

The Devonshire Dispatch

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“This is a good school...Pupils of all abilities achieve well.”

Wednesday 19th July 2017



Attendance Matters - As at 14th July 2017 our whole school attendance for the school year is.....95.6%. Sadly this means we have not achieved our target but we will continue to strive for 96% next academic year. The Attendance Rocket will be continuing to zoom amongst the planets on the Junior Hall wall so please continue to support your child's education by sending them in to school every day.

We look forward to handing out special medals to those children who have attained 100% attendance for the entire school year on Friday morning. Mrs Bartram

Remember – Every School Day Counts – Aiming for 96%!!



Chess – I just wanted to take this opportunity to pass on my congratulations to the three girls who qualified for the National Chess Gigafinals. Regrettably, Beatrice will not be available to attend but we wish Harshita and Victoria every success in this prestigious event.



Royal Marsden - Just before Summer half-term we staged a No-Uniform Day to raise money for the Royal Marsden Hospital. I am delighted to share the news that this simple event resulted in a donation of £358.72 being made to this worthy cause and their fight against cancer. Thank you to everybody who made a donation.



School Meals – From September the price of a school meal will rise to £2.20 per meal. Please can you take this into account when you top up your ParentPay accounts which need to remain in credit at all times. Please check that your Parent Pay account is in credit by the end of term.



Any unclaimed lost property will be recycled at the end of term



Congratulations to our team of scientists from Y5 and 6 who represented Devonshire in a 'Stem Water Rocket' competition in Teddington. They had a very enjoyable and successful day, coming second and earning a silver medal. They also won the best rocket design. Well done!



This is a very special edition of the Devonshire Dispatch. Not only is it the final edition of the school year but it is also Mr Kearsy's final edition. After 34 years in teaching, Mr Kearsy has decided that it is time to hang up his school bags. In September 2007, Mr Kearsy joined Devonshire Primary School as Headteacher when the school looked very different and was much smaller. There have been many changes since 2007, but something that has remained consistent is Mr Kearsy's enthusiasm, commitment and passion for driving children's learning forward and developing lifelong learners. He has enriched the lives of so many children during his teaching career. Every one of us will have our own special memories of Mr Kearsy. Devonshire as a school has benefitted hugely from his work. We wish him every happiness in his retirement. We'll miss you Mr Kearsy!

Forward dates as at 19/07/17

Wednesday 19th July – Y6 visit to Blackland Farm

Wednesday 19th July – Music Evening 6.30pm

Friday 21st July – Last Day of Summer Term (Infants finish at 1.20: Juniors finish at 1.30)

PSA ice cream social on the field – 1.30pm

Monday 4th September – INSET day(school closed)

Tuesday 5th September – Term starts (children return)

Tuesday 12th September- Y6 meet the teacher session (3.30pm)

Wednesday 13th September – Y5 meet the teacher session (3.30pm)

Thursday 14th September – Y4 meet the teacher session (3.30pm)

Tuesday 19th September – Y3 meet the teacher session (3.30pm)

Wednesday 20th September – Y2 meet the teacher session (3.15pm)

Thursday 21st September - Y1 meet the teacher session (3.15pm)