

Dair House Newsletter

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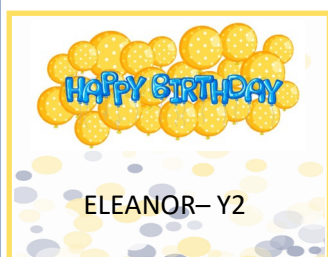
Pick Up & Drop Off Times

Drop off:

8.15am 6CA & 6CH
8.25am 4F & 4H
8.35am Y2 & Y5
8.45am Y3 & Y1
8.55am Reception & Nursery

Pick up:

3.05pm Reception & Nursery
3.15pm 6CA & 6CH
3.25pm 4F & 4H
3.35pm Y2 & Y5
3.45pm Y3 & Y1



Head's Welcome



Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the Easter holiday and are looking forward to an exciting summer?

The first week back at Dair House School has been excellent as we have all enjoyed the fantastic weather, getting outside the classroom as much as possible and trying to meet face to face, although still keeping to our bubbles. It has been so much more enjoyable to hold our assemblies as one school, outside on the field, but still sitting in our separate bubbles.

The term ahead should be one where we start to return to a level of normality as long as the infection rates and R number keep moving in the right direction. The teachers are all working hard to book visits and visitors; Miss Miall is in regular contact with other schools regarding fixtures; and Mr Carter and Mrs Bull have already started the rehearsals for the summer production.

I am very pleased to say that Miss Shashi and the PTA are very positive about the Summer term and looking to organise a wonderful Camp Out. I also hope we will be able to invite lots of parents to play in the PTA rounders evening.

Hopefully we have experienced the last lockdown and can now move forward with optimism. Certainly, as a school we have

reflected on the needs of the children and what has happened over the last year. As a result of this reflection, we are considering a number of exciting developments to further enhance our grounds and utilise the skills of the wonderful staff we have. Life will change for all of us as a result of the Covid pandemic, but at Dair House we look forward with excitement to the future. As Haruki Murakami says in Kafka on The Shore, **'When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.'**

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

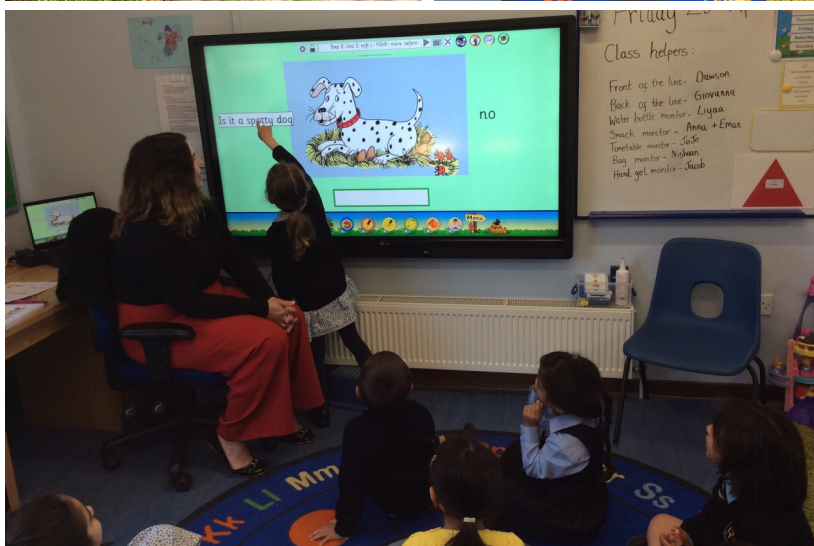
With best wishes,



Pictures from the week



Pictures from the week



Miss Miall on Sport at Dair House

We spoke to Miss Miall about the importance of sport and what we have coming up for the summer term. Here is what she had to say:

"The prospect of teaching PE online was indeed daunting! We swapped cones, football bibs and hockey sticks, for frying pans, rolled up socks and washing baskets, and any other household object that could be a substitute piece of sporting equipment.

I called upon you to deliver golf clubs made of cardboard; turn dining room tables into cricket pitches; living rooms into gyms; gardens into playgrounds; and stairs into Mount Everest.

I needed you to visit the depths of your garages and dust off skateboards, bikes and scooters.

You had to endure my online 40 minute workouts and my taste in workout music at 100 decibels, no doubt causing lots of door shutting whilst you were zooming in important meetings!

You must have wondered what on earth was going to be asked of you next, with sellotape, cardboard and scissors at the ready!

I would like to thank you for all of your support; as much as lockdown was a challenge; it was fantastic to see such effort, creativity and even excitement from your children.

It is this enthusiasm and desire from the children that I want to capture through sport here at Dair House School. I have introduced an X-Games club for the Year 5 and 6 children. We also have brand new Softball equipment for Year 4 as well, as the exciting opportunity to possibly play at the only National Softball and Baseball centre in the country, right across the road at Farnham Park!

To return to school and re-start our sports programme makes for exciting and busy days once again.

Dair House School is proud to be offering 26 different extra-curricular clubs, despite restrictions still being in place. There have already been questions from the girls and boys about Sports Day, something I'm very much looking forward to as last year, sadly due to lockdown, we missed that opportunity.

A Bikeability day for Key Stage 2 is being planned in a few weeks time.

I am also very happy to say that, despite restrictions still being in place, we now have a few fixtures with willing local schools so we will once again enjoy our wonderful field, superbly prepared by Mr Simpson.

I think it is safe to say that my first two years here at Dair House have been rewarding, challenging and unique. Within my first three months, there were many fixtures of hockey and rugby. It was fantastic to see the children learning about teamwork; experiencing wins and losses; and learning about the delicate balance of competitiveness and teamwork. I witnessed many heartwarming moments; whether it was a child putting an arm round their teammate when feeling disappointment that they hadn't won, or the children jumping up and down at the pure intrinsic reward of scoring a goal or making a save.



Our 'sport for all' aims give children a sense of purpose and belonging to a team. They experience special moments which are so important to them.

We have learnt over the past twelve months that being together creates happiness. Dair House is without doubt a leading school in creating happy sporting children and I look forward to leading a very fulfilling sports programme, actually in Dair House School rather than in your dining room via Google Classroom, using a frying pan and sock ball!"

St David House Cup Winners

Well done to St David, the House Cup winners from last term. They got to dress in yellow home clothes on Friday as a treat. They all look fantastic!



Well done St David!

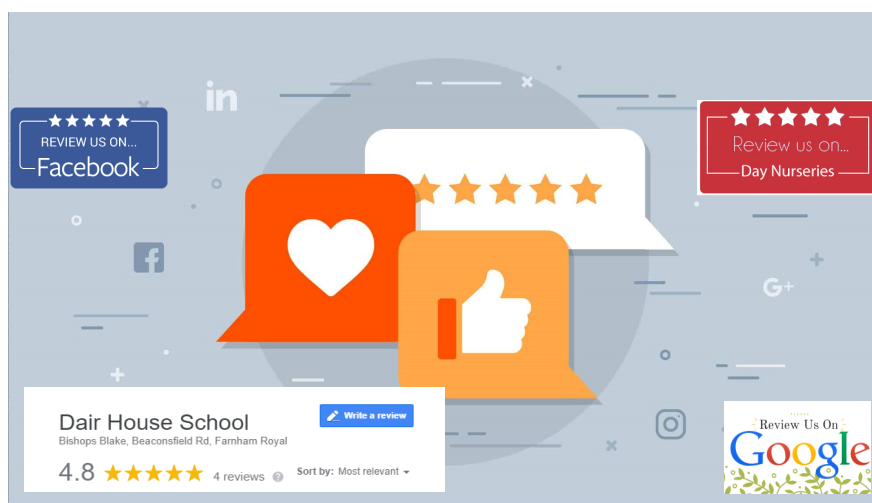




Please Review Us!

We know that we work hard to provide our pupils with the best possible education but it would be fantastic if you could also share your views on Facebook or Google Reviews. We'd really appreciate it!

We have also been invited by daynurseries.co.uk to enter their 2021 Top 20 Nursery Awards. We would really appreciate our current nursery parents logging onto their website daynurseries.co.uk and leaving a review on Dair House Nursery before the closing date, 27th May 2021.



PTA Update

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We will keep you updated with upcoming Summer events.

The Uniform Shop will be taking place on Monday 26th April at 4pm in front of the Uniform Shop Shed.

For donations, please drop clean uniform in a named plastic bag to the School Reception.

To open an account with us and receive 50% of the profits back please label the bag with your name, email, child's name and year and write 'new account'

New parents can login to the PTA website through the following link: www.ptaevents.co.uk/dairhousepta

There will also be a virtual quiz night on Friday 7th May at 6pm. Bookings will go live through the PTA website on Monday 26th April.

Best wishes,
The PTA

