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INFORMATION SHEET FOR PARENTS - January 2020



Happy New Year!



It is incredible to think Christmas is now a distant memory! January has 'come in' cold, stormy and wet – but we haven't let the weather put us off! The Spring term is well under way and we are looking forward to sharing some news and highlighting important dates to write on your new 2020 calendar.

FRIENDS OF DCPS and CHRISTMAS AT THE CENTRAL

We know! We said it was a distant memory – but we couldn't do without saying a huge thank you to our 'Friends of DCPS' group for the fabulous 'Christmas at the Central' events. These were meticulously planned and orchestrated, and were thoroughly enjoyed by children and adults alike. What a great Team!!

The next meeting of the **Friends of DCPS** will be on **Monday 10 February 2020, at 7.00 pm**. Please feel free to come along.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

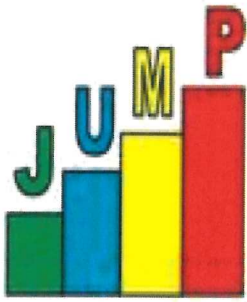
We appreciate parents sending children in proper, full uniform. However, we have noticed some children wearing trainers and non-uniform items. Since uniform contributes to good discipline and a sense of equality, we ask that you please continue to send your children to school in full uniform each day.

DINNER MONEY

Please remember that dinner money should be sent to school on a Monday morning, for any meals required throughout the week. Please place the money in an envelope (correct change, as far as possible), marked with the child's name, teacher's name, days that your child is taking school dinner and the amount of money enclosed. Menus can be viewed on the school website www.dromorecentral.co.uk. Please note, we are no longer able to accept cheques to pay for school dinners.

ALLERGIES

We have several children in school who have severe allergies to nuts. Please do not send snacks or lunch items which contain nuts.



JUMP

Once again we are partnering with Youth for Christ, to deliver our JUMP programme; a club whose core themes are Joy, Unity, Message and Purpose.

Jump will be continuing on Friday afternoons from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the Assembly Hall for all P4 to P7 pupils. If you have never joined us, why not come along and see what it's all about?

DOGS

We understand that quite a number of you have a well-loved family dog and that it is convenient to walk the dog to school with you in the mornings/afternoons. Whilst we appreciate that most dogs are harmless, and that most parents clean up after their pets, in the interest of health and safety, please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds.

CAR EMISSIONS

It has been noticed that some parents, when collecting children, leave their car engine running as they wait. Idling engines release harmful chemicals, gases and particle pollution into the air. These gases and particulates are unhealthy for children, adults and the environment. Research suggests that leaving just one engine idling for 10 minutes on every school day would create 1,520 m³ of excess fumes – enough to fill 46 shipping containers! We would ask, therefore, that you ensure whoever collects your child is aware of this, PLEASE, in order to help keep our children and environment healthy, switch off your engines.

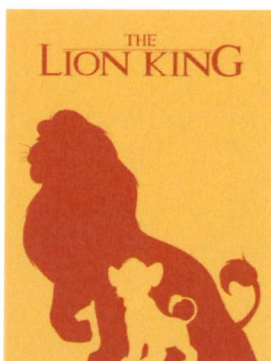
CAR PARKING

We understand how difficult parking at busy school times can be. However, it is vitally important that we bear in mind health, safety and courtesy when parking.

Please do not park on footpaths, on the path outside the school gate, near the traffic lights or in front of local residents' driveways.



We are constantly inundated with calls from local people, frustrated that they cannot enter or leave their homes during school drop off/pick up times. We wish to maintain good relations with our local community and your consideration is central to this. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE!

Our school play, 'The Lion King', will be staged on the evenings of Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May 2020.

Rehearsals are already under way, so be sure to mark these dates in your calendar and, please, plan to attend what promises to be a spectacular show!

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews will be held from Monday 24 to Thursday 27 February 2020. Please be aware, to accommodate the interviews, school will finish early **ALL WEEK**, including Friday, as detailed below:

- 11.50 am** P6 & P7 pupils along with their younger siblings, leaving via gate C
P6 & P7 pupils without younger siblings will leave via their usual exit gate
- 12.00 noon** P4 & P5 pupils along with their younger siblings, leaving via gate C
P4 & P5 pupils without younger siblings, leaving via their usual gate
- 12.10 pm** P1 to P3 pupils all leaving via their usual gate
Children collected by after-school day-care nurseries, leaving via gate C



** The school canteen will offer a 'brunch' menu all of this week **

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Just a reminder that school will be closed as follows:

Spring Term

School Closed	Friday	14 February 2020 to Tuesday 18 February 2020 (Inclusive)	Half Term
School Closed	Monday	16 March 2020 and Tuesday 17 March 2020	
Term Ends	Friday	3 April 2020	Half Day

Summer Term

Term Begins	Monday	20 April 2020	Normal Day
School Closed	*Friday	8 May 2020 (May Day & 75 th Anniversary VE Day amalgamated)*	
School Closed	Monday	25 May 2020	
School Closed	*Friday	19 June 2020 (Amended date – originally 12 June 2020)*	
P7 Term Ends	Thursday	25 June 2020 Prize Day & 'Farewell' to our P7 Pupils	Early Closing
P1 – P6 Term Ends	Tuesday	30 June 2020	Half Day

*Please note changes to dates in the summer term, marked with an *.*

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Principal