Dear Parent/Carer,

Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Today we said a final farewell to the Year 6 children as they leave primary education and move on to the next chapter of their learning. We wish them all the very best for their future.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world. So go do it!”

Nelson Mandela

We also said good-bye to our members of staff Mrs Sammon, Mr McGavin, Miss Meema, Mrs Fox, Mrs Guedes de Costa Scarano and Mrs Kaiser and wished them well in their ventures.

I would like to thank all my wonderful, hardworking staff for their contribution to making Dundonald the successful and wonderful place in which all pupils can thrive and flourish.

Thank you to the fantastic PTA, governors, parents and carers and all volunteers for their support.

Please take note of the many dates in the Autumn term that can be found on page 3 of this newsletter.

I wish you all a very peaceful and restful summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Fiona Duffy
Headteacher

BAZLEY MUSIC AWARD
Today we have awarded the newly established ‘Bazley Music Award’ to the following children for their contribution towards school music:

Chloe (Year 6) and Elsa (Year 6)

Their names are engraved on the trophy that is on display in the reception area.

The award is named after Joanna and Desmond Bazley for their wonderful work and support towards music (especially the community orchestra) at Dundonald Primary School.

We are very grateful for all they have done. Please find out more on our website:
https://www.dundonald.merton.sch.uk/Music/

SPORTS GIRL/BOY OF THE YEAR
Alix (Year 6) and Jack (Year 6)

Well done for a year of great sportsmanship!

Their names are engraved on the plaque that is on display in the reception area.

Thomas (Year 6) and Maria (Year 6) received the SPORTS DAY PERFORMER award for their outstanding performance at Sports Day. Well done!

Congratulations to Freddie (Year 5) for demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship and respectfully supporting others during Sports Day.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT
Our school community will provide a caring, safe and supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to be creative, challenged and happy in their work and play, and where United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) are respected and valued by all.

Summer Holidays
24/07 to 30/08

Week beginning 2nd September 2019

Mon 02/09
School closed - staff training

Tue 03/09
First day of term for main school
Nursery home visits

Wed 04/09
Nursery home visits
9am Y1B/Y1M/Y6 ‘Meet the Teacher’ - parent/carer information meeting

Thur 05/09
9am Y4/5 ‘Meet the Teacher’ - parent/carer information meeting
3pm PTA Second hand uniform sale
6pm New nursery parents/carers welcome meeting

Fri 06/09
7.45am/2.30pm Y4 PGL Meeting
9am Y2H/Y2D ‘Meet the Teacher’ - parent/carer information meeting

Week beginning 9th September 2019

Mon 09/09
9am Y3C/R ‘Meet the Teacher’ - parent/carer information meeting

Tue 10/09
7.45am/9am Welcome to Dundonald - a workshop for parents/carers of Y1-6 children that are new to our school

Wed 11/09
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Thur 12/09
7.45am/9am EYFS - Learning through Play
9.30am Prospective parent/carer tour

Attendance Certificates 2018/19

Congratulations to the following children for completing the academic year with 100% attendance:

Nursery AM: Jane PM: Madeleine R1: Brandon, Marylia R2: Sidney, Albert, Rachel Y1F: Darcey, Isla Y2H: Max
Y2M: Mahanath, Jacob, Sara, Rory Y3C: Archie, Kai, Henry 3R: Oliver Y4: Tilly, Ludwig, Rachele, Emily Y6: Thomas, Lucas, Emily, Nico

Attendance Certificates Summer Term:

Congratulations to the following children for completing the summer term with 100% attendance:

Thank you to all parent/carers who signed the recent petition against the cuts to school funding. We have now received a response from the local MP Stephen Hammond. We will be arranging to meet him early in the Autumn term and will update you on these discussions.

Have a lovely summer.

The PTA

[Letter from Stephen Hammond]

5th July 2019

Dear all,

Thank you for your letter of 24th June setting out your concerns about school funding.

