Parents

Admission Deadline : 31st October 2019 for current Year 6 children.

Hair Accessories

Please can we remind parents about hair accessories as stated in our uniform policy (please see our school website for the full policy).

Children whose hair is shoulder length or longer should tie it back during school time where possible.

Hairclips and headbands should be plain and should not cause obstruction to anyone's learning, or cause distraction to any learner.

Thank you Mrs Dinnis

PTFA Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for parent helpers to join our PTFA and help with events in school. Please call into reception and collect a volunteer pack.

Thank you.



Attendance for w/c 23/9/2019

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%. Please see below the current class attendance data.

David McKee	98.3%
Beatrix Potter	95.2%
Anthony Browne	94.8%
David Walliams	98.2%
Roald Dahl	94.8%
C.S. Lewis	93.8%
Michael Morporgo	95.4%
Abi Longstaff	95.4%
Tom Fletcher	96.4%

HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We would like to thank our families who kindly donated food for our Harvest Assembly. We were very grateful for the donations. All donated food has been taken to the local food bank (The Trussell Trust)
Thank you.



FACEBOOK

Please follow us on our new Facebook page - Discovery Multi Academy Trust.



Children's University



Due to a recent update in records from Children's University we would like to check that we have the correct up to number of hours recorded and certificates awarded to ensure all of those extra curricular activities do not go unrewarded.

If your child is still participating in the Children's University Scheme, or you are interested in starting the scheme, please come into the office and collect a form so we can make sure we have the most up to date information in school.

Thank you

Mr Wilkins



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dinners and Breakfast Club Payments

We currently have several people now in debt, please can you check your child's account and add credit before Monday if you have a debt or will be using the account next week.

Advanced payments secure your child's place at Breakfast Club and ALL school meals should be paid in ADVANCE.

Texts only get sent to parents with a dinner and breakfast club debt, so if you receive a text, please check your child's Parent Pay account.

Please contact the office if you need any assistance.



MAKE AMENDS

Restorative Justice Service Shekinah

Shekinah are interested to hear from people affected by the criminal justice system, whether you have committed an offence or whether you are a family member who has been affected by the system. Please complete the questionnaire attached to this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/62NV5W7>

Main Entrance/School Gate

At the start of the school day the main entrance is only to be used after 9.15am or with prior agreement with Mrs Dinnis or Mr Wilkins. Please be aware that the gate is open from 8.30am until 9.15am. If you arrive late but before 9.15am the gate entrance MUST BE USED.

The gate in the afternoon is open from 2.55pm for collection of children at the end of school. The main entrance is not for collecting children at the end of the day unless prior agreement with Mrs Dinnis or Mr Wilkins.

Thank you.

End of Day Collection Messages

Could we please ask that any messages for alternative pick ups at the end of the day are passed on in the morning and where possible before **2.30pm** at the latest.

This enables us to pass on the relevant information to your child's class teacher in plenty of time.

It can be difficult for reception to pass on last minute messages due to the volume of late phone calls being received from parents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Message from the Premises Manager

Important message for all parents. Please ensure when walking into the school grounds that all adults and children stick to the main path and do not go up near the Forest School area or Dome until further notice. This is to keep everyone safe at all times.



CaterEd School Meal Surveys

CATERed is the schools led local authority trading co-operative jointly owned by your child's school and the Council.

Our aim and objective is to buy fresh, seasonal, locally sourced produce and ingredients and to cook them from scratch each day in your child's school to produce great tasting, freshly prepared hot food which meets and exceeds the Governments Standards for School Food so that every child, regardless of the school they attend, gets the right food and nutrients to grow and learn.

To ensure we're doing the very best, we need your help & for you to tell us what you think! Please click on the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KDNPHQH>

The survey should take no more than a few minutes to complete and your views are very important. **This survey will close on Friday 25 October 2019.**

Following on from the parents survey above there is a children's school lunch survey that we would like your views on. Please click on the link below:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9Y8J7M6>

This survey will close on Friday 1st November.

The survey link will also be posted across our social media Twitter and Facebook so if parents/carers prefer they can complete in this way: -



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