I can confirm I have written to the Secretary of State for Education on your behalf, with a copy of your letter, and I have also requested a meeting with him. I have also requested a meeting with Rachel Wardell, the Director of Schools at Merton Council.

Once I have had a response from the Secretary of State, and hopefully a meeting, I would be happy to meet with you to discuss further. I will also send you a copy of the response I receive.

Despite the increase in funding for schools in Merton, from my many meetings with parents, teachers and school governors I understand there are funding pressures facing schools. I had previously written to the Chancellor and Secretary of State for Education about four things, which I think are important and would help schools:

- I do not believe schools should pay the full apprenticeship levy.
- I do not believe schools should pay full business rates.
- While I welcome funding being linked to pupil numbers, it is important fixed costs are properly reflected. This is particularly important in Merton where the number of pupils, particularly in primary schools, appears to have peaked. There will be costs that schools will have to pay irrespective of the numbers of pupils, and I will seek an assurance from the Department for Education that these are accounted for.
- Funding plans should be published covering a longer period of time. It would be helpful if schools could have a clearer idea of their funding further ahead, to help them plan.

I would be grateful if this letter could be shared with all those who signed your letter.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Hammond MP
Meet the Teacher

Parents/carers will be given the opportunity to meet the new class teacher on the following dates:

- Year 1B: 9 - 9.30am Wednesday 4th September 2019
- Year 1M: 9 - 9.30am Wednesday 4th September 2019
- Year 2H: 9 - 9.30am Friday 6th September 2019
- Year 2D: 9 - 9.30am Friday 6th September 2019
- Year 3C: 9 - 9.30am Monday 9th September 2019
- Year 3R: 9 - 9.30am Monday 9th September 2019
- Year 4C: 9 - 9.30am Thursday 5th September 2019
- Year 4D: 9 - 9.30am Thursday 5th September 2019
- Year 5: 9 - 9.30am Thursday 5th September 2019
- Year 6: 9 - 9.30am Wednesday 4th September 2019

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- Monday 30/09 7.45am/9am Behaviour Workshop
- Monday 07/10 7.45am/9am EYFS - Developing Maths Skills
- Monday 04/11 7.45am/9am Equality Workshop

Consultation Meetings

The first parent/carer consultation meetings for the new academic year are scheduled for the following dates:

- Tuesday 15/10
- Thursday 17/10

Sharing My Learning

Thursday 26/09 3.30 - 5pm
Friday 27/09 8 - 8.30am

On these dates your child has the opportunity to share their learning with you. Books/profiles will be available in your child’s classroom.

Please remember that this is a time with your child NOT a meeting with the class teacher. Thank you.

Term Dates 2019/20

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- Monday 20th April
- Wednesday 18th December
- Thursday 19th December

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School Meals

New School Meal Price for 2019/20

The cost of school meals will increase from £2.05 to £2.12 in the new academic year 2019/2020.

Meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 remain free of charge under the Universal Infant free School Meal Funding.

School Finance

Thank you to everyone who has switched their school fund donation to the PTA and returned their Gift Aid form. As a charity, the PTA can boost your donations by 25% which will really help given the school funding crisis.

The new account name is: Dundonald Primary School PTA Account number 27737668 Sort code 23-05-88

Please pick up a Gift Aid form from the office or download it from the school website: https://www.dundonald.merton.sch.uk/docs/Our_Parents/Dundonald_School_Fund/Gift_Aid_Form.pdf. Please complete and return it to the office as the PTA cannot claim Gift Aid on your donation without it.

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TIMETABLE

Tots Tennis (N & H) 8.30 - 9.30 £9
Early Drop-off (Y1 - Y9) 8.00 - 9.00 £5
Morning Session (Y1 - Y9) 9.00 - 11.45 £20
Afternoon Session (Y1 - Y9) 12.45 - 3.30 £20
Full Day Camp (Y1 - Y9) 9.00 - 3.30 £38
Lates Stay (Y1 - Y9) 3.30 - 5.00 £7.50

